

**MEETING OF THE  
EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**May 18, 2017**

**Minutes**

The External Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Houston Community College held a meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at the HCC Administration Building, Second Floor Auditorium, 3100 Main, Houston, Texas.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Neeta Sane, Committee Chair  
Zeph Capo, Committee Member  
Adriana Tamez, Committee Member  
Robert Glaser  
John P. Hansen  
Eva Loreda  
Dave Wilson

**ADMINISTRATION**

Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor  
Melissa Gonzalez, Vice Chancellor/Chief of Staff  
Nicole Montgomery for Ashley Smith, General Counsel  
Teri Zamora, Senior Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration  
Kimberly Beatty, Vice Chancellor, Instructional Services/Chief Academic Officer  
Athos Brewer, Vice Chancellor, Student Services  
William Carter, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology  
Kurt Ewen, Vice Chancellor, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness  
Remmele Young, Associate Vice Chancellor, Governmental and External Affairs  
Julian Fisher for Madeline Burillo, President, Southwest College  
Margaret Ford Fisher, President, Northeast College  
Muddassir Siddiqi, President, Central College  
Kathy Anzivino for Zachary Hodges, President, Northwest College  
Phillip Nicotera, President, Coleman College  
Irene Porcarello, President, Southeast College  
Robert King, Interim Executive Director, HCC Foundation  
Terrence Corrigan, Director, Internal Audit

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Melissa Mihalick, Board Counsel, Bracewell LLP  
Mellissa Miller-Waters, President, Faculty Senate  
Other administrators, citizens, and representatives from the news media

**CALLED TO ORDER**

Mrs. Neeta Sane, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m. and declared the Board convened to consider matters pertaining to Houston Community College as listed on the duly posted Meeting Notice.

*(The following Trustees were present: Capo, Hansen, Loreda, Sane, and Wilson)*

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

**REPORT AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Dr. Maldonado apprised that Mr. Remmele Young, Associate Vice Chancellor of External Relations would provide an update regarding the 85th Legislative activities.

*(Mr. Glaser joined the meeting at 12:20 p.m.)*

Mr. Young noted the Legislative Session will concluded on May 29, 2017.

Mr. Young provided an update to include the following:

- Discussion Topics
- Appropriations Bill – SB1 (Senate Passage)
- Appropriations Bill (House on SB1)
- HCC Senate Funding Estimate
- HCC House Funding Estimate
- HCC Exceptional Items (Article XI)
- Conference Committee Conferees
- HCC Bill Track Overview
  - Dual Credit
  - Community College Baccalaureate Degrees

Mr. Young apprised that Dr. Maldonado met with Senator Seliger. Dr. Maldonado noted the significance was that the language was favorable to the position of the college. He apprised that offering the degree would require the same level of quality and rigor as the general academic teaching institutions, the financial implications would not affect community college funding and the reimbursing rate would be at the same level as community colleges. Dr. Maldonado added that additional criteria needs to be met to enter into the arena and noted the bill is in a favorable position.

*(Dr. Tamez joined the meeting at 12:29 p.m.)*

Dr. Hansen referenced Brazosport College as having 220 baccalaureate programs and inquired of the salaries. Dr. Maldonado noted that the salary range for the candidates coming out of the programs is approximately \$70,000 in terms of the placement and success rate.

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Mr. Glaser referenced the contact hour reimbursement and inquired if the funding would come from the same contact hour funds. Dr. Maldonado noted it comes from the same funding pool referenced in Mr. Young's presentation. He noted the reimbursement rate would be at the community college rate and not at the university rate.

Mr. Glaser inquired if a community college offering a baccalaureate degree would have more reimbursement per contact hour due to students enrolling in more hours. Dr. Maldonado noted students would not be carrying as many hours as the ones attending a university.

Mr. Wilson noted he is confused in regards to the method of reporting for contact hour calculations. Mrs. Sane noted the concern should be discussed during the Academic Affairs Committee meeting.

Mrs. Sane inquired of the HCC tax valuation amount. Mrs. Zamora noted it is approximately \$190 billion.

*(Mr. Wilson stepped out at 12:34 p.m.)*

Mrs. Sane inquired if HCC would be able to offer baccalaureate degrees and noted that a policy discussion could be held. Mr. Young concurred with Mrs. Sane that they could be offered under the bill as it is proposed.

Mr. Young proceeded with the overview:

- Transfer and Articulation
- Financial Aid and Workforce
- Additional Bills
  - HB 961
  - SB2
  - HB15
  - SB4
  - HB 3512 & SB 1604

Mr. Capo inquired about the status of HB 961 to be considered. Mr. Young noted it passed the House and needs to be moved to the Senate by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Loreda inquired if anything is done to encourage lending companies to limit the loan amount offered to students and are students being referred. Mrs. Zamora noted that there are guidelines of what is required and can be received per semester as part of the federal loan program.

*(Mr. Wilson returned at 12:45 p.m.)*

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Dr. Maldonado noted the HB 3512 bracketing is for the county adjacent to Harris in the Lee College service area regarding a school district wanting to start their own community college if not serviced.

Mrs. Sane inquired about the sponsors of the bill. Mr. Young noted the bill was sponsored by Representative Faircloth who is from Galveston County and Senator Creighton who is from northeast of Houston.

Mr. Capo referenced SB 4 and inquired of the language regarding any costs that may be incurred or reimbursed if not passed. Mr. Young apprised that he would have to research and could provide an update.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Wright, Director, Board Services

Minutes Approved: June 15, 2017