**The University of Texas System Chancellor’s Council Executive Committee**

**2015 Winter Meeting Minutes**

**January 23, 2015**

**Omni Hotel**

**Fort Worth, Texas**

**Quorum**

Yes

**Opening**

Chairman Frank Alexander, D.D.S., called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Proceedings**

* Fall 2014 Chancellor’s Council Executive Committee meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
* Chairman Alexander requested that members identify themselves when addressing the audience.
* Chairman Alexander introduced new CCEC members who were unable to attend the fall meeting (Appendix I).
* Chairman Alexander introduced Vice Chancellor Barry McBee, who provided an informative presentation on how the UT System might fare in the 84th legislative session and also shared his perspective on the issues likely to impact the UT System and the UT institutions.
* Chairman Alexander introduced Vice Chancellor Randa Safady. Safady acknowledged the new Regent appointees: David Beck of Houston, Sara Martinez Tucker of Dallas and Steve Hicks of Austin (reappointed).
* Safady reported on the fundraising success of UT institutions and how difficult it is to retain and recruit development and fundraising professionals. She shared information regarding the creation of the talent management program and the Advancement Academy, and expressed gratitude for the Board of Regents’ investment in philanthropy.
* Safady shared information regarding the 2015 CCEC fall meeting in Chicago and addressed concerns regarding hotel reservations. She also encouraged members, whom are eligible, to order football tickets for the Notre Dame football game from the Longhorn Foundation.
* Safady introduced Chancellor Bill McRaven. Having only been on the job fifteen days, the Chancellor began his remarks by acknowledging the accomplishments and leadership of Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa. He reflected on his meetings with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, other elected officials and leadership boards. He shared observations of his first campus visits at UT Rio Grande Valley, UT Dallas and UT Arlington. He also shared his vision for the first 180 days as Chancellor. He stated that he would begin his tenure as chancellor by rebuilding trust and conducting internal reviews to determine what the UT System does well and what it can do better.

McRaven committed to introducing a six year plan at the August Board of Regents’ meeting. Some of the initiatives he would like to move forward include:

* + Student Success: Develop a mentorship program, “UT for Life,” to partner students with alumni (or “swim buddy”).
	+ Faculty Success: Address the roadblocks faculty face when developing intellectual properties, determine how to best compensate faculty and researchers for their innovative discoveries and challenge conventional wisdom.
	+ Research Dollars: To ask the Legislature to continue to invest in incentives to expand research opportunities across the UT System.
	+ Health of Texas: Increase opportunities for Texans to become the healthiest state in the nation.
	+ Student Debt: Introduce programs like Teach for Texas,” similar to “Teach for America” to provide opportunities for graduates to work off student loan debt.
	+ Leadership: Everything should have a leadership component. As we educate our students, we also need to develop them into servant leaders.

McRaven had a few minutes to respond to questions and comments from the members:

* + Glenda Kane expressed support for the Chancellor’s interest in developing leaders. The chancellor shared additional ideas regarding developing leaders at all levels - for faculty, staff and students.
	+ Mike Espinoza commented on the popularity of McRaven’s 2014 commencement speech on the UT Austin campus. The Chancellor expressed his surprise at the speech going viral and thanked the members for their support and encouragement as he steps into his new role.
* Chairman Alexander reintroduced his idea to offer “Deep Dives” – an opportunity to convene small groups of CCEC members at the UT System Administration offices to learn more about the work done in support of the UT institutions. He suggested the opportunities be offered over the summer and fall. More details to be provided at the spring CCEC business meeting.
* Chairman Alexander opened the discussion for new business. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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**Appendix I**

**New Members in Attendance**

Mr. S. Meade Bauer, Austin

Mr. Robert D. Campbell, Dallas

Mr. E. Ted Davis, Houston

Mr. Samuel G. Dawson, San Antonio

Mr. Clifton F. Douglass III, San Antonio

Philip A. Karpos, M.D., Nashville

Ms. Julie L. Long, Houston

Mr. Richard S. Rankin, Dallas

Mrs. Linda H. Robuck, Dallas

Mr. Thomas E. Smith, Houston

Mr. Manuel M. Vela, Harlingen

Mr. Jesus A. Zambrano, San Juan