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1. <u>U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding Consent Agenda items, if any, assigned for Committee consideration</u>

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Consent Agenda items assigned to this Committee are Items 17 - 50.

2. <u>U. T. Dallas: Discussion and appropriate action regarding approval of an update to</u> the Campus Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the institutional president that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the update to the Campus Master Plan for U. T. Dallas as set forth on the following pages.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

President Benson will present a proposed Campus Master Plan Update that will support the University's 2018 Strategic Plan and overall long-term growth. The update integrates the 2003 Master Plan, the 2009 North Campus Transit Oriented Development Plan, and the 2010 Campus Site Development Plan. A significant effort, with extensive involvement of the campus community, was made to develop the Master Plan Update. The update had the goal of ensuring that the ongoing physical evolution of U. T. Dallas provides an environment that supports student success and excellence in teaching, learning, research, and service, while enhancing the campus' distinctive sense of place and community.

The proposed Master Plan Update creates an urban pedestrian-friendly campus infrastructure that is supported by distinctive academic, research, and living spaces. These are augmented by the introduction of additional art spaces, additional phases of landscaping that have softened the campus feel, and the continued development of a transit-oriented development adjacent to the campus that strengthens the investment in multimodal access to the campus. Some of the additional results of the planning exercise are illustrated in President Benson's PowerPoint presentation set forth on the following pages.



2018 Campus Master Plan Update

Based upon the 2018 strategic plan

Dr. Richard C. Benson, President

U. T. System Board of Regents' Meeting Academic Affairs Committee November 2018











Campus Plan Strategies

Strategy 1

Provide an integrated environment for teaching, living, learning, and research.

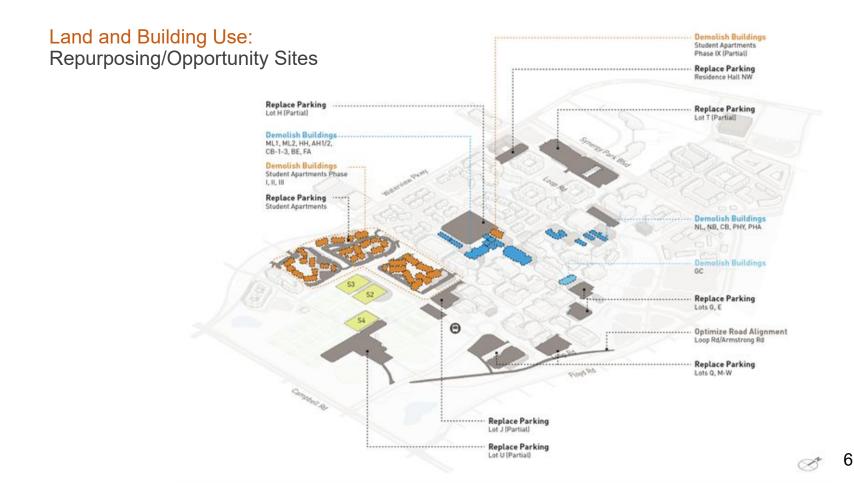
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Increase accessibility and efficiency through smart growth principles.

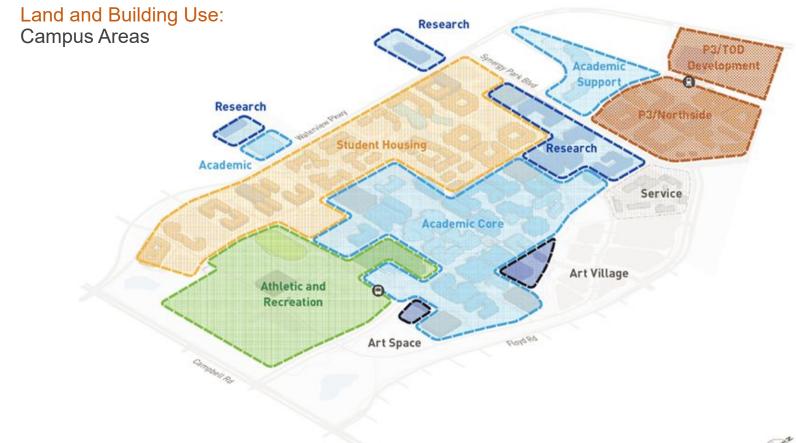
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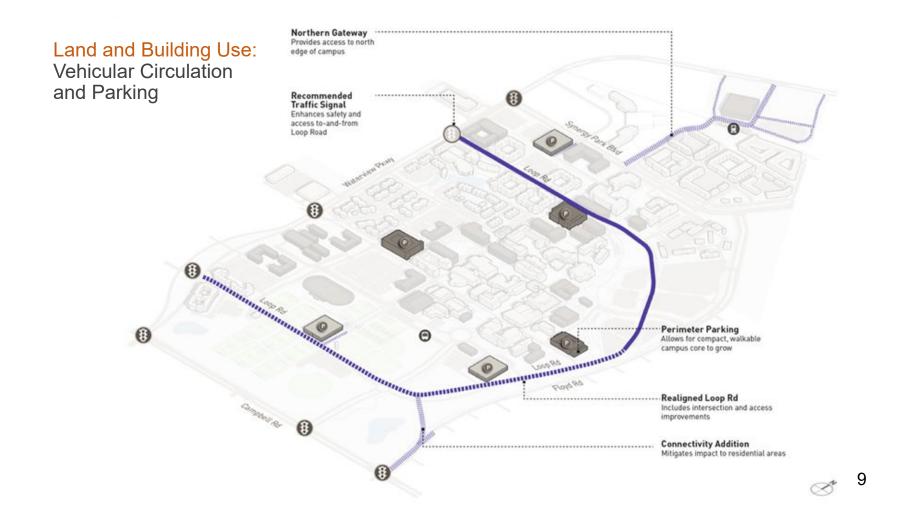
Enhance the campus' distinctive sense of place.

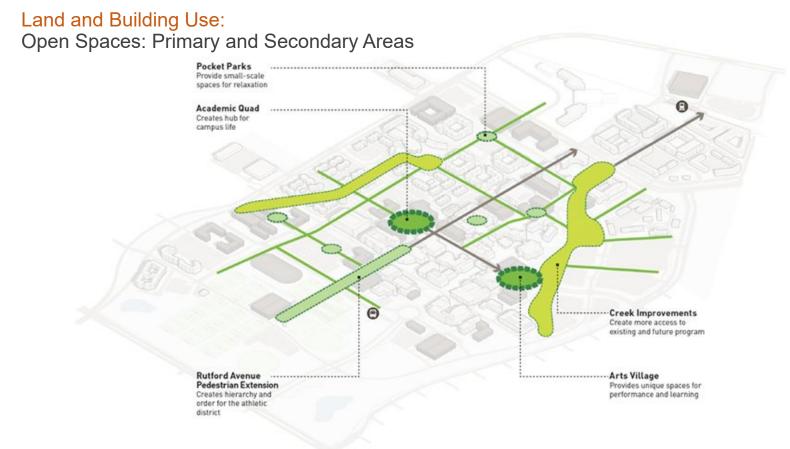


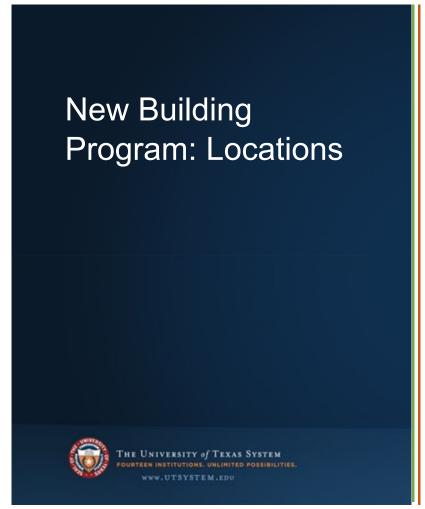


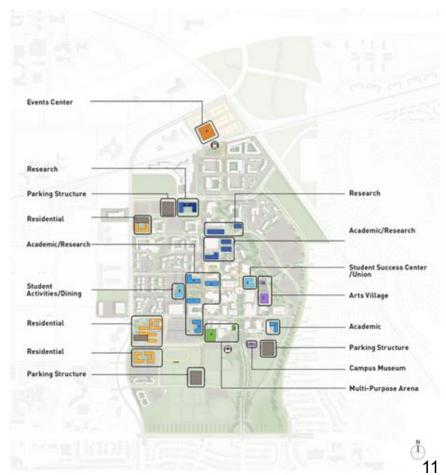




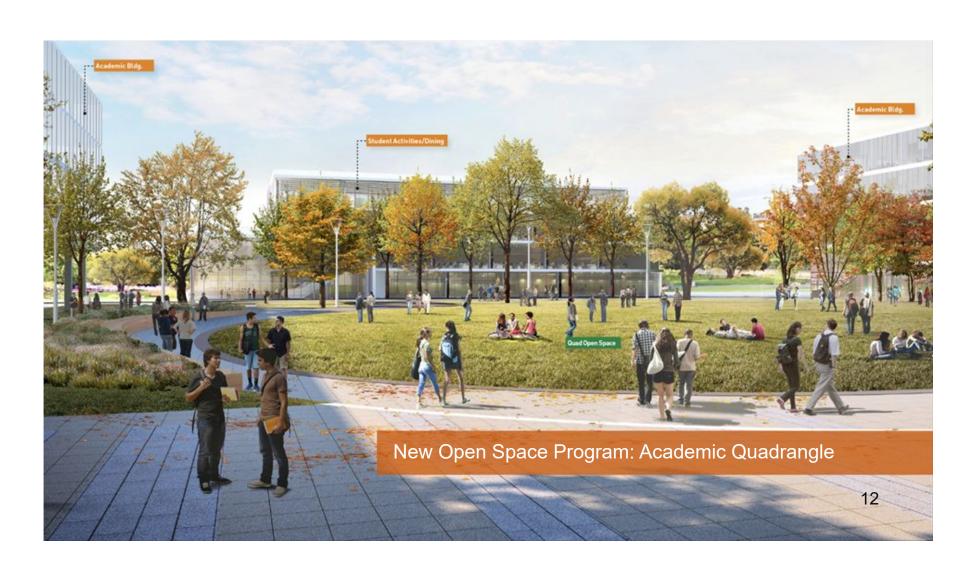
























3. <u>U. T. Rio Grande Valley: Approval of preliminary authority for an Occupational Therapy Doctorate</u>

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the institutional president that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve

- a. preliminary authority for U. T. Rio Grande Valley to create an Occupational Therapy Doctorate; and
- b. notification of the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Rio Grande requests preliminary authority to amass the resources needed to offer an Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD). The proposed OTD program would prepare graduates who can demonstrate professional autonomy, increase practice-based scholarship and research, and allow increased focus on primary care, interprofessional care teams, and specialization in practice. The institution currently offers a master's degree in occupational therapy and has graduated 43 students since 2015 (the year U. T. Rio Grande Valley was established). The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) has mandated that the entry-level degree requirement for occupational therapists will move to the doctoral level by July 1, 2027. Only doctoral-level occupational therapy programs will be eligible to receive or maintain ACOTE accreditation as of July 2027.

Nationally, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that by 2026 the number of occupational therapist jobs will increase by 24% (from 130,400 to 161,400). In Texas, the number of jobs is expected to increase by 34%, going from 8,170 to 10,920. At Texas public institutions of higher education, there are eight master's programs and three doctoral programs. Since 2014, approximately 300 master's degrees and 10 doctoral degrees have been awarded annually by public universities and public health-related institutions in Texas.

Once preliminary authority has been approved, U. T. Rio Grande Valley will submit the full degree program proposal for approval by the U. T. System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

4. <u>U. T. San Antonio: Approval of preliminary authority for a Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology</u>

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the institutional president that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve

- a. preliminary authority for U. T. San Antonio to create a Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology; and
- b. notification of the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. San Antonio requests preliminary authority to amass the resources needed to offer a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology. The program would complement the existing doctoral program in cell and molecular biology, but with a focus on infectious diseases. Faculty in the proposed Ph.D. program will partner with scientists at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute (TBRI) to co-train Ph.D. students. This partnership would allow the program to prepare students for high-level positions in the academic, government, and private sectors.

The institution currently has 18 faculty members within the Department of Biology who are affiliated with the Molecular Microbiology and Immunology track. These faculty members currently have national and international recognition, laboratory infrastructure, and support required for a successful Ph.D. program.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects that an employment increase of 8.2% for microbiologists from 23,200 to 25,100 by 2026. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) also projects an increase of 18.1% from 830 to 980 by 2024. In addition to working as microbiologists, these graduates will have substantial opportunities to work in an array of health care industry occupations (e.g., microbiological laboratories, research scientists, etc.) that are not captured by either the BLS or TWC. It is unlikely that the current production of Ph.D. graduates in Texas will alone meet the various types of occupations available to these graduates. From 2014 to 2017, approximately 35 annual doctoral degrees have been awarded by Texas public academic and health-related institutions in either microbiology, immunology, or microbiology and immunology.

After preliminary authority has been approved, U. T. San Antonio will submit the full degree program proposal for approval by the U. T. System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

5. <u>U. T. Permian Basin: Authorization to change the official name of the institution to The University of Texas Permian Basin</u>

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, and the institutional president that approval be granted to

- a. change the official name of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin to The University of Texas Permian Basin; and
- b. amend the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 40601, Section 1.3(e), concerning institutions comprising The University of Texas System, as set forth below in congressional style:
 - Sec. 1 Official Titles of Institutions. The U. T. System is composed of the institutions set forth below. To ensure uniformity and consistency of usage throughout the U. T. System, the institutions shall be listed in the following order and the following titles (short form of title follows) shall be used:

. . .

1.3 Academic Institutions of the U. T. System are:

. . .

(e) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (U. T. Permian Basin)

. . . .

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This proposed amendment to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 40601, is to reflect the name change of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin to The University of Texas Permian Basin.

Much like U. T. Rio Grande Valley, U. T. Permian Basin is situated in a geographic region known as the Permian Basin, rather than in a city-specific location like other U. T. institutions. In addition, because the University's official name is lengthy, it is difficult to find a visual balance in its marketing efforts. The shortened name will help to enhance the University's outreach and marketing efforts.

Texas Education Code Section 65.11 authorizes the Board of Regents to provide for the "administration, organization, and names of the institutions and entities in The University of Texas System in such a way as will achieve the maximum operating efficiency of such institutions and entities."

Once the name change is approved, the Office of Academic Affairs will notify the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Texas statute will also need to be amended to reflect the new name.

6. <u>U. T. El Paso: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed revisions to the Mission Statement</u>

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the institutional president that proposed changes to the Mission Statement for U. T. El Paso, as set forth in congressional style on the following page, be approved by the U. T. System Board of Regents.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Each public institution of higher education is required to have a mission statement under *Texas Education Code* Section 51.359. Section 51.352 of the Code, regarding the Responsibility of Governing Boards, requires governing boards to insist on clarity of focus and mission of each institution under its governance. Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 10402 states that the Academic Affairs Committee or the Health Affairs Committee, as appropriate, must review proposed changes to institutional mission statements.

Approval of this item will also help to ensure compliance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) requirements regarding the periodic review and approval of each institution's mission statement by its governing board.

The U. T. El Paso Mission Statement was last approved on November 10, 2011.

Proposed Revised Mission Statement

The University of Texas at El Paso is dedicated to the advancement of the El Paso region through education, technological advancement, creative and artistic production, and the generation, interpretation, application and commercialization of key discoveries, and dissemination of knowledge. UTEP embraces its transformative role as an intellectual, cultural and socioeconomic asset to the region, offering programs to meet human resource needs and contribute to the prosperity and quality of life.

As a public university, UTEP is committed to providing access and opportunity to the people for social mobility to residents of the El Paso region and the State of Texas. UTEP's mission of ensuring access is coupled with a commitment to excellence reflected in rigorous academic programs and enhanced experiences for personal and professional growth programs, which that prepare students to make significant contributions to their professions, their communities, and the world.

As a research/doctoral institution, UTEP fosters a climate of scholarly inquiry, with a special focus on applying innovative interdisciplinary approaches to explore and address major issues that confront the <u>binational and</u> multicultural, U.S.-Mexico border region.