



College of Osteopathic Medicine  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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**Element 1.3: Licensing and Regional/Institutional Accreditation**

- **1.3-1 Supporting Documentation**
  - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
    - Letter of Notice – [link](#)
    - Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes – [link](#)
  - SACSCOC Substantive Change Approval – [link](#)
  - SACSCOC Reaffirmation – [link](#)
  - SACSCOC Status 2023 – [link](#)

The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program at Sam Houston State University was formally approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) on August 14th, 2018. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants or provides program approval for state institutions in Texas. Sam Houston State University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and is able to award bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees. The most recent accreditation documents can be found on the SACSCOC website.



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Dear Dr. Eglsaer:

At its August 14, 2018, Special Called Board meeting the Coordinating Board approved and authorized the request from Sam Houston State University to create a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree with a major in Osteopathic Medicine (CIP 51.1901.00). Approval is with the understanding that the institution will not now or in the future, seek or accept if offered, formula funding for the osteopathic medical students enrolled in the courses in the DO program. Approval is also with the understanding that the institution will submit annual doctoral reports for five years assessing progress in the implementation of this program. The annual progress reports will need to confirm the presence of faculty and other resources consistent with institutional commitments, including adherence to Texas Education Code 61.05122, and an assessment of student progress. The institution will be required to submit Coordinating Board Management Student (enrollment) and Graduation Reports related to the program.

Enclosed is an information sheet for your reporting official. Best wishes for success with this new program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rex C. Peebles".

Rex C. Peebles

Enclosure

c: Dana Hoyt  
John Hayek  
Charles Henley

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## INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is provided in connection with recent action(s) taken by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and reported to your institution in a letter from Rex C. Peebles dated August 15, 2018.

### **ACTION: SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On August 14, 2018, the Coordinating Board approved and authorized the request from Sam Houston State University to create a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree program with a major in Osteopathic Medicine. Approval is with the understanding that the institution will not now or in the future, seek or accept if offered, formula funding for the osteopathic medical students enrolled in the courses in the DO program. Approval is also with the understanding that the institution will submit annual doctoral reports for five years assessing progress in the implementation of this program. The annual progress reports will need to confirm the presence of faculty and other resources consistent with institutional commitments, including adherence to Texas Education Code 61.05122, and an assessment of student progress. The institution will be required to submit Coordinating Board Management Student (enrollment) and Graduation Reports related to the program.

Administrative Unit Affected	Academic Unit #	Action	Effective Date
College of Osteopathic Medicine	2182	Create college	August 14, 2018

Administrative Unit Affected:			Academic Unit #		Doctorate Degree Type			Action
					Research/ Scholarship	Prof. Practice	Other	
College of Osteopathic Medicine			2182			X		Create degree program
Degree Name	Program Name	CIP Code	DE	Delivery Mode	# of SCH	Degree Level*	Effective Date	
DO	Osteopathic Medicine	51.1901.00	Yes	Off-campus Face-to-face	231	5	August 14, 2018	

Program offered in Conroe

**\*Degree level: 4 – Doctor’s Degree-Research/Scholarship  
5 – Doctor’s Degree-Professional Practice**

#### **Notes:**

These changes will affect the way your institution reports courses, programs, and degrees to the Coordinating Board. Please inform the appropriate reporting personnel of these changes.

If you have any questions about this action or about your institution’s program inventory, please contact:

**Academic Quality and Workforce  
(512) 427-6200**

**MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**THE BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**OF**  
**THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

**Quarterly Board Meeting**

**August 17-18, 2017**

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee meetings were each held prior to the Board of Regents meeting via teleconference as follows:

- Academic Affairs August 7, 2017 10:00 a.m. CST
- Planning and Construction August 8, 2017 11:00 a.m. CST
- Finance and Audit August 10, 2017 11:00 a.m. CST
- Rules and Regulations August 10, 2017 2:00 p.m. CST

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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### **Committee Members**

Regent Jaime Garza, Committee Chair; Regent Rossanna Salazar; Regent Veronica Edwards

### **Call to Order**

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Texas State University System was called to order on August 7, 2017 at 10:01 a.m. CST by Regent Rossanna Salazar. The meeting was held telephonically.

### **Present**

Regent Rossanna Salazar; Regent Veronica Edwards

### **Also Present**

Student Regent Kaitlyn Tyra; Dr. Brian McCall, Chancellor; Dr. John Hayek, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Mr. Mike Wintemute, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications; Ms. Carole Fox, System Director of Audits and Analysis; Mr. Daniel Harper, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance; Ms. Carol Treadway, Director of Administration; various component campus representatives

### **Absent**

Regent Jaime Garza, Committee Chair

### **Discussion Items**

Regent Salazar called on Dr. John Hayek to present the agenda items.

Dr. Hayek presented LU: New Degree – B.S. in Computer Game Development. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Dr. Hayek presented LU: New Degree – MS in Management Information Systems/Enterprise Systems. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Dr. Hayek presented SHSU: Degree Program Addition—Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Dr. Hayek presented LSC-O: New Program – Able-Bodied Seaman Certificate. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Dr. Hayek presented LSC-PA: New Degree - Associate of Applied Science Degree in Drafting. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Dr. Hayek presented TSUS: Preliminary Enrollment Report Summer 2017. This item was informational only, no action was taken.

Dr. Hayek briefly outlined the Consent Agenda items, which consisted of:

LU: Create Public Relations Certificate Program

LU: Revision of M.Ed. in Special Education to include Specialization Track in Educational Diagnostician

LU: Waive GRE Requirement for Engineering Graduate Applicants Who Have Passed FE Examinations  
LU: Addition – Certificate Program in Educational Diagnostician  
LU: Changes to B.A. in American Sign Language with Teacher Certification Degree Plan  
LU: Changes to Ed.D. in Deaf Studies and Deaf Education  
LU: Create Undergraduate Certificate in Sports Journalism and Media  
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LU: Offer Additional Degree Options for Existing Online Programs  
LU: Offer Emphasis in the Kodály Approach to Music Education as Part of the Music Education Concentration of the Existing Master of Music Degree  
LU: Program Change – M.Ed. Educational Administration from 36-hour degree to 30-hour degree  
TXST: Add a Bachelor of Arts Major in Dance as a Degree Option in the Existing Dance Program  
TXST: Change the Master of Arts Major in Adult Education  
LSC-O: New Program – Institutional Award in Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate  
LSC-PA: Change the General Education Core Curriculum  
LSC-PA: Changes to AAS Degree in Commercial Music  
LSC-PA: Changes to AAS Degrees and Certificates  
LSC-PA: Changes to the AAS Degree in Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling  
TSUS: Curriculum Changes  
TSUS: Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Course Offerings

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, Regent Rossanna Salazar adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m. CST.



## **PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

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### **Committee Members**

Regent Bill Scott, Committee Chair; Regent David Montagne; Regent Donna Williams

### **Call to Order**

The Planning and Construction Committee of the Texas State University System was called to order on August 8, 2017 at 11:01 a.m. CST by Committee Chair Bill Scott. The meeting was held telephonically.

### **Present**

Regent Bill Scott, Committee Chair; Regent Donna Williams

### **Also Present**

Regent Rossanna Salazar; Student Regent Kaitlyn Tyra; Dr. Brian McCall, Chancellor; Mr. Peter Graves, Vice Chancellor for Contract Administration; Mr. Rob Roy Parnell, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities; Mr. Mike Wintemute, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications; Ms. Donna Bryce, Senior Contract Administrator; Ms. Carol Treadway, Director of Administration; various component campus representatives

### **Absent**

Regent David Montagne

### **Discussion Items**

Committee Chair Bill Scott called on Mr. Peter Graves to present the agenda items.

Mr. Graves presented SHSU: Design Development Documents for East Central Plant Expansion. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Mr. Graves presented TXST: 2017-2027 University Master Plan. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Mr. Graves presented TSUS: Additions to 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Mr. Graves presented TSUS: Planning and Construction Report August 2017. This item was informational only, no action was taken.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, Committee Chair Bill Scott adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m. CST.

## **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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### **Committee Members**

Regent Alan Tinsley, Committee Chair; Regent David Montagne; Regent Bill Scott

### **Call to Order**

The Finance and Audit Committee of the Texas State University System was called to order on August 10, 2017 at 11:01 a.m. CST by Committee Chair Alan Tinsley. The meeting was held telephonically.

### **Present**

Regent Alan Tinsley, Committee Chair; Regent Bill Scott

### **Also Present**

Regent Rossanna Salazar; Dr. Roland Smith, Vice Chancellor for Finance; Mr. Mike Wintemute, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications; Ms. Carole Fox, System Director of Audits and Analysis; Mr. Daniel Harper, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance; Mr. Charles Gregory, Associate Director of Audits and Analysis; Ms. Kelly Wintemute, Compliance Officer; Ms. Carol Treadway, Director of Administration; various component campus representatives

### **Absent**

Regent David Montagne

### **Discussion Items**

Committee Chair Alan Tinsley called on Dr. Roland Smith to present the agenda items. Dr. Smith asked Mr. Daniel Harper and Ms. Carole Fox to present some of the agenda items.

Dr. Smith presented TSUS: Authorize Final Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2017. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Dr. Smith and Mr. Harper presented TSUS: Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2018. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Mr. Harper presented TSUS: Approval of Investment Policy. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Ms. Carole Fox presented TSUS: Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Plan. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

Dr. Smith presented TSUS: Statement of Changes in Fund Balances. This item was informational only, no action was taken.

Dr. Smith presented TSUS: Status of Implementation of Audit Recommendations. This item was informational only, no action was taken.

Dr. Smith briefly outlined the Consent Agenda item, which consisted of TSUS: Operating Budget and Related Adjustments.

The committee approved the item to be included on the Consent Agenda.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, Committee Chair Alan Tinsley adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m. CST.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

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### **Committee Members**

Regent Vernon Reaser, Committee Chair; Regent Veronica Edwards; Regent Alan Tinsley

### **Call to Order**

The Rules and Regulations Committee of the Texas State University System was called to order on August 10, 2017 at 2:01 p.m. CST by Regent Alan Tinsley. The meeting was held telephonically.

### **Present**

Regent Veronica Edwards; Regent Alan Tinsley

### **Also Present**

Regent Rossanna Salazar; Dr. Fernando Gomez, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel; Ms. Nelly Herrera, Deputy General Counsel; Mr. Mike Wintemute, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Communications; Ms. Carole Fox, System Director of Audits and Analysis; Mr. Daniel Harper, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Finance; Ms. Kelly Wintemute, Compliance Officer; Ms. Therese Sternenber, Assistant Vice Chancellor; Ms. Carol Treadway, Director of Administration; various component campus representatives

### **Absent**

Regent Vernon Reaser, Committee Chair

### **Discussion Items**

Regent Alan Tinsley called on Dr. Fernando Gomez to present the agenda item.

Dr. Gomez presented TSUS: Approval of Rules and Regulations. The committee approved the item to be taken to the full Board.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Committee, Regent Alan Tinsley adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m. CST.

## **BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Quarterly Board of Regents meeting of The Texas State University System was called to order on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 12:32 p.m. CST by Chairman of the Board Rossanna Salazar. The meeting was held at Espino Conference Rooms C & D of the Morgan Center at Sul Ross State University, located at 400 North Harrison, Alpine, Texas. Noting the presence of a quorum, Chairman Salazar called upon Regent Edwards to lead in the United States flag pledge, Regent Garza to lead in the Texas flag pledge, and Regent Williams delivered the invocation.

### **II. ATTENDANCE**

#### **Present**

Chairman Rossanna Salazar  
Vice Chairman William Scott  
Regent Charlie Amato  
Regent Veronica Edwards  
Regent Jaime Garza  
Regent David Montagne  
Regent Alan Tinsley  
Regent Donna Williams  
Student Regent Kaitlyn Tyra

#### **Absent**

Regent Vernon Reaser

#### **Also Present**

Chancellor Brian McCall, Ph.D.; President Ken Evans, LU; President Dana Hoyt, SHSU; President Bill Kibler, SRSU; President Denise Trauth, TXST; President Lonnie Howard, LIT; President J. Michael Shahan, LSC-O; President Betty Reynard, LSC-PA

### **III. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Salazar recessed the Board to Executive Session at 12:34 p.m. CST in accordance with *Chapter 551* of the Texas *Government Code* to discuss legal, real estate and personnel issues.

### **IV. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 4:03 p.m. CST on Thursday, August 17, 2017.

### **V. WELCOME REMARKS**

Chairman Salazar welcomed all present.

### **VI. PRESENTATION**

Dr. Bill Kibler, President of Sul Ross State University, gave a presentation on the dedication of the Zuzu Renee Verk Memorial Ampitheater.

### **VII. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STUDENT REGENT**

Chairman Salazar welcomed Student Regent Kaitlyn Tyra to the Texas State University System.

## **VIII. CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE**

Chancellor Brian McCall made a presentation on Pushing Our Boundaries.

## **IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion of Chairman Salazar, seconded by Regent Scott, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the minutes of the quarterly Board of Regents meeting held on May 18-19, 2017 are approved.

## **X. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Regent Jaime Garza, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, presented the following agenda items:

### **2017-80 LU: New Degree – B.S. in Computer Game Development**

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Amato, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Lamar University is authorized to offer a 120-hour B.S. in Computer Game Development within the Department of Computer Science in the College of Arts and Sciences. This will be effective Spring 2018, following notification to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### **2017-81 LU: New Degree – MS in Management Information Systems/Enterprise Systems**

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Tinsley, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Lamar University is authorized to offer a 30 hour, STEM certified, both face-to-face and online Master of Science Program in Management Information Systems with an emphasize in Enterprise Systems within the Department of Information Systems and Analysis in the College of Business. This will be effective Fall 2018, following approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### **2017-82 SHSU: Degree Program Addition—Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine**

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Amato, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sam Houston State University is authorized to offer a degree program and associated new course additions, leading to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, housed within the College of Osteopathic Medicine to be implemented upon final approval by the TSUS Board of Regents, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges with the first class to begin in Fall 2020.

### **2017-83 LSC-O: New Program – Able-Bodied Seaman Certificate**

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Scott, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Lamar State College-Orange is authorized to award a certificate for Able-Bodied Seaman.

### **2017-84 LSC-PA: New Degree - Associate of Applied Science Degree in Drafting**

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Lamar State College-Port Arthur is authorized to offer a degree program, leading to the Associate of Applied Science with a major in Drafting, to be implemented upon final approval by the TSUS Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

### **Informational Item - TSUS: Preliminary Enrollment Report Summer 2017**

The Preliminary Enrollment Report Summer 2017 was presented as an informational item only. No action was taken.

Regent Garza noted that the following items are found on the Consent Agenda:

- LU: Create Public Relations Certificate Program
- LU: Revision of M.Ed. in Special Education to include Specialization Track in Educational Diagnostician
- LU: Waive GRE Requirement for Engineering Graduate Applicants Who Have Passed FE Examinations
- LU: Addition – Certificate Program in Educational Diagnostician
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- TSUS: Out-of-State/Out-of-Country Study Course Offerings

These items were voted on and passed under the approval of the Consent Agenda. These items can be found immediately following the meeting minutes.

## **XI. FINANCE AND AUDIT**

Regent Alan Tinsley, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented the following agenda items:

### **2017-85 TSUS: Authorize Final Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2017**

Upon motion of Regent Tinsley, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Texas State University System Administration and Components are authorized to transfer available revenue and expenditure balances (including

General Revenue as authorized by the General Appropriations Act) to fund year-end adjustments to departmental budgets and to close the books for Fiscal Year 2017.

**2017-86 TSUS: Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2018**

Upon motion of Regent Tinsley, seconded by Regent Montagne, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Fiscal year 2018 Operating Budgets for components of the Texas State University System are approved as shown in the following schedule:

	Estimated	Estimated	Transfers	Change in
	Estimated	Budget	(To)/From	Fund
Component	Revenue	Requirements	Other Funds	Balances
Lamar University	\$231,327,238	\$202,740,724	(\$28,586,514)	-
Sam Houston State University	336,784,209	309,921,413	(26,862,796)	-
Sul Ross State University	35,876,520	32,390,918	(3,227,224)	258,378
Sul Ross Rio Grande College	9,596,093	8,601,052	(1,390,356)	(395,315)
Texas State University	642,896,065	551,328,030	(91,568,035)	-
Lamar Institute of Technology	27,254,327	22,928,347	(4,325,980)	-
Lamar State College-Orange	20,864,450	18,204,220	(2,714,668)	(54,438)
Lamar State College-Port Arthur	22,297,858	19,843,415	(2,949,877)	(495,434)
System Administration	1,926,246	9,374,478	7,448,232	-
<b>System Totals</b>	<b>\$1,328,823,006</b>	<b>\$1,175,332,597</b>	<b>(\$154,177,218)</b>	<b>(\$686,809)</b>

**2017-87 TSUS: Approval of Investment Policy**

Upon motion of Regent Tinsley, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the Investment Policy for Operating Funds and Endowment Funds dated September 2017 are approved effective September 1, 2017, contingent upon the total book value of TSUS endowments being at least \$150 million as of September 1, 2017.

**2017-88 TSUS: Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Plan**

Upon motion of Regent Tinsley, seconded by Regent Amato, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Plan for the Texas State University System is approved.

**Informational Item - TSUS: Statement of Changes in Fund Balances**

The Statement of Changes in Fund Balances was presented as an informational item only. No action was taken.

**Informational Item - TSUS: Status of Implementation of Audit Recommendations**

The Status of Implementation of Audit Recommendations was presented as an informational item only. No action was taken.

Regent Tinsley noted that the following item is found on the Consent Agenda:

- TSUS: Operating Budget and Related Adjustments

This item was voted on and passed under the approval of the Consent Agenda. This item can be found immediately following the meeting minutes.



## **XII. PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION**

Regent Bill Scott, Chair of the Planning and Construction Committee, presented the following agenda items:

### **2017-89 SHSU: Design Development Documents for East Central Plant Expansion**

Upon motion of Regent Scott, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the design development documents prepared by Kirksey Architecture of Houston, Texas, for the East Central Plant Expansion project at Sam Houston State University and the projected total project cost of \$8,400,000 are approved, to be funded by Texas State University System Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$5,500,000, and Higher Education Assistance Funds (HEAF) in the amount of \$2,900,000.

Regent Scott asked Dr. Denise Trauth, President of Texas State University, to present the following item. Dr. Trauth then introduced Doug Kozma of SmithGroupJJR to make a presentation of the University Master Plan.

### **2017-90 TXST: 2017-2027 University Master Plan**

Upon motion of Regent Scott, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the 2017-2027 University Master Plan for Texas State University prepared by the firm of SmithGroupJJR of Ann Arbor, Michigan, is approved and the University is authorized to make all necessary filings based on the adopted University Master Plan with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

### **2017-91 TSUS: Additions to 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Program**

Upon motion of Regent Scott, seconded by Regent Amato, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the Don Sanders Baseball Renovations project and the Bowers Stadium Renovation project at Sam Houston State University are added to the 2018-2023 TSUS Capital Improvements Program.

### **Informational Item - TSUS: Planning and Construction Report August 2017**

The Planning and Construction Report August 2017 was presented as an informational item only. No action was taken.

## **XIII. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Regent Alan Tinsley presented the following agenda item and asked Dr. Fernando Gomez, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, to discuss the changes to the Rules and Regulations.

### **2017-92 TSUS: Approval of Rules and Regulations**

Upon motion of Regent Tinsley, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the attached, proposed revisions to the Texas State University System *Rules and Regulations* are approved.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations follows in the Appendix section.

## **XIV. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Chairman Salazar called on Regent Montagne, who asked Vice Chancellor Sean Cunningham to make a brief report. Vice Chancellor Cunningham presented a legislative

update concerning state and federal issues that have the potential to impact the Texas State University System.

## **XV. CONTRACTS**

Chairman Salazar asked Dr. Bill Kibler, President of Sul Ross State University, to present the item on the contracts agenda.

### **2017-93 SRSU: Quarter Horse Donation Agreement; Mrs. Elaine Conger Gist Gift Acknowledgement; and Creation of Endowed Chair in the College of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences**

Upon motion of Regent Amato, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that:

1. The attached Sul Ross State University *Donation Agreement* with Mrs. Elaine Conger Gist, gifting 160 Quarter Horses and additional Youngstock Quarter Horses is approved;
2. The aforementioned gifts by Mrs. Gist—as well as her commitment to lead a significant fundraising campaign to create an endowment to support and sustain a unique Quarter Horse breeding program at Sul Ross State University—is hereby acknowledged and accepted; and,
3. The Sul Ross State University President is authorized—per the terms and conditions of the *Donation Agreement, Exhibit D*—to establish the “*Mrs. Elaine Conger Gist Endowed Professorship in Equine Science*” in the College of Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences.

A copy of the contract follows in the Appendix section.

The remaining contracts items were passed under the Consent Agenda and can be found following the minutes:

#### **LU: Purchase of Property – 698 Garland Ave., City of Beaumont**

Lamar University is authorized to purchase the real property listed below, provided mineral rights are included, to be funded by the Higher Education Fund at the total project cost of \$65,420.00; subject to approval of the documents as to legal form by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

- *The .2172 acres of real property located at  
698 Garland Ave., Jefferson County, Beaumont, TX 77705  
COLLEGE PLACE L25 B3*

#### **LU: Purchase of Property – 5160 and 5166 Hunter St., City of Beaumont**

Lamar University is authorized to purchase the real property listed below, provided mineral rights are included, to be funded by the Higher Education Fund at the total project cost of \$60,860.00; subject to approval of the documents as to legal form by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

- *The .1561 acres of real property located at 5160 Hunter St., Jefferson County, Beaumont, TX 77705 LAMAR L5 B36*
- *The .1304 acres of real property located at 5166 Hunter St., Jefferson County, Beaumont, TX 77705 LAMAR L4 B36*

**LU: Authorization for Renewal and Amendments to Agreement with Academic Partnerships, LLC**

The service agreement between Lamar University and Academic Partnerships, LLC is amended to:

1. Revise the minimum number of program start dates per calendar year from 6 to 5 for 8-week sessions, and 8 program start dates per calendar year for 5-week sessions.
2. Amend Addendum A by:
  - a) Restating the Schedule of Online Programs;
  - b) Increasing AP revenue percentages from 30% to 40% for all undergraduate programs (non-nursing);
  - c) Adding programs from Addendum B, dated April 1, 2017; and,
  - d) Adding MBA Port Management as a program.
3. Delete Addendum B, dated April 1, 2017.

**SHSU: Easement from City of Huntsville for Pedestrian Pathway Access from New Parking Lot 65 Located at 615 16<sup>th</sup> Street to the Main Campus of Sam Houston State University**

The City of Huntsville’s Easement for Sam Houston State University’s installation of a pedestrian pathway from new parking lot 65, located at 615 16<sup>th</sup> Street, to Sam Houston’s main campus is approved.

**SHSU: Authorization to Purchase Real Estate Located at 1108 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Huntsville, Texas**

Sam Houston State University is authorized to purchase the property located at 1108 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Huntsville, Texas, together with any mineral interests in the property that may be owned by seller, for a purchase price of \$140,100; subject to approval as to legal form by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

**SRSU: Rio Grande College – Renewal of Facilities Leases**

The renewal and extension for two years of the facilities leases with the Southwest Texas Junior College for use by the SRSU-Rio Grande College as indicated below is approved:

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>Annual Amount</u>
1.	Castroville	2 yrs.	12,000	\$36,000.00
2.	Del Rio	2 yrs.	27,493	\$554,176.46
3.	Eagle Pass	2 yrs.	21,353	\$377,437.06
4.	Uvalde	2 yrs.	24,124	\$470,319.05

**TXST: Acquisition of 1347 Thorpe Lane, Paraje Properties, LP**

Texas State University is authorized to acquire a tract of land, including mineral rights and improvements, from Paraje Properties, LP, at a price not to exceed the appraised value, and that the University's Vice President for Finance and Support Services is authorized to finalize and execute all documents and instruments necessary to carry out the transaction, subject to approval as to legal form by the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

**TXST: Enrollment Management and Fundraising Services Agreement**

Texas State University is authorized to enter into an agreement with Ruffalo Noel Levitz, a firm offering software, and consulting for higher education, to provide enrollment management and fundraising software services for an on-campus call center, strategic consultation, and direct marketing.

The contract is approximately \$950,000 annually with an escalation of two percent for each year of the contract including renewal options. The base term is five years with an option to renew in one-year increments for two additional years. The total amount for the life of the contract will not exceed \$4,850,000. Funding for the purchase will come from Annual Giving, Application fees, and New Student Orientation fees.

**TXST: Extension of Grande Communications Agreement**

Texas State University is authorized to enter into an agreement for cable television and other entertainment and data services, delivered by electronic means with Grande Communications Networks, LLC, for the five-year period of September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$222,843.

**TSUS: Delegation of Authority to Amend Outside Counsel Contract Relating to *SHSU v. American Campus Communities Litigation***

The Texas State University System is authorized to enter into an amendment to its current contract with outside counsel providing complex litigation services to Sam Houston State University in its lawsuit relating to Sam Houston Village.

**XVI. PERSONNEL**

Chairman Salazar noted that the following item is found on the Consent Agenda:

- TSUS: Personnel

This item was voted on and passed under the approval of the Consent Agenda. This item can be found immediately following the meeting minutes.

**XVII. MISCELLANEOUS**

A walk-on item on the miscellaneous agenda was considered:

**2017-94 SHSU: Naming of Athletics Administrative Offices and Learning Enhancement Center**

Upon motion of Regent Tinsley, seconded by Regent Williams, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sam Houston State University is authorized to name the facilities in which Athletics Administrative Offices and the Learning Enhancement Center will be located as the Woodforest Bank Athletics Center.

**2017-95 SRSU: Revised Strategic Plan “Strategies for the Second Century 2017-2022”**

Upon motion of Regent Garza, seconded by Regent Tinsley, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sul Ross State University is authorized to update its strategic plan to reflect its current stature as a comprehensive Master’s degree granting, multi-campus university, providing on-site and distance education with a focus on: academic, research and artistic excellence; targeted recruitment; maximized retention and increased graduation rates; strengthened financial base; recruitment, development and retention of valuable faculty and staff; and enhancing a unified image of the university.

**2017-96 TXST: Naming of 1921 Old Ranch Road 12 Building**

Upon motion of Regent Scott, seconded by Regent Garza, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Texas State University is authorized to name the building located at 1921 Old Ranch Road 12, San Marcos, Texas, the Grady Early Building.

Chairman Salazar noted that the remaining agenda item under the miscellaneous section will be heard on Friday, August 18, 2017.

Chairman Salazar noted that the following items are found on the Consent Agenda:

- SHSU: Naming of New Practice and Locker Room Building at Raven Nest Golf Course
- TSUS: Gifts
- TSUS: Holiday Schedule FY 2018

These items were voted on and passed under the approval of the Consent Agenda. These items can be found immediately following the meeting minutes.

**XVIII. RECESS**

At 5:34 p.m. CST, Chairman Salazar recessed the meeting until the following morning.

**XIX. RECONVENE**

The Quarterly Board of Regents meeting of the Texas State University System was reconvened on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 10:14 a.m. CST by Chairman of the Board Rossanna Salazar. The meeting was held at Espino Conference Rooms C & D of the Morgan Center at Sul Ross State University, located at 400 North Harrison, Alpine, Texas. A quorum was present.

**XX. ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

Chairman Rossanna Salazar  
Vice Chairman William Scott  
Regent Charlie Amato  
Regent Veronica Edwards  
Regent Jaime Garza  
Regent David Montagne  
Regent Alan Tinsley  
Regent Donna Williams  
Student Regent Kaitlyn Tyra

**Absent**

Regent Vernon Reaser

**Also Present**

Chancellor Brian McCall, Ph.D.; President Ken Evans, LU; President Dana Hoyt, SHSU; President Bill Kibler, SRSU; President Denise Trauth, TXST; President Lonnie Howard, LIT; President J. Michael Shahan, LSC-O; President Betty Reynard, LSC-PA

**XXI. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Salazar recessed the Board to Executive Session at 10:14 a.m. CST in accordance with *Chapter 551* of the Texas *Government Code* to discuss legal, real estate and personnel issues.

**XXII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:21 a.m. CST on Friday, August 18, 2017.

**XXIII. STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD (SAB) REPORT**

Chairman Salazar asked each president to introduce his or her respective students to the Board. The SAB President reported to the Board. The SAB report included a welcome and a written report distributed to the Regents outlining campus updates and initiatives for the upcoming semester, and items of importance to the students including a civil unrest readiness plan and recommitment to the First Amendment and a community service project.

**XXIV. MISCELLANEOUS**

A walk-on item on the miscellaneous agenda was considered:

**2017-97 LSC-O: Resolution Honoring Vice President for Finance and Operations, Dana N. Rogers**

Upon motion of Regent Edwards, seconded by Regent Montagne, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that the following resolution is adopted honoring Mrs. Dana N. Rogers in recognition of the 21 years of distinguished service to Lamar State College - Orange and The Texas State University System.

## Resolution

### Resolution Honoring Dana N. Rogers

**Whereas**, Dana N. Rogers, Vice President for Finance and Operations, is retiring from Lamar State College - Orange in August 2017, following more than twenty years of highly praised and loudly applauded leadership and service to the college's students, faculty, and staff; and,

**Whereas**, Mrs. Rogers earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Louisiana State University and became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) preparing herself for a career in higher education finance; and,

**Whereas**, Mrs. Rogers joined Lamar State College - Orange in 1995 as an accountant, moving to Director of Finance in 1998 and, in 2006 she became Vice President of Finance and Operations and has led the college's finance and support services division with clear vision, careful attention, abundant skill, and an unwavering commitment to excellence, guiding the college through unprecedented growth, achievement, and recognition; and,

**Whereas**, Mrs. Rogers actively participated in and contributed to the Texas Connection Consortium, serving four years on the Board of Directors; and,

**Whereas**, Mrs. Rogers participated in a steering committee to develop a new non-profit organization and actively participated in and provided leadership through her many years of service as a Volunteer Board Member for CASA of Orange County, serving abused and neglected children in Orange County; and,

**Whereas**, Mrs. Rogers provided solid support and appreciated guidance to one Lamar State College - Orange President as a respected and trusted member of the President's Cabinet for twenty-one years; and,

**Whereas**, Mrs. Rogers expressed in so many ways her love of the Lamar State College - Orange Family; and,

**Whereas**, Mrs. Rogers is enthusiastically nominated, strongly endorsed, and wholeheartedly supported by students, faculty, staff, and administrators, from Lamar State College - Orange and beyond, for this important recognition; and,

**Whereas**, Mrs. Rogers is joined on this pride-filled occasion by her friends and colleagues; and,

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Regents of The Texas State University System enthusiastically and unanimously adopt this Resolution, recognizing Dana N. Rogers and thanking her for her service to The Texas State University System, its component institutions, their students, faculty, and staff.

Adopted by the Board of Regents of The Texas State University System this eighteenth day of August 2017, on the campus of Sul Ross State University.

**XXV. CAMPUS UPDATE**

Chairman Salazar called on Dr. Jim Case to present a campus update for Sul Ross State University.

**XXVI. TSUS FOUNDATION UPDATE**

Mr. Mike Wintemute, Executive Director of the Foundation, made a presentation to the Board regarding the current status of Foundation funds, awards and scholarships.

**XXVII. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Salazar asked if there were any items that Regents wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

**2017-98 TSUS: Approval of Consent Agenda**

Upon motion of Chairman Salazar, seconded by Regent Garza, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that all items in the Consent Agenda are approved.

**XXVIII. GENERAL MOTIONS**

Chairman Salazar outlined one general informational item regarding the schedule of upcoming board meetings:

November 16-17, 2017	Sam Houston State University
February 15-16, 2018	Lamar University
May 24-25, 2018	Texas State University
August 16 -17, 2018	Austin
November 15 -16, 2018	Sam Houston State University

**XXIX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Salazar called for public comments. There were no public comments.

**XXX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Salazar adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. CST.

Attested by:

Brian McCall, Ph.D.

Chancellor and Secretary to the Board



## CONSENT/APPENDIX



August 2, 2019

Dr. Dana G. Hoyt  
President  
Sam Houston State University  
Box 2026  
Huntsville, TX 77341

Dear Dr. Hoyt:

Thank you for submitting the following substantive change:

Substantive Change:

**Significant Departure Program  
Doctor (D.O.) in Osteopathic Medicine**

**OCIS 50% of a Program  
Osteopathic Medical Education – Conroe  
925 City Central Avenue  
Conroe, TX 77304**

Submission date:

**4/29/2019**

Implementation date:

**8/3/2020**

Case ID:

**SC005986**

The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) program, which is consistent with the mission of Sam Houston State University, is designed to prepare graduates to practice medicine safely and proficiently. It was created to help address the current physician shortage in Texas, particularly in the area of primary care. The program will be conducted at an off-campus instructional site in Conroe, Texas,

Instruction will be provided in traditional classroom and laboratory settings for the first two years, combined with clinical rotations during the third and fourth years. The new program was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in August 2018, with a projected cohort size of 150 students. A comprehensive list of all other programs offered by the University was included, as well as a list of off-campus instructional sites.

Admissions and graduation requirements were provided. The curriculum, course descriptions, rotation schedules, and student learning outcomes were also provided along with a definition of credit hours. Student learning will be evaluated in accordance with the American Osteopathic Association Commission on College Accreditation (COCA) standards. The program will also be integrated into the University-wide institutional effectiveness process which was described in detail. This process involves defining outcomes, measuring attainment of the outcomes, then using the collected data to drive



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continuous program improvement. Administrative oversight will be provided by the Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Faculty Roster describes the qualifications of the four full-time faculty members who will support the Osteopathic Medicine program. The faculty members all have related doctoral degrees and appear to be qualified for their assigned courses. Qualifications for future faculty members were also included, and appear to be appropriate. Keep in mind that the ultimate determination of faculty qualifications is the responsibility of the peer review teams who will assess the faculty as part of the institution's next SACSCOC accreditation review.

Library and learning resources appear to be adequate. The Newton Gresham Library has an extensive collection of physical and electronic resources that support the health sciences curriculum. This includes an estimated 800,000 e-books; 300 databases; and over 400,000 research resources such as journals, periodicals, and news publications. Students may access these resources in person or through the library website. Additional external resources are available through an interlibrary loan system. Reference and research assistance is provided by professional librarians either in-person or via phone, text, and virtual chat. Librarians have also developed online tutorials, research guides, and instructional videos.

Student support services appear to be adequate and are available to all students, regardless of location. Along with standard support such as financial aid, student records, and admissions, the University also provides career counseling, tutoring, and health services. The College of Osteopathic Medicine will provide department-level services specifically for D.O. students such as academic advising, clinical clerkship support, mentoring, graduate medical education (GME) placement, and professional development. Students also have access to recreational sports, leadership development opportunities, and student government activities to enhance their skills outside the classroom.

The physical resources appear to be adequate. The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program will be conducted at a newly-constructed medical education building in Conroe, Texas, approximately 30 miles from the University's main campus. The building is scheduled for completion in December 2019 and will have approximately 107,000 square feet of space. The space will include classrooms, offices, a simulation lab, a skills lab, and an OSCE testing center. The College of Osteopathic Medicine will also have a clinic site for faculty practice situated near the medical education building. The University already has technological infrastructure in place to support the technical needs of the new program.

Financial support for the program appears to be adequate, and a five-year projected budget was provided. Revenues will come from student tuition and fees, private donors, plus practice plan income and research grants. Expenses will include faculty salaries, program administration, and facilities. Revenues are anticipated to surpass the expenses each year of the program's operation.

#### Policy Update

Please note that, at its meeting in June 2018, the Board of Trustees approved modification of the *Substantive Change Policy for SACSCOC Accredited Institutions Policy Statement*, for any type of



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substantive change requiring approval. If an approved substantive change has not been implemented within two years of action by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, the institution will need to submit a new prospectus for the change or application for a level change.

**The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges reviewed the materials seeking approval of the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree program and the Osteopathic Medical Education – Conroe off-campus instructional site (OCIS). It was the decision of the Board to approve the program and the site, and include them in the scope of the current accreditation. The site will be evaluated again as part of the institution’s fifth-year or decennial review.**

Enclosed is an invoice for \$500 to help defray the cost of reviewing the prospectus.

Should you need assistance, please contact Dr. Steven M. Sheeley at 404-679-4501, ext. 4584 or via email at [ssheeley@sacscoc.org](mailto:ssheeley@sacscoc.org).

Please include the Case ID number above in all submissions or correspondence about this substantive change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

BSW/SKO:lp

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Somer L. Franklin, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Steven M. Sheeley





Dr. Dana G. Hoyt  
President  
Sam Houston State University  
1803 Avenue I  
Huntsville, TX 77341-2026

Dear Dr. Hoyt:

The following action regarding your institution was taken by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) during its meeting held on December 8, 2019:

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reaffirmed accreditation. No additional report was requested. Your institution's next reaffirmation will take place in 2029 unless otherwise notified.

Also, please submit to your Commission staff member, preferably by email, a one-page executive summary of your institution's Quality Enhancement Plan. The summary is due **February 15, 2020**, and should include on the same page the following information: (1) the title of your Quality Enhancement Plan, (2) your institution's name, and (3) the name, title, and email address of an individual who can be contacted regarding its development or implementation. This summary will be posted to SACSCOC's website as a resource for other institutions undergoing the reaffirmation process.

All institutions are requested to submit an 'Impact Report of the Quality Enhancement Plan on Student Learning' as part of their 'Fifth-Year Interim Report' due five years before their next reaffirmation review. Institutions will be notified 11 months in advance by the President of the Commission regarding its specific due date. Directions for completion of the report will be included with the notification.

We appreciate your continued support of SACSCOC's activities and work. If you have questions, please contact the SACSCOC staff member assigned to your institution.

Sincerely,

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President

BSW:sf

cc: Dr. Steven M. Sheeley, Senior Vice President, SACSCOC



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## Sam Houston State University

*As of 2/9/2023*

*Former Name: Sam Houston Teachers College (1925 - 1926); Sam Houston State Teachers College (1927 - 1964); Sam Houston State College (1965 - 1968)*

The information on this page describes the accreditation relationship between this institution and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. General information about the Commission and the accreditation process is provided at the end of this document. In addition, links to definitions are provided for many of the terms used.

### General Information

**+ CEO Name**

Dr. Alisa R. White

**+ Address**

1803 Avenue I  
Huntsville, TX 77341-2026

**+ Country**

United States

**+ Institutional Phone**

(936) 294-1111

**+ Approved to Offer**

Baccalaureate Degree  
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## Accreditation Information

+ **Status**

Accredited

+ **Public Sanctions**

+ **Candidacy Date**

+ **Accreditation Granted**

01/01/1925

+ **Reaffirmation**

2019

+ **Distance Education Approval Date**

12/01/2000

+ **Next Reaffirmation**

2029

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2025

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**Sandra Jordan**

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## Off-campus Instructional Sites (Additional Locations)

### Types

- **Approved  $\geq 50\%$ :** Site is approved to offer any portion of a program. Additional programs may be offered with no further site notification or approval. Only sites offering 50% or more of a program require approval.
- **Approved Branch  $\geq 50\%$ :** Site is approved as a branch campus to offer any portion of a program. Additional programs may be offered with no further site notification or approval.
- **Approved Cert  $\geq 50\%$ :** Site is approved to offer any portion of a certificate program only. Additional certificate programs, or up to 50% of non-certificate programs, may be offered with no further site notification or approval.
- **Notified 25-49%:** Less than 50% of a program may be offered at the site. Less than 50% of additional programs may be offered with no further site notification.
- Sites offering less than 25% of a program do not require notification or approval.

### Status

- **Open:** Instruction may be offered at the site consistent with the site type defined above.
- **Closed:** Closed sites are not shown. A site is closed when (1) the institution has stopped admitting students to the site and (2) SACSCOC has approved the site teach-out plan. Therefore, instruction may continue at a site under the teach-out plan after the site is closed.

### + Aldine Independent School District

14910 Aldine Westfield Rd  
Houston, TX 77032  
United States

Type: Approved >= 50%  
Status: Open

+ **Bryan Independent School District**

101 North Texas Avenue  
Bryan, TX 77803  
United States  
Type: Approved >= 50%  
Status: Open

+ **Conroe Independent School District**

3205 W. Davis  
Conroe, TX 77304  
United States  
Type: Notified 25-49%  
Status: Open

+ **Cy-Fair Independent School District**

10300 Jones Road Houston  
Houston, TX 77065  
United States  
Type: Approved >= 50%  
Status: Open

+ **Huntsville Independent School District**

441 FM 2821 East  
Huntsville, TX 77320  
United States  
Type: Notified 25-49%  
Status: Open

+ **Madisonville Independent School District**

718 Bacon Street  
Madisonville, TX 77864  
United States  
Type: Notified 25-49%  
Status: Open

+ **Mitchell Intermediate School**

6800 Alden Bridge Drive  
The Woodlands, TX 77382  
United States  
Type: Approved >= 50%  
Status: Open

+ **New Caney Independent School District**

21580 Loop 494  
New Caney, TX 77357  
United States

United States

Type: Approved >= 50%

Status: Open

+ **Osteopathic Medical Education – Conroe**

925 City Central Ave

Conroe, TX 77304

United States

Type: Approved >= 50%

Status: Open

+ **Spring Independent School District**

16717 Ella Blvd

Houston, TX 77090

United States

Type: Approved >= 50%

Status: Open

+ **The Woodlands Center**

3380 College Park Drive

The Woodlands, TX 77384

United States

Type: Approved >= 50%

Status: Open

+ **Trinity Independent School District**

101 W Jefferson PO Box 752

Trinity, TX 75862

United States

Type: Approved >= 50%

Status: Open

+ **University Park**

20515 State Highway 249 Building 12, Suite 232

Houston, TX 77070

United States

Type: Approved >= 50%

Status: Open

+ **Willis Independent School District**

204 W. Rogers

Willis, TX 77378

United States

Type: Notified 25-49%

Status: Open

## ABOUT SACSCOC AND ACCREDITATION

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is the regional commission responsible for accrediting degree-granting institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and some institutions in Latin America and other international sites approved by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. The SACSCOC Board of Trustees is the representative body of the member institutions also known as the College Delegate Assembly. To gain or maintain accreditation, an institution must comply with SACSCOC policies, procedures, and with all standards contained in the *Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement* in the professional judgment of peer reviewers. SACSCOC's institutional accreditation includes all degree levels regardless of location or mode of instruction.

Regional accreditation agencies are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit degree-granting colleges and universities. There are six regions of the United States which regional agencies oversee. Regional accreditation validates the quality of an institution as a whole and evaluates multiple aspects of an institution, including its academic offerings, governance and administration, mission, finances, and resources. Institutions of higher education in the United States may also seek accreditation through national or specialized accreditation agencies. National accreditation associations, like regional accreditors, accredit the institution as a whole. Specialized accreditation agencies accredit programs, departments or schools within a college or university.

### Components of the Review Process

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees conducts several types of institutional reviews: (1) Candidate Committee reviews of applicant institutions seeking candidacy, (2) Accreditation Committee reviews of candidate institutions seeking initial membership, (3) Reaffirmation Committee reviews of member institutions seeking continued accreditation following a comprehensive review, (4) Special Committee reviews of member institutions seeking continued accreditation following evaluation of institutional circumstances that are accreditation related, and (5) Substantive Change Committee reviews of member institutions seeking approval and continued accreditation following the review of a change of a significant modification or expansion to the institution's nature and scope. Each of the above type of reviews has its own evaluation documents and peer review procedures and can be found on the SACSCOC website at [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org).

The Committees on Compliance and Reports (C&R), standing committees of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, review reports prepared by evaluation committees and the institutional responses to those reports. A C&R Committee's recommendation regarding an institution's accreditation-related matters is forwarded to the Executive Council for review. The Executive Council recommends action to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, which makes the final decision on reaffirmation and any monitoring activities that it may require of an institution. The SACSCOC Board of Trustees convenes twice a year.

### Complaints Against SACSCOC Accredited Institutions

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) recognizes the value of information provided by students, employees, and others in determining whether an institution's performance is consistent with SACSCOC standards for obtaining or maintaining accreditation. The Commission's interest also is in ensuring that member institutions maintain appropriate grievance procedures and standards of procedural fairness and that the procedures are applied appropriately and consistently. The procedures for the review of complaints involving member institutions enable SACSCOC to address possible violations of its *Principles of Accreditation*, its Core Requirements and Standards, SACSCOC policies or procedures, as well as to address possible violations of an institution's own policies and procedures, if related to the *Principles*.

Since SACSCOC's complaint procedures are for the purpose of addressing any significant non-compliance with SACSCOC *Principles of Accreditation*, policies, or procedures, **the procedures are not intended to be used to involve SACSCOC in disputes between individuals and member institutions, or cause SACSCOC to interpose itself as a reviewing authority in individual matters of admission, grades, granting or transferability of credits, application of academic policies, fees or other financial matters, disciplinary matters or other contractual rights and obligations. Nor does SACSCOC seek redress on an individual's behalf. Under no circumstances does SACSCOC respond to, or take action on, any complaint or any allegation that contains defamatory statements. Further, SACSCOC will not serve as a grievance panel when the outcome of institutional grievance or appeal processes is unsatisfactory to the complainant.**

SACSCOC expects individuals to attempt to resolve the issue through all means available to the complainant, including following the institution's own published grievance procedures, before submitting a complaint to SACSCOC. Therefore, SACSCOC is under no obligation to consider additional information submitted by the complainant subsequent to the receipt of the formal complaint. SACSCOC's usual practice is not to consider a complaint that is currently in administrative proceedings, including institutional proceedings, or in litigation. However, if there is substantial, credible evidence that indicates systemic problems with an accredited institution, SACSCOC may, at its discretion, choose to proceed with the review.

In order for review by SACSCOC personnel, a formal complaint must be submitted **in writing** using the SACSCOC "[Complaints Against Institutions: Information Sheet and Form](#)," **signed**, and **two copies** mailed to: **President, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097**. SACSCOC will not review oral or anonymous complaints, and it will not consider complaints sent electronically or through facsimile transmission. In addition, SACSCOC will not act on complaints submitted on behalf of another individual or complaints forwarded to SACSCOC from another entity.



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