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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2014.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened in a special called meeting via telephone conference call at 4:52 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2014, in the Chairman's Office on the Ninth Floor, Ashbel Smith Hall, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following participation:

ATTENDANCE.--

Present

Chairman Foster  
Vice Chairman Powell  
Vice Chairman Hicks  
Regent Aliseda  
Regent Cranberg  
Regent Hall  
Regent Hildebrand  
Regent Pejovich  
Regent Stillwell  
Regent Richards, Student Regent, nonvoting

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Chairman Foster called the meeting to order in open session.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 4:53 p.m., Chairman Foster said the Board would recess to convene in Executive Session pursuant to *Texas Government Code* Sections 551.071 and 551.074 to consider the matters listed on the Executive Session agenda.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.--At 5:39 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session for action on matters discussed in Executive Session and to consider the following agenda items.

1a. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion with Counsel on pending legal issues

No action was taken on this item.

1b. U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: Discussion and appropriate action regarding legal issues concerning American Association of University Professors (AAUP) review of U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center faculty issues

See Item 1 on the next page for action taken on this matter in Open Session.

- 1c. U. T. System Board of Regents: Discussion and appropriate action regarding legal issues related to ongoing independent investigation of admissions practices at U. T. Austin by Kroll Associates and actions of the Board necessary to maintain the integrity and independence of the investigation

No action was taken on this item.

2. U. T. System: Discussion and appropriate action regarding individual personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, compensation, assignment, and duties of presidents (academic and health institutions), U. T. System Administration officers (Executive Vice Chancellors and Vice Chancellors), other officers reporting directly to the Board (Chancellor, General Counsel to the Board, and Chief Audit Executive), and U. T. System and institutional employees

No action was taken on this item.

## AGENDA ITEMS

1. U. T. System Board of Regents: Motion regarding Board of Regents' position concerning American Association of University Professors (AAUP) review of U. T. M. D. Anderson Cancer Center faculty issues

Under Executive Session Item 1b, the Board had an opportunity to discuss legal matters regarding the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) review of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center faculty issues.

Chairman Foster called on Regent Stillwell for a motion.

### Motion by Regent Stillwell

In recognition of the unique mission and international leadership of The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in the fight against cancer, I move that the Board voice strong support for the outstanding work of the institution's faculty, staff, and administration. I also move that the Board acknowledge appreciation for the work of the students, residents, and fellows in training and for the trust shown by the patients receiving care at U. T. M. D. Anderson.

I move that the U. T. System Board of Regents vote to confirm its continued support for the authorization to award seven-year term tenure to faculty at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, as the award of term tenure has helped to successfully elevate the institution to international recognition and success in delivering the best possible treatment and prevention against cancer.

And, I further move that the Board support the position taken by U. T. M. D. Anderson in response to the recent challenge to the institution's implementation of policies approved by the Board.

The motion was seconded by Regent Hall and carried unanimously.

2. U. T. System Board of Regents: Motion in support of Core Values Program established by U. T. Austin Head Football Coach Charles R. Strong

Chairman Foster called on Vice Chairman Powell for brief remarks and a motion in support of the Core Values Program established by The University of Texas at Austin Head Football Coach Charles R. Strong. Chairman Foster, Vice Chairman Hicks, and Regent Stillwell also spoke briefly on the importance of the core values and leadership demonstrated by Coach Strong.

Motion by Vice Chairman Powell

The success and well-being of our students is of primary importance to The University of Texas System Board of Regents and to our Chancellor and his staff. Thus, our collective mantra for some time has been "It is ALL about the Students!" We are proud of the many ways all of our U. T. institutions, their presidents, faculty and staff members work every day to fulfill that goal.

To supplement the good work being done on our campuses to support student success and safety, the Board has recently sponsored Regents' Systemwide task forces studying and dealing with character and core values. The results of these two task forces have now been made available to all U. T. System presidents.

Consistent with the Board's and Chancellor's previous actions on student success and well-being and in the same spirit, I move that the Board of Regents express its full support for U. T. Austin Head Football Coach Charlie Strong and his unwavering commitment to teaching, cultivating, supporting, and demanding outstanding character, strong moral fiber, and high core values in the young men he is charged to lead and teach. As a leader and mentor, Coach Strong is delivering a compelling but fundamental message that success starts with living up to basic life principles. Coach Strong has demonstrated he will not compromise on developing student athletes who are first winners off the field and then winners on the field.

I further move that the Board fully support Coach Strong's efforts and applaud his commitment to the young people of Texas and to the students of The University of Texas at Austin.

Finally, I move that the Board encourage all U. T. institutions to continue their dedicated efforts to find effective means to teach, encourage, identify, and support principles best designed for student success.

The motion was seconded by Regent Stillwell and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.--At 5:49 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Carol A. Felkel  
Secretary to the Board of Regents

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