

**MEETING OF THE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

February 13, 2015

Minutes

The Academic Affairs/Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees of Houston Community College held a meeting on Friday, February 13, 2015, at the HCC Administration Building, Second Floor Auditorium, 3100 Main, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eva Loreda, Chair
Adriana Tamez, *Committee Member*
David B. Wilson, *Committee Member*
Zeph Capo, *Alternate Committee Member*
Robert Glaser
Sandie Mullins
Carroll G. Robinson

ADMINISTRATION

Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor
Shantay Grays, Chief of Staff
E. Ashley Smith, Acting General Counsel
Kimberly Beatty, Vice Chancellor, Instructions and Chief Academic Officer
William Carter, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology
Diana Pino, Vice Chancellor, Student Services
Teri Zamora, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Planning
Margaret Ford Fisher, President, Northeast College
Fena Garza, President, Southwest College
William Harmon, President, Central College
Zachary Hodges, President, Northwest College
Irene Porcarello, President, Southeast College
Janet May, Chief Human Resources Officer

OTHERS PRESENT

Derrick Mitchell, Board Counsel, Bracewell & Giuliani
Other administrators, citizens and representatives from the news media

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Eva Loreda, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:47 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, Glaser, Loreda, Tamez and Wilson)

(Mr. Capo stepped out at 3:48 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF FOUR NEW ACADEMIC ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Motion – Mr. Wilson moved and Dr. Tamez seconded.

Dr. Maldonado introduced Dr. Kimberly Beatty, Vice Chancellor for Instruction and Chief Academic Officer.

(Ms. Mullins stepped out at 3:50 p.m.)

Dr. Beatty noted that the recommendation is to approve four new degrees to provide greater guidance for students in terms of academic advising, correct course selections, and completing degree programs in a more efficient manner. She informed that all of the degrees incorporate the state approved Core Curriculum and “field of study” as applicable.

Vote – The motion passed with vote 3-0.

APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF THE CORE CURRICULUM

Motion – Mr. Wilson moved and Dr. Tamez seconded.

Dr. Maldonado apprised that the approval provides the following:

- Formally recognizes a major milestone of completion
- Provides a credential for students to seamlessly transition to the four-year universities
- Creates a stackable credential track in academics
- Encourages further progress for educational attainment
- Supports the design of the state funding model
- Aligns with the case managed student advising model

(Mr. Robinson joined the meeting at 3:56 p.m.)

Ms. Loreda inquired if the student would receive a certificate of completion or an associate degree. Dr. Maldonado noted that the student could decide if the desire is to continue to earn an associate degree; however, both are transferrable to a four-year institution. He informed that the intent is to recognize the students.

Dr. Tamez apprised that this is an excellent effort; however, HCC is unable to control what four-year institutions will do. Dr. Maldonado apprised that there are still some hurdles regarding the four-year transfer.

Vote – The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

HCC HONORARY DEGREES FOR 2015

Motion – Mr. Wilson moved and Ms. Loredo seconded.

Dr. Maldonado noted that information was provided to the Trustees requesting submission of the nominee to receive HCC honorary degrees for 2015.

Ms. Loreda recommended that holding the names until the full Board could consider. Dr. Maldonado informed that the nominees will be distributed to the Board for consideration at the regular meeting on February 19, 2015.

Vote – The motion passed with vote of 3-0.

Report on HCC Commencement Ceremony for 2015

Dr. Maldonado announced that the HCC Commencement for 2015 will be held on May 16, 2015 with the Academics ceremony at 8:30 a.m. and Workforce at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Loreda inquired if it is possible to distinguish early college students. Dr. Maldonado requested time to allow to study of the possibility of distinguishing and providing a recommendation to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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