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Dear Friends,

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley has taken an important step forward in making our new university and medical school a reality.

In their meeting yesterday in Austin, The University of Texas Board of Regents approved the initial phase of the academic structure for UTRGV.

Eleven colleges and schools will form the academic foundation for our new institution.

These include a College of Medicine, College of Health Affairs, College of Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, College of Engineering and Computer Science, College of Business and Entrepreneurship, College of Education and P-16 Integration, Honors College, Graduate College and University College.

When the School of Medicine is fully accredited, a College of Medicine and Health Affairs will be formed that will include Nursing, Social Work and Allied Health. Until that time, UTRGV will operate a College of Medicine and College of Health Affairs on an interim basis.

I am especially excited about our Honors College that will help us attract and recruit the best students in the Rio Grande Valley. Our Honors College will serve both residential and commuter students so that we can offer educational opportunities similar to other flagships universities across the country.

As deans and faculty are appointed, we will begin to flesh out the internal structure of the 11 colleges and schools.

In this academic structure, the colleges and schools will report to the provost. The job of provost is an important position and in the next few days, I hope to announce several executive hires in academic affairs, finance and administration, human resources and compliance.

Thank you for your patience and good will as we all work together to build UTRGV and welcome our first students.

Guy Bailey
President