



**The University of Texas System Chancellor's Council Executive Committee  
2013 Fall Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2013  
Montage Hotel, Park City, Utah**

**Quorum Present:**     Yes

**Proceedings:**

- Chairman Alan Dreeben called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- Spring 2013 Chancellor's Council Executive Committee meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
- Upcoming events of the day were reviewed.
- Members of the Board of Regents in attendance were introduced:

Paul L. Foster, Chairman  
Robert L. Stillwell, Regent  
Nash M. Horne, Student Regent

- New members in attendance were introduced:

Richard Becker and wife, Bunny – *San Antonio*  
Jan Burrow – *Austin*  
Coley Clark and wife, Jennifer – *Dallas*  
Miguel Espinosa and wife, Mary – *Houston*  
Bob Estrada and wife, Cathy – *Fort Worth*  
Cynthia Glover and husband, Dwight Williams – *Austin*  
Debbie Hanna – *Austin*  
Bob Hewell and wife, Carol – *Houston*  
Scot Ison and wife, Melissa – *Houston*  
Andy Johnson and wife, Debbie – *Houston*  
Buddy Johnson and wife, Patricia – *San Antonio*  
Sheri Krause and husband, Winston – *Austin*  
Neil Leibman and wife, Amy – *Houston*  
Allison Mantor and husband, David – *Houston*  
Maggie Murchison and husband, Robert – *Dallas*  
Noble Nash and wife, Jennifer – *Dallas*  
Andy Priest and wife, Janis – *Houston*  
Jim Pritchard and wife, Marcia – *Dallas*  
Eddie Saenz and wife, Sandra – *Edinburg*  
Britt Schmidt and wife, Helen – *Houston*  
Ward Sheffield and wife, Laura – *Houston*  
Rob Walters and wife Carolyn - *Dallas*

- Chairman Dreeben reflected on his term of office.
- Chairman Dreeben introduced and passed the gavel to Joe Holt, incoming chair for 2013-14.
- Chairman Holt thanked Immediate Past Chair Dreeben and his wife, Barbara, for their leadership and service to the Executive Committee.
- Chairman Holt provided brief remarks and outlined his vision for the Chancellor's Council for the coming year.
- Chancellor Francisco G. Cigarroa expressed his gratitude to Immediate Past Chair Dreeben and Incoming Chair Holt for their strong leadership and to the Chancellor's Council Executive Committee members for their generous support and personal involvement with the UT System institutions and their additional commitments to the Chancellor's Council.
- Chancellor Cigarroa introduced the new Board of Regents' Chairman Paul Foster, Regent Bobby Stillwell and the new Student Regent Nash Horne.
- Chancellor Cigarroa shared recent developments at the UT System:
  - > Provided update of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session and the impact on UT institutions
  - > Shared highlights of the operating budget for fiscal year 2014
  - > Reviewed progress made toward creating a new university and school of medicine in South Texas, with a presence in Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen and McAllen; approval of the Texas Legislature and Governor Perry for the new university to be eligible for PUF
- Director of Police Michael J. Heidingsfield provided overview of the UT System Office of the Director of Police:
  - > Shared mission, history and major accomplishments of the UT System Office of the Director of Police.
    - 94 basic peace officer training classes conducted with almost 2,000 graduates
    - 555 sworn police officers and 815 civilian staff currently
  - > Detailed the structure and breadth of the UT System Police Academy
  - > Discussed range of offenses and major incidents at UT institutions and the primary crime concerns for 2013
  - > Responded to questions regarding many different types of campus security concerns

- Vice Chancellor Randa Safady provided overview of weekend activities and led CCEC members in competitive question and answer session designed to increase their awareness of UT System initiatives and the progress being made in these areas. Two examples of topics covered included:

- > Question: Which University of Texas institution produces the most Hispanic graduate engineers in America?

Answer: UT El Paso. In 2012, UTEP's College of Engineering graduated 10 doctoral, 102 master's and 230 undergraduate Hispanic students, making UTEP the top producer of graduate level Hispanic engineers in the nation and second in the nation for undergrads.

- > Question: About 100,000 people have enrolled in UT Austin's four Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), which kicked off September 1. Name one of UT's Course titles.

Answer: Take Your Medicine – The Impact of Drug Development. Other UT Courses included Energy 101, Ideas of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Age of Globalization. Five more courses will be offered later this year through the UT System's partnership with EdX, the online learning initiative founded by Harvard and MIT.

- Chairman Holt introduced New Business for the membership to consider.

- > Holt introduced proposed changes to the By-laws:

- Increase cumulative giving level to \$25,000
- Modify nomination process
- Increase annual contribution of Active Members to \$2,500 or one-time endowment gift of \$50,000
- Reduce total term of Active Members from 15 to 12 years
- Grandfather current CCEC members

- > Holt, Chancellor Cigarroa and Vice Chancellor Safady responded to questions and concerns from the floor:

- Would gifts to other UT institutions count towards qualifying for the \$25,000 cumulative giving total? Per Holt, yes.
- Would gifts to all UT affiliated organizations, including Athletics, be considered towards meeting the increased minimum? Per Safady, yes.
- If gifts to other UT supporting organizations are included, how will we manage the large numbers of new members? Per Safady, still considering the implications of increased numbers, but it would likely mean that reservations to events such as fall meeting would be accepted on a first come basis.

- Have we looked at the number of individuals who would qualify for membership under the proposed changes and do we know what that number would be? Per Safady, this is difficult to know since we do not have a shared database.
  - Would doing away with the nomination process and nominations committee essentially mean there is open membership for the Executive Committee? Per Holt, it would eliminate the need for a nominating committee and would eliminate the concern of subjective and ill-informed nominations.
  - Could the UT institutions share access to their databases to facilitate confirming financial qualification? Per Safady, no. This would be a cost-prohibitive measure.
  - Would the current class of new members be grandfathered? Per Holt, yes.
  - Would everyone meeting the \$25,000 cumulative giving qualification automatically be considered for membership to the Executive Committee? Per Safady, yes they would automatically qualify but it would be up to the campus to nominate forward due to the absence of a shared database.
  - Could we consider bringing together the Council of Past Chairs to develop a plan to address the concerns expressed by the membership? Per Holt, a committee will be assembled to present a proposal at the winter meeting.
- > Due to the numerous and very vocal concerns raised by the membership, Chairman Holt recommended that a committee be formed to review the proposed changes and that a communication be sent to the membership outlining the recommendations of the committee. The primary concerns shared were to better define nomination requirements while maintaining a manageable size. Several members voiced concerns that opening the membership too broadly would make event logistics and meaningful engagement among council members difficult. These concerns were raised by both longstanding and new members of the Executive Committee. Chairman Holt said recommendations would be discussed further at the winter meeting.
- Chairman Holt adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Julie Lynch*