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E. RECESS

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1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Amendment to the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Rule 80201 (Disposal of U. T. System Property), Section 4.3**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel that Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80201, Section 4.3, regarding disposal of U. T. System property, be amended as set forth below:

- 4.3 A sale in the amount of \$100,000 or more shall be approved in advance by the Chancellor and approved by the Board of Regents through the institutional docket; provided, however, that in the event of a catastrophic occurrence where insurable property losses are expected to exceed the institution's \$250,000 deductible under the U. T. System's Comprehensive Property Protection Plan (CPPP), the chief business officer of an institution is authorized to enter into contracts to dispose of damaged institution property, including equipment, in a manner deemed to be in the interest of the institution consistent with State law and Regents' Rule 10501.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regents' Rule 80201 was intended to cover routine disposition of unused and outdated equipment only. Following Tropical Storm Allison in 2001 and Hurricane Ike in 2008, the Board of Regents granted authority to institutional presidents to enter into contracts to dispose of salvage and surplus property. The authority granted at the time was specific to those events. Certain controls that are in place during normal times can potentially create a problem when time is of the essence due to a catastrophic event.

The recommended amendment to Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80201 will allow U. T. System institutions to quickly recover the salvage value for property damaged by a catastrophic event when the damage exceeds the institution's deductible under the CPPP.

2. **U. T. System: Approval of \$23 million from the Available University Fund (AUF) to support Systemwide computing capabilities, including completion of 10-gigabyte connectivity through the 15 campuses and the U. T. System data centers, additional high performance computing capacity, and pilot projects on shared data storage in support of research**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs with the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, and the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve \$23 million from the Available University Fund (AUF) to support Systemwide computing capabilities, including completion of 10-gigabyte connectivity through the 15 campuses and the U. T. System data centers, additional high performance computing capacity, and pilot projects on shared data storage in support of research. Funds would be provided for technical support in the implementation and utilization of these new technologies.

An Executive Summary of the U. T. System Research Information Technology Strategic Plan is set forth on Pages 3 - 8.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

State-of-the-art computing capability will be central to the future success of many aspects of the U. T. System research programs. Access to high-performance computing capacity is essential for an increasing number of areas in science. These funds will allow completion of the "last mile" of connectivity for broadband width access by all 15 campuses and two data centers. This connectivity will allow access to the high-performance computing capacity at U. T. Austin, as well as to investigators in other parts of the state and world. Enhanced high-performance capacity of the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) will permit expansion of services for a number of campuses, particularly the health research institutions that have expanding needs in these areas. An important pilot project in shared data storage will seek additional proof of concept that multiple investigators at several sites can use a single data repository for conduct of their research. It will also provide proof of concept for the archiving of computer data that can be "mined" at a future time.

The U. T. System will also establish a Research Cyberinfrastructure Steering Committee, which will continue to assess the long-term needs of U. T. System for additional computer capacity in support of the campuses and their faculties. The availability of broadband width connections by these methods will also contribute to the use of new technologies in classroom instruction and support these fertilized data analyses in the health care delivery programs of The University of Texas System.

UT System Research Information Technology Strategic Plan

Executive Summary

Background

The University of Texas System of academic and health institutions is one of the premier open science research organizations in the world. Its nine academic institutions include the flagship UT Austin campus and a number of growing, and potentially R1-class, universities. Its six health institutions possess national reputations earned for leadership in areas of biomedical research ranging from cancer to infectious diseases. The collective research expenditures of the UT System institutions exceed two billion dollars per year, with significant funding from every major federal funding agency including NIH and NSF.

However, the preservation and growth of research leadership at universities and labs more and more depends on having better access to powerful, comprehensive IT resources. The advancement of scientific research is increasingly enabled through the use of computing technologies, ranging in type and scale from laptops and desktops to supercomputers and clouds, and also including storage, visualization, networks, and scientific software. In the past decade, the explosion of digital data produced by more powerful computers and by increasingly powerful scientific instruments such as high-speed video microscopes, sensor networks, DNA sequencers, and MRI systems, has driven a corresponding explosion in informatics and analytics-based computational research. Biological and biomedical research in particular has benefited from this proliferation of data, more powerful computing and larger storage systems, and the development of new techniques and software for data-driven computational research.

Several top universities now have superior access to cyberinfrastructure resources, and others are making significant investments to elevate their programs, funding, and stature. **This competitive landscape establishes a clear mandate for the UT System to invest in this important area of research infrastructure.** The national landscape for research universities has evolved to one in which cyberinfrastructure provides support for an increasing percentage of all research, and institutional advantages in computational capabilities provide a competitive advantage in attracting faculty and securing funding. The importance of innovation through computational expertise and technologies has emerged as a national priority, as articulated in *Rising Against the Gathering Storm* (National Academies Press, 2007) and numerous other federally commissioned reports in the past several years.

UT System's institutions have four significant advantages in this highly competitive environment. First is the impact and influence across science, engineering, and biomedicine/health of its extraordinary set of research programs. Second, UT System's tremendous support for infrastructure presents a huge advantage to System institutions. Third, the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) at UT Austin is already a national advanced computing center, which should be leveraged as a competitive advantage for all UT System institutions. Fourth, and perhaps most importantly, is the desire to collaborate among these 15 institutions to leverage all of these research, financial, and technical advantages to maximize available funding and develop a scientifically powerful research IT infrastructure that benefits all UT institutions.

The Proposal

UT System will develop and implement a Research IT Strategic Plan to build and leverage comprehensive, integrated IT infrastructure -- a **UT Research Cyberinfrastructure (UTRC)** -- to create an environment that promotes innovation and discovery. Some features of the UTRC discovery environment will include:

- State-of-the-art hardware, software, and networking infrastructure with comprehensive capabilities integrated into a usable environment. Systems will possess versatility and upgradeability to enable future innovation and sustainment of competitive advantages.
- Data hosting and persistence infrastructure and policies, including digital libraries and archives, so that data can persist to be used and re-used as new paths are revealed.

- Expertise in designing and supporting these technologies, and to help researchers use them with maximum effectiveness. Such expertise often makes the difference between capitalizing on leading-edge resources to produce innovation, or underutilizing their abilities.
- A balance between powerful, production-quality shared central services and support for local resources, both production and experimental, at the locations of the researchers.
- Strong partnerships with private sector technology companies. Leading IT program needs to have the flexibility to leverage a wide range of private sector resources.

UT System's Research IT Strategic Plan will focus on these issues and address the features needed to promote innovation and enable research leadership. The plan will be designed, implemented, supported, and evolved to maximize the scientific capabilities of researchers at different institutions and diverse fields. It will leverage the capabilities and economies of scale of powerful central resources for computing and storage, while also enabling user productivity through high bandwidth connections to these resources from research labs and offices, replication of data at multiple locations for protection, and data analysis/visualization.

The *network connectivity* of campuses within UT System varies in quality and is, in general, significantly behind that of both top research institutions and even of many institutions seeking to achieve R1 status. For example, CENIC provides UC System institutions with much greater connectivity, while Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, and even Louisiana have optical network initiatives with higher capabilities and more support than LEARN or UTSysNet are currently able to provide. Moreover, even where high bandwidth is available to a UT System institution campus border router, it is rarely available all the way into the research labs where the data is generated, analyzed, etc.

The explosion in generation and availability of *digital data* has enabled new modes of scientific research. The creation of a new UT Data Repository (UTDR) will be another major aspect of the UTRC. UTDR will allow UT System institutions to increase the value of their research data by managing the data in a central resource where it can be shared, visualized, combined, and analyzed in countless ways for a multitude of collaborations. Investing in a data repository and providing high bandwidth connectivity to the resource will provide a powerful tool for UT researchers to wield as they compete for research funding.

The total coordinated funding level required for achieving and sustaining leadership in research cyberinfrastructure—for networking, central high-end systems, distributed systems, and support—for the 15 institutions is estimated to be approximately \$40-50M/year. Therefore, **the level of investment we propose from UT System is to build UTRC and elevate UT System institutions' capabilities to the top tier is \$23M, which will be combined with comparable aggregate investments from the institutions** to create UTRC and achieve notable scientific successes within one year. The specific contributions from the individual institutions will of course vary based on current research programs and future plans. The top three priorities for the creation of UTRC are:

1. Connectivity: high bandwidth, end-to-end
2. Data Storage: secure, replicated, and easily used for storage and access
3. Computational capability: high performance *and* high throughput, with diverse software

A comprehensive strategic plan to build research IT infrastructure that contributes real value to the UT institutions' research programs must account for the multiple and interconnected facets of the system. In order to ensure that new hardware installations realize the expected functional benefit, the investment portfolio will be designed to cover the different dimensions of the Research IT Infrastructure.

UT Research Cyberinfrastructure Leadership

A UTRC Steering Committee (SC) comprising the Vice Presidents for Research (or similar) of each institution will provide overall leadership for the UTRC by articulating the vision and strategic goals for the project. A UTRC Leadership Team (LT) comprising research and computational leaders from each UT institution will provide the more active management of the activities. The LT will prepare a UTRC technology plan and budget, including all major acquisition plans. The plan will be informed by the vision and goals defined by the SC, and with inputs from two advisory groups: one for science and engineering research, and one for clinical research. These

advisory groups will provide specific expertise and information on trends for each area as well as issues to be addressed to improve functionality and utilization. The UTRC LT will then submit the annual plan and budget, including all significant acquisition/upgrades of central resources and wide area network infrastructure, for review and approval by the SC. Working together, the SC and LT will ensure that UTRC fulfills its mission and achieves quantifiable success according to targeted benchmarks. In future years, the SC will continue to refine the vision, measure progress and set new goals, determine resources available and needed, and submit an annual report and updated master plan to the UT Regents.

Budget and Justification

We propose a new program of investment in research IT infrastructure focused on developing a UT Research Cyberinfrastructure. We propose that the UT System and its 15 institutions work together to develop, deploy, operate, support, and upgrade the UTRC with leadership capabilities and competitive advantages. The combined effort of 15 institutions and the UT System can provide a clear capability advantage for all, at greater cost efficiency than our peer institutions can achieve. We can facilitate, stimulate, and support leadership in computational science research across Texas, attracting more funding and the best faculty and graduate students to UT institutions. However, this must be a sustained plan, with both early returns and ongoing advantages that build upon successes.

UT System funding and institutional resources for the initial year will be used to acquire, operate, support, and upgrade the component technologies of UTRC, both at the institutions and the central services. The scale, location, and balance of this funding—to provide a persistent, scientific advantage with sufficient capacity for leadership programs at 15 institutions—is based on inputs from the UT institutions' researchers, comparisons with peer universities and their future plans, and evaluation of the national open science cyberinfrastructure (NSF TeraGrid) and its future plans. Advisory committees will be established to represent basic science data, clinical data, and an overall advisory group that guides the overlapping efforts and sets the overall direction.

Some key funding considerations include:

- UT System funding should be primarily for central infrastructure—computational, storage, and wide-area networking—while support and operations funding should come primarily from institutions (leveraging local resources, staff, etc.).
- Operations funding and user support is important to ensure that the resources are used with maximum effectiveness by the researchers at the institutions.
- Total funding levels for providing infrastructure, systems, and support matching or exceeding the top peer institutions and presenting capabilities comparable to the national infrastructure should be \$40-50M/year.
- Networking and data infrastructure are crucially important for 21st century computational science, especially for collaboration and in data-driven fields like biomedicine.
- Technology upgrades are crucial for sustaining scientific advantages, with computational, storage, and networking technologies having an upgrade timescale of 3-5 years—thus persistent infrastructure funding is required, but it generates persistent returns in scientific results, external funding, and faculty recruitment.

Funding Level and Distribution: Building UTRC

The investment we propose to build UTRC and make it highly usable and effective combines UT System funding (\$23M) with resources from the UT System institutions. The contributions from the individual institutions will of

course vary based on current research programs and future plans. For the initial year, to address the priorities above and build a foundation for success with immediate results, we propose a UT System budget of \$23M as distributed/targeted below:

Technology Area	Investment By UT System	Investment by Institutions
Wide area networking	\$15M	
Campus networking infrastructure		Total campus costs est. several million \$
Central data storage, archival	\$4M	
Data caches connected to central storage, archival		Total campus systems/costs est. several million \$
Central computing capability, capacity	\$3M	Leverage \$2.5M at TACC
Distributed processing capabilities		Leverage \$2.5M at TACC
Central support staff	\$1M	Leverage \$2M at TACC
Distributed support staff		Est. \$4M (repurposing existing IT support positions)

For the initial year of UTRC, the technical objectives for enabling rapid science impact and preparing for future scientific success are:

- 1) **Goal: 10 Gbps connectivity between all institutions, with end-to-end performance to 1-3 research labs on each campus.** Upgrade network connectivity: ensure 10Gbps to every campus and into the key research buildings with labs generating and hosting terabytes of digital data. Make investments and conduct the network performance engineering to address the prevalent 'last-mile' issues, and assist with planning for future connectivity upgrades. Approximately \$15M for the UTSysNet upgrades. A detailed plan for this in progress.
- 2) **Goal: establish UTDR prototype with support for open science and secure access data, with replication and at least 5 petabytes capacity.** Upgrade central and distributed storage capabilities, building out the UTDR. This includes massive disk storage with high IO rates and with automated backups, geoplexed for data security. Will leverage TACC for open science data and potentially of a partnership with a commercial partner with expertise in data storage with HIPAA and other policy/legal requirements. Approximately \$4M from UT System for the UTDR prototype. A detailed plan for this is in progress.
- 3) **Goal: provide 40M dedicated CPU cycles to UT System institution researchers on world-class HPC systems, shared memory systems, and visualization systems.** Expand access to high-end computing and high throughput computing for researchers across all institutions, with corresponding access to visualization/analysis systems. Approximately \$3M from UT System. This is easy to accomplish as TACC is already planning to deploy new, scalable resources early in 2011.
- 4) **Goal: Develop an integrated, effective operations and user support team across UT System.** This team will ensure that the systems comprising UTRC (central and distributed, connected at high bandwidth) are easy to use, and will work with researchers to help use systems, develop applications, manage and analyze data, and integrate with the decentralized resources. Approximately \$1M from UT System, with significant leverage from TACC and repurposing at the institutions. Planning for this has not begun, but will be easily accomplished by leveraging TACC's experience with providing distributed support in the NSF TeraGrid.

Thus, the \$23M for central UTRC resources and services will be invested in high-bandwidth end-to-end networking, large-scale storage for research data, tools for working with the data, computing resources for processing data and conducting simulations, recruitment of expert staff to manage the network and storage using the latest methods and equipment, and the implementation of sound security plans and processes that meet regulatory standards. The exact distribution of funding will be developed with extensive research by the UTRC Steering Committee and Leadership Team, and extensive negotiation with technology providers.

The corresponding investments from the institutions in local research IT resources and staff will initially focus on providing high-bandwidth networking into the labs and offices where discoveries are made by the

researchers—as well as significant user support, local data cache systems connected to instruments, and local visualization and analysis capabilities needed for scientific discovery. The funding for UTRC from the institutions will be further augmented by IT resources funded by grants that are awarded directly to researchers at the institutions (likely another \$10-20M+ per year, but highly local/special purpose), and by the institutional resources provided by central IT departments that provide some support for research as well as education, administration, etc. The funding allocated for the institutions will require an application process so that funds can be distributed appropriately where there is real need for high-bandwidth access to the UTRC. The exact expenditures per area and institution will be dependent on institution matching resources, research needs, and IT requirements.

Funding Level and Distribution: Future Years

While discussions about immediate needs and opportunities for impact have been held, a plan for subsequent years will require the full creation of UTRC including the Steering Committee. It will also require a detailed analysis of the Year 1 utilization and intermediate results to ensure maximum effective utilization of future investments and their return in scientific impact and federal funding. The Steering Committee will assess future needs and formulate plans and requests.

Nonetheless, we have developed some overarching goals for future years to demonstrate expectations of UTRC in sustaining leadership in research programs at the 15 institutions. These goals will be tuned based on experiences in Year 1 and ongoing discussions with the UT researchers, but the very broad goals are:

Year 1:

- 100+ projects (400+ users) spanning the 15 institutions, using advanced cyberinfrastructure to achieve competitive results
- UTRC enabling \$50M+/year of externally funded research
- Technology and support goals described above

Year 2:

- 200+ projects (probably 800+ users)
- 50 papers published citing the use of UTRC
- UTRC enabling \$100M+/year of externally funded research
- 10Gbps capability now in 5-10 labs per institution
- UTDR proven, capacity expanded to 10 petabytes
- High performance computing peak capability ~1 petaflop, usage increasing to 40M+ CPU cycles/year
- UTRC instrumental in several successful faculty recruitments across institutions
- Scientific computing educational classes offered at all UT System institutions via in-person or broadcast instruction

Year 5:

- 500+ projects, comprising 2000 or more users across UT System
- 300+ papers published citing impact of UTRC
- UTRC enabling \$½B+/year in externally funded research
 - instrumental in acquisitions of several \$5M+/year research projects to UT System institutions
 - attracting industry partnerships contributing \$25-50M/year across institutions
- 10Gbps capability now in most labs at institutions
 - backbone expanded to 40Gbps or more between institutions
- UTDR expanded to 100 petabytes—pre-eminent scientific data repository in the nation
- High performance computing system peak capability of 10-20 petaflops, with usage increasing to 500M+ CPU cycles/year
- Successful recruitment of multiple computational research faculty at every UT System institution

Conclusion

The UT Research Cyberinfrastructure will provide a strong foundation for advances in current and future research efforts across UT System. The combination of high bandwidth access, persistent data storage, computational capabilities, and the *expertise of UT System institution researchers* have incredible potential and will keep UT System at the forefront of science and discovery.

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3. U. T. System: Report on preparations for the 82nd Legislative Session

REPORT

Mr. Barry McBee, Vice Chancellor and Chief Governmental Relations Officer, will update the Board on the status of U. T. System preparations for the 82nd Regular Legislative Session, including a summary of the System's and institutions' budget requests, proposals affecting higher education that the Legislature may consider, and the major budgetary and substantive issues facing the Legislature. In addition, Mr. McBee will provide an update on federal legislative activities.

Mr. McBee's PowerPoint presentation is set forth on Pages 10 - 57.

82nd Texas Legislature Prospective Legislative Issues

**Barry McBee, Vice Chancellor for
Governmental Relations**



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 - 2013

“One-Time” Money Balanced the 2010-2011 Budget

(\$ in billions)	Current Budget	2012-2013 Budget
General Revenue	\$75.0	\$75.0
ARRA	6.4	0
Cash on hand	2.6	0
Property Tax Relief Fund carryover	3.0	0
Permanent School Fund	0	1.2
TOTAL GR BUDGET	\$87.0	\$76.2
GAP		\$10.8

Source: Center for Public Policy Priorities



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 - 2013

Structural Deficit Created in 2006

(\$ in billions)	2008-09		2010-11	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
Estimated vs. Actual Receipts of New Taxes	\$8.3	\$4.9	\$9.1	\$5.4
Total Cost of Property Tax Cut	-14.2	-14.2	-14.9	-14.9
SHORTFALL	-\$5.9	-\$9.3	-\$5.8	-\$9.5

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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

- Effect of Recession on Texas Economy
 - Tax receipts down but recovering
 - Sales tax collections down 7%, or \$1.5 billion, for FY 2010
 - September 2010 sales tax collections up 6.5% from September 2009, but only limited growth over last six months
 - Lower property tax values exacerbate structural deficit
 - Higher estimated growth in health care and social services costs for FY2012 – 2013
 - Continued growth in Texas population and costs of state government



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

- Result: Projected \$11-\$24 billion budget deficit
- Projected \$8-\$9 billion in rainy day fund
 - Requires 2/3 vote in both House and Senate
 - Legislature may choose to use only \$4-\$5 billion because of concerns over FY 2014-2015 budget



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

- 5% reductions already made
 - January 15 – Governor Perry, Lt. Governor Dewhurst, and Speaker Straus direct state agencies to cut 5% from FY 2010-2011 budgets
 - Does not apply to tuition revenue, Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), public education, Teacher and Employee Retirement Systems, and debt service
 - February 15 – State agencies submit plans for 5% cuts
 - Generates approximately \$1.2 billion in savings
 - Higher education’s share: approximately \$520 million
 - 41% of overall agency reductions
 - Yet higher education represents only 12.5% of all state spending (18% of General Revenue spending)
 - U. T. System share
 - \$157.9 million from academic and health institutions and System administration
 - \$41.4 million in unused tuition revenue bond debt service appropriations



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

Final Target Reduction Amounts for State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education 5% FY 2011 Budget Reductions

Function of Government	Reduction	% of Total
General Government	\$156,908,668	12.55%
Health and Human Services	205,010,919	16.40%
Public Education	136,902,967	10.95%
Higher Education	518,424,781	41.47%
Judiciary	4,565,929	0.37%
Public Safety and Criminal Justice	102,890,181	8.23%
Natural Resources	83,691,137	6.69%
Business and Economic Development	6,057,994	0.48%
Regulatory	22,219,648	1.78%
Legislature	13,578,543	1.09%
Total	\$1,250,250,767	100.00%



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

Effect of 5% Reductions

U. T. System Administration	\$200,000
Academic Institutions	
U. T. Arlington	\$8,329,533
U. T. Austin	\$26,608,290
U. T. Dallas	\$7,224,888
U. T. El Paso	\$6,975,405
U. T. Pan American	\$5,579,985
U. T. Brownsville	\$2,064,525
U. T. Permian Basin	\$1,845,971
U. T. San Antonio	\$8,766,319
U. T. Tyler	\$2,450,479



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

Effect of 5% Reduction

Health Institutions	
U. T. Southwestern Medical Center	\$13,542,281
U. T. Medical Branch at Galveston	GR: \$27,370,860
U. T. Health Science Center at Houston	\$13,681,598
U. T. Health Science Center at San Antonio	\$13,973,250
U. T. M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	\$15,826,148
U. T. Health Science Center at Tyler	\$3,461,001
U. T. System Total	\$157.9 million



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

- Developing 2012-2013 Budget
 - May 27 – Legislative Budget Board sends out Legislative Appropriation Request instructions directing:
 - 5% reduction in base appropriations (5% lower than current spending)
 - Including a plan for additional 5%, or up to 15% total
 - Each 5% reduction represents another \$158 million for U. T. System
 - Each 5% reduction represents approximately:
 - \$500 per student at academic institutions
 - \$7000 per student at health institutions



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

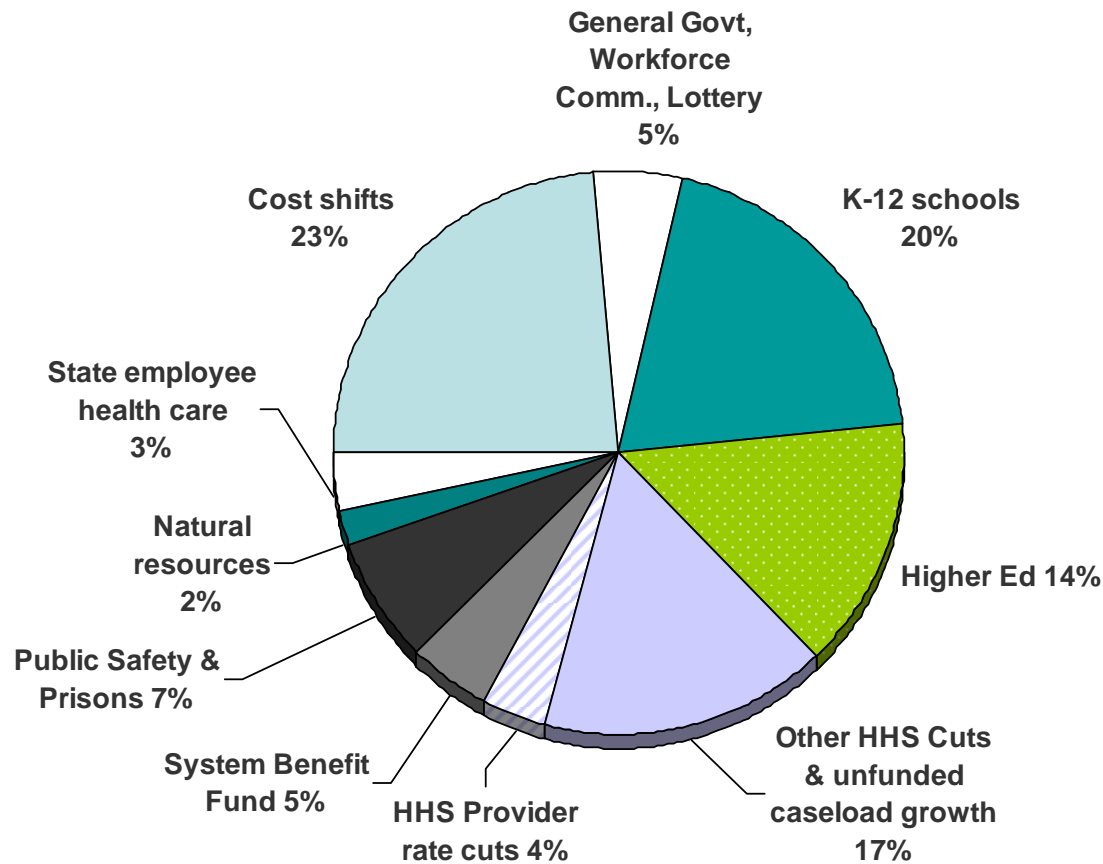
- How does FY 2011 compare with FY 2003?
 - Estimated shortfall:
 - 2003: \$9.9 billion (18.3% of general revenue)
 - \$3.9 billion used to balance previous budgets not available
 - \$1.8 billion shortfall
 - 2011: \$11-\$24 billion (13.6% to 29% of general revenue)
 - Loss of \$6.4 billion Federal stimulus funds
 - No \$5.6 billion carry over from previous biennium
 - Amount of current shortfall undetermined



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

How Legislature Balanced FY 2004-2005 State Budget



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State Budget Forecast for FY 2012 – 2013 (cont.)

- Texas budget compared to other states
 - 46 states face budget shortfalls for FY 2011 totaling \$125 billion
 - Estimated to be as high as \$160 billion
 - 39 states face shortfalls for FY 2012 totaling \$112 billion
- How other states have balanced higher education budgets
 - 23 states decreased funding for FY 2009 to FY 2010
 - 10 states with a decrease of 5% or more
 - Significant in-state tuition increases for FY 2010-2011
 - California: 13.2%
 - University of California System: 32% increase since Fall 2009
 - Florida: 15%
 - Arizona: 16.1%
 - Georgia: 10.5%
 - North Carolina: 16.9%



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U. T. System Budget Priorities

- Replace federal stimulus funds with General Revenue
 - \$130 million in formula funding for all academic and health institutions
 - \$62 million to U. T. System institutions
 - \$80 million in incentive funding for academic institutions
 - \$27 million to U. T. System institutions
 - \$100 million in special items for all institutions
 - \$50 million to U. T. System institutions
- Fund Growth in Enrollments and Formulas
 - \$6.4 billion in total formula funding needed for all academic and health institutions
 - \$731 million to cover growth
 - \$197 million for academic institutions
 - \$152 million for health institutions
 - \$382 million for community colleges and technical institutions
 - Fall 2010 enrollment up statewide, which will require more funding in FY 2013
 - U. T. System institutions up 4.7%



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U. T. System Budget Priorities (cont.)

- Equitable and proportionate allocation of any further cuts
 - 41% of 5% reductions from higher education
- Adequate funding for U. T. Austin
 - New methodology to fund enrollment in capacity institutions
- Funding for health-related institutions
 - Formulas for research and infrastructure
- Continue support for emerging research institutions
 - Texas Research Incentive Program (TRIP) funds to match philanthropy



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U. T. System Budget Priorities (cont.)

- Continue funding to restore UTMB
 - Tuition Revenue Bond for new Jennie Sealy Hospital
 - Funding for operations
 - Adequately fund Correctional Managed Care
- Expand bond authority for Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas
- Protect existing special item funding
 - \$493 million for all U. T. System institutions
- Exceptional Items and Tuition Revenue Bonds
 - New engineering building at U. T. Austin



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Academic Issues

- Retain tuition flexibility
- Promote greater efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity in higher education
 - Lower administrative costs
 - Better graduation rates
 - Higher faculty productivity
 - Teaching loads
 - Value of research
 - More distance education and greater use of dual credit and early college high school programs
 - Formula funding based on outcomes and success
 - New Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) proposal
 - Financial aid based on merit
- More effective relationship between four-year institutions and community colleges
 - Efforts to motivate and facilitate more transfers
 - Incentives to institutions to encourage transfers
 - Removal of barriers to transfer
- Faculty and student regent positions
- Develop methodology for national research university fund allocations



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Health Issues

- Anticipate effects of national health care changes
 - Reduced federal funding for Disproportionate Share Hospitals/Upper Payment Limits
 - Enhanced need for well-trained and available workforce
 - New medical schools and class sizes
 - Graduate Medical Education, with focus on primary care
 - Nursing
 - Public health
 - New and expanded programs in fields such as nurse practitioners
- Cost of U. T. System employee health insurance
 - \$4.5 million
- Public health issues
 - Obesity, wellness, and prevention
- Research conflicts of interest
- Biomedical research restrictions



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Business and General Issues

- Regulatory relief
 - Reporting requirements
 - Approvals from state agencies
 - Burden of Public Information Act compliance
- Concealed handguns on campus
- UTIMCO Board composition and investment directives
- Green and sustainability Issues
- Continuation of telecommunication discounts for institutions of higher education



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Major State Issues

- “Arizona-style” immigration legislation
- 27 Sunset Bills
 - Texas Department of Insurance
 - Texas Department of Transportation
 - Texas Youth Commission
 - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Search for additional revenue sources
 - Statewide property tax
 - Gambling
 - Higher taxes on alcoholic beverages
 - Legalizing and taxing marijuana



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Redistricting

- Federal and state constitutions require redistricting after the decennial census
 - December 2010: Census data sent to President
 - February 2011: States begin receiving redistricting data
 - Texas will be among first to receive data
- New Districts for the State House, State Senate, State Board of Education, and Congress
- Early estimates show Texas adding up to four new congressional seats



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Redistricting (cont.)

- If Legislature fails to redistrict in regular session:
 - Legislative Redistricting Board (Lt. Governor, Speaker, Attorney General, Comptroller, Land Commissioner) Will Adopt State House and State Senate Seats
 - Congress and State Board of Education Will be Done in Special Session
- Redistricting is:
 - Partisan — Both House and Senate Democrats fled state to thwart Congressional redistricting in 2003
 - Parochial – Rural v. urban: most population growth is east of Del Rio-Wichita Falls line
 - Personal — Incumbent self-protection



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Changes in Legislature

- House
 - Partisan balance today
 - 77 Republicans
 - 73 Democrats
 - 86 unopposed Republicans and Democrats
 - 43 seats for each party
 - 16 new members due to incumbents not running or losing primary
 - New committee chairs and members of Appropriations Committee due to retirements and changes
 - Speaker's race



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Change in Legislature (cont.)

- Senate
 - Partisan balance today
 - 19 Republicans
 - 12 Democrats
 - 16 seats up for re-election
 - 2 unopposed Republicans
 - No unopposed Democrats
 - 2 new members due to incumbents not running or losing primary
 - Changes to Finance Committee membership



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Key Dates

- November 2, 2010: General Election
- November 8, 2010: Prefiling of legislation begins
- January 11, 2011: The 82nd Legislature convenes
- In January 2011
 - Governor delivers State of the State Address
 - Comptroller issues revenue estimate for FY 2012-2013
 - Lt. Governor and Speaker organize committees
 - House begins hearings on base appropriations bill



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Key Dates (cont.)

- May 30, 2011: Sine Die
- June 19, 2011: Gubernatorial Veto Period ends
- Possible special sessions through summer
- Filing for 2012 election begins December 2011



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Appendices



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Change in State General Revenue Appropriations

	78th Legislature (2004-05)	79th Legislature (2006-07)	80th Legislature (2008-09)	81st Legislature (2010-11)
All State Government	-1.40%	14.99%	17.91%	2%
All Academic Institutions	2.30%	9.25%	11.79%	7.3%
U. T. System Academic Institutions	2.15%	7.96%	14.13%	7.2%
All Health-Related Institutions	0.80%	9.37%	13.98%	16%
U. T. System Health-Related Institutions	-0.13%	8.39%	8.42%	13.2%



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Requested Tuition Revenue Bonds Academic Institutions

Item	2012	2013	Biennium	Total TRB Request
U. T. Arlington				\$27,878,046
Life Science Building	\$6,520,000	\$6,520,000	\$13,040,000	
U. T. Austin				\$ 45,190,815
Engineering Education and Research Center	\$8,718,456	\$8,718,456	\$17,436,912	
U. T. Brownsville				\$22,235,654
Student Success Complex	\$5,492,627	\$5, 492,627	\$10,985,254	
U. T. Dallas				\$21,507,728
Bioengineering and Science Building	\$7,410,000	\$7,410,000	\$14,820,000	
U. T. El Paso				\$ 32,028,583
Interdisciplinary Research Facility	\$8,718,500	\$8,718,500	\$17,437,000	
U. T. Pan American				\$ 30,886,241
Business Administration Addition and Renovation	\$4,010,000	\$4,010,000	\$8,020,000	
Science Building II	\$4,215,000	\$4,215,000	\$8,430,000	



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Requested Tuition Revenue Bonds Academic Institutions (cont.)

Item	2012	2013	Biennium	Total TRB Request
U. T. Permian Basin				\$29,514,839
Engineering Building	\$4,707,966	\$4,707,966	\$9,415,932	
Campus Renovation and Repair	\$1,569,372	\$1,569,372	\$3,138,644	
U. T. San Antonio				\$38,624,498
Experimental Science Instructional Building	\$8,085,000	\$8,085,000	\$16,170,000	
U. T. Tyler				\$18,483,743
Technology and Life Sciences Building	\$4,010,490	\$4,010,490	\$8,020,980	
Total	\$63,457,411	\$57,964,784	\$121,422,195	
U. T. System Total Request				\$266,350,147



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Requested Tuition Revenue Bonds Health Institutions

Item	2012	2013	Biennium	Total TRB Request
U. T. Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas				\$33,734,410
South Campus	\$4,535,000	\$4,535,000	\$9,070,000	
U. T. Medical Branch – Galveston				\$38,516,330
U. T. Health Science Center – Houston				\$34,537,011
Renovation and Modernization of Educational and Research Facilities	\$4,710,000	\$4,710,000	\$9,420,000	
U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio				\$30,061,845
Academic Teaching and Learning Center	\$4,795,000	\$4,795,000	\$9,590,000	
Diabetes Institute of South Texas	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$1,050,000	
U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center				\$20,551,738
Basic Science Research Building Two	\$4,360,000	\$4,360,000	\$8,720,000	
U. T. Health Science Center -Tyler				\$10,534,475
Academic Center Building Completion	\$2,690,000	\$2,690,000	\$5,380,000	
Total	\$21,615,000	\$21,615,000	\$43,230,000	
U. T. System Total Request				\$167,935,809

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Exceptional Item Requests Summary

Academic Institutions

2012-2013 Biennium

U. T. Arlington	\$5,000,000
U. T. Austin	27,900,000
U. T. Brownsville	15,950,000
U. T. Dallas	11,462,500
U. T. El Paso	6,000,000
U. T. Pan American	5,685,104
U. T. Permian Basin	3,990,950
U. T. San Antonio	6,000,862
U. T. Tyler	5,000,000
Total	\$86,989,416



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Exceptional Item Request Detail

The University of Texas at Arlington

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Regional Nursing Education Center	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000
Total	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000



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Exceptional Item Request Detail

The University of Texas at Austin

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Bureau of Economic Geology	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000
Center for Space Research	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$1,900,000
Information System for Hazard Response			
Marine Science Institute	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000
Texas Advanced Computing Center	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000
Texas Digital Library	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000
Total	\$18,450,000	\$9,450,000	\$27,900,000



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Exceptional Item Request Detail

The University of Texas at Brownsville

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Partnership Transitional Initiative	\$4,800,000	\$4,800,000	\$9,600,000
Alleviating Health Disparities Program	\$1,925,000	\$1,925,000	\$3,850,000
College Readiness Institute	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Texas Center for Border and Transnational Studies	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Total	\$7,975,000	\$7,975,000	\$15,950,000

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Exceptional Item Request Detail

The University of Texas at Dallas

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Middle School Brain Years	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000
Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000
Academic Bridge Program	\$231,250	\$231,250	\$462,500
Total	\$5,731,250	\$5,731,250	\$11,462,500

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Exceptional Item Request Detail

The University of Texas at El Paso

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Pharmacy Expansion Program	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Honors and Student Leadership Academy	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
On-Campus Student Employment and Access	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Total	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000



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Exceptional Item Request Detail

The University of Texas - Pan American

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Simulated Hospital	\$4,750,000	\$450,000	\$5,200,000
Sophomore Retention	\$242,552	\$242,552	\$485,104
Total	\$4,992,552	\$692,552	\$5,685,104



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Exceptional Item Request Detail

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
School of Nursing, Planning and Start-up Funding	\$963,250	\$1,127,700	\$2,090,950
Small Business Development Center	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$80,000
Petroleum and Chemical Engineering Start-up	\$971,068	\$848,932	\$1,820,000
Total	\$2,053,164	\$1,937,786	\$3,990,950



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Exceptional Item Request Detail

The University of Texas at San Antonio

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
San Antonio Life Sciences Institute	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000
Small Business Development Center	\$379,114	\$379,114	\$758,228
Small Business Development Center Rural Business Program	\$121,317	\$121,317	\$242,634
Total	\$3,000,431	\$3,000,431	\$6,000,862



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Exceptional Item Request Detail

The University of Texas at Tyler

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Texas Program for Access through Technology	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000
Total	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000



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Exceptional Item Requests Summary

Health Institutions

2012-2013 Biennium

U. T. Southwestern Medical Center – Dallas	\$38,000,000
U. T. Medical Branch – Galveston	\$157,050,000
U. T. Health Science Center - Houston	\$23,775,142
U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio	\$55,619,420
U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center	\$7,725,000
U. T. Health Science Center - Tyler	\$6,000,000
Total	\$288,169,562



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Exceptional Item Request Detail

U. T. Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Center for Obesity, Diabetes, and Metabolism Research	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$16,000,000
Institute for Nobel/National-Academy Biomedical Research	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$14,000,000
Institute for the Genetic and Molecular Basis for Disease	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000
Total	\$19,000,000	\$19,000,000	\$38,000,000

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Exceptional Item Request Detail

U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Carry forward of HB 4586 One-Time Funding for Ike Recovery	\$120,000,000	\$0	\$120,000,000
Protecting Texans from Emerging Infectious Diseases	\$9,212,000	\$9,588,000	\$18,800,000
Conquering Burns, Inflammation and Tissue Damage	\$8,942,500	\$9,307,500	\$18,250,000
Total	\$138,154,500	\$18,895,500	\$157,050,000

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Exceptional Item Request Detail

U. T. Health Science Center - Houston

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
School for Public Health Expansion	\$4,750,000	\$4,750,000	\$9,500,000
Trauma Institute	\$6,242,572	\$6,242,572	\$12,485,144
Consortium on Healthy Aging	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Total	\$11,992,572	\$11,992,572	\$23,985,199

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Exceptional Item Request Detail

U. T. Health Science Center – San Antonio

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
San Antonio Life Sciences Institute	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000
Regional Campus-Laredo	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000
Regional Academic Health Center	\$19,309,710	\$19,309,710	\$38,619,420
Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000
Total	\$27,809,710	\$27,809,710	\$55,619,420

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Exceptional Item Request Detail

U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
DNA and RNA Sequencing Technology	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$7,000,000
MRI Student Training Unit	\$362,500	\$362,500	\$725,500
Total	\$3,862,500	\$3,862,500	\$7,725,000

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Exceptional Item Request Detail

U. T. Health Science Center at Tyler

	FY 2012	FY 2013	Biennium
Degree-Granting Funds	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000
Total	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000

4. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action related to the Educational Partnership Agreement between U. T. Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, the terms and conditions governing the current and proposed agreements and relationships between the parties, and the rights and obligations of the parties**

DISCUSSION

Chairman McHugh and Chancellor Cigarroa will lead a discussion related to the relationship and Educational Partnership Agreement between U. T. Brownsville and Texas Southmost College and appropriate action may be taken related to terms and conditions governing the current and proposed agreements and relationships and the parties' rights, obligations, and potential courses of action thereunder.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1991, Texas Southmost College and U. T. Brownsville entered into a contractual arrangement to maximize resources and bring additional educational opportunities to the communities of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The primary goal of the partnership, which is operationally managed by U. T. System, was to offer students a seamless educational process by eliminating barriers between two institutions located on the same campus.

The partnership was effected through a short educational partnership agreement and implemented using a series of interagency agreements covering matters such as personnel, academic programs, selection of the institution's President by the U. T. System Board of Regents, and real property. As enrollment and physical facilities have increased and personnel issues have become more complex, the abbreviated legal documents no longer address all issues of concern to the governing boards and do not provide an adequate platform for success in the future.

Over the last 18 months, at the direction of and with the endorsement of both Boards, representatives of the U. T. System and the Texas Southmost College Board of Trustees have discussed and negotiated a new proposed partnership agreement that offers a vision for higher education in Brownsville and U. T. System's continued participation in a unique higher educational endeavor.

5. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding proposed recipient for the Santa Rita Award**

RECOMMENDATION

Chairman McHugh may make a recommendation for award of the Santa Rita Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Board of Regents.

The related Regents' Rule 10601 is set forth on the next page as background information.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The criteria for selection include such factors as:

- A demonstrated concern for the principles of higher education
- A deep commitment to the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of The University of Texas System
- A record of commitment to securing appropriate support for the System from both the public and private sectors
- A demonstrated record of participation in the affairs of the System, which serves as a high example of selfless and public-spirited service.

1. Title

Guidelines for the Santa Rita Award

2. Rule and Regulation

Sec. 1 Standards. A Systemwide award that may be made annually to an individual who has made valuable contributions over an extended period to The University of Texas System in its developmental efforts. An individual is defined as a person, as opposed to a corporation, charitable trust, foundation, and like entities. The recipient may be judged on the basis of a broad list of criteria, primary among which will be a demonstrated concern for the principles of higher education generally, as well as deep commitment to the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of The University of Texas System specifically.

1.1 Participation by the recipient in the affairs of the U. T. System shall be of such character and purpose to serve as a high example of selfless and public-spirited service. Of particular interest will be the effect that such individual activity may have engendered similar motivation from other public and private areas toward the U. T. System.

Sec. 2 General Conditions. The following general conditions apply to the award:

2.1 The award, to be known as the "Santa Rita Award," will consist of a medallion to be presented no more frequently than annually.

2.2 The award shall be made on behalf of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System.

2.3 An individual may receive the award only once.

2.4 Posthumous awards may be given.

2.5 No member of the Board of Regents shall be eligible to receive the Santa Rita Award until the termination of the member's service.

Sec. 3 Nominations for Awards. Nominations for the award shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Board of Regents or the General Counsel to the Board (Office of the Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, 201 West Seventh Street, Suite 820, Austin, Texas 78701-2981). The nominator shall provide such supporting information and documentation as may be requested by the Chairman or the General Counsel to the Board.

Sec. 4 Selection of Awardees. Awards shall be made, upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Board following consultation with others including the Chancellor and other appropriate U. T. System officials, by a majority vote of members present at a Board of Regents' meeting at which a quorum is present.