



Task Force on University Excellence and Productivity Summary of Participants and Topics Covered

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Task Force Meetings, Topics, and Presenters:

Below is a summary of the topics covered at each meeting of the Task Force on University Excellence and Productivity.

The participants listed below are those individuals who were invited to participate in that task force meeting.

March 17

Participants:

Mr. Fred Heldenfels, Chairman, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Dr. Raymund Paredes, Commissioner, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Meeting Topic:

What recommendations from the THECB Cost Efficiency Study could have a significant impact on institutions of the UT System

March 23

Participants:

Dr. Daniel Slesnick, Vice Provost for Resource Management, UT Austin

Ms. Kristy Foster, Academic Budget Officer, UT Austin

Meeting Topics:

Faculty Management System being developed by UT Austin

UT Austin's process for aligning budgets with strategic priorities

March 31

Participants:

Dr. J. Tinsley Oden, P.E., Associate Vice President for Research and Director, Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences, UT Austin

Dr. Alfred G. Gilman, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas

Dr. Henry W. Brands, Dickson Allen Anderson Centennial Professor of History, Professor of Government, UT Austin

Dr. Robert M. Metcalfe, Professor of Innovation and Murchison Fellow of Free Enterprise, Cockrell School of Engineering, UT Austin

Dr. Paul Woodruff, Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies, UT Austin

Meeting Topics:

Research opportunities and challenges and the following questions addressed by the participants:

What is the role of research and the research university in innovation, discovery, knowledge creation, and economic growth?

What is the role of research in teaching, undergraduate engagement, and preparing students to be vehicles of innovation?

How do we attract more research funding?

How do we define scholarly creativity and research productivity?

How do we attract more world-class teachers?

April 6

Participants:

Dr. Michael M. Crow, President, Arizona State University

Dr. Philip Regier, Executive Vice Provost and Dean, ASU Online

Dr. Elizabeth D. Capaldi, Executive Vice President and Provost, ASU

Meeting Topics:

Development of ASU Online

Successful program consolidation efforts

Approach to interdisciplinary research

Dramatically increasing student enrollment

Driving blended learning into the undergraduate curriculum

Vision for the New American University

April 14

Participants:

Dr. Kim Clark, President, Brigham Young University-Idaho and former Dean, Harvard Business School

Meeting Topics:

BYU-Idaho's effort at improving quality, serving more students, and lowering costs, simultaneously
 Impressions from visit of Arizona State University

May 3

Participants:**FACULTY PANEL:**

Dr. Blake Bextine, Biology, UT Tyler
 Dr. Dumitru Caruntu, Mechanical Engineering, UTPA
 Dr. Pei Lung, Finance and Real Estate, UTA
 Mr. Robert Prentice, Business Law, UT Austin
 Dr. Kimberley Selber, Communication, UTPA
 Dr. Paul Stanford, Mathematics, UTD
 Mr. Steven Varela, English, UTEP
 Dr. Jeffrey Vaaler, Mathematics, UT Austin

STUDENT PANEL:

Ms. Chelsea Adler, Student Leader, UT Austin
 Ms. Diana Gloria, Student Leader, UTEP
 Mr. Xavier Johnson, Student Leader, UTSA
 Ms. Sara Khalifa, Student Leader, UTT
 Mr. Dorsey Long, Student Leader, UTA
 Mr. Jorge Munoz, Student Leader, UTB
 Ms. Dina Shahrokhi, Student Leader, UTD
 Ms. Sarah Wilson, Student Leader, UTPB

Meeting Topics:

Faculty members of the panel were recipients of teaching excellence awards, and they discussed how teaching excellence can be improved and shared throughout the UT System

The decision making process involved in setting faculty compensation

How student learning outcomes are measured

Student leaders on the panel discussed issues related to student input into faculty evaluations and budgeting decisions

May 18

Participants:

No outside participants

Meeting Topics:

Discussion of time to Ph.D. degree completion

Discussion of Regents' Rules on faculty workload and post tenure review

Introduction to the Chancellor's Productivity Dashboard Initiative

June 15

Participants:

No outside participants

Meeting Topics:

Review and discussion related to the Chancellor's proposed Productivity Dashboard

Sharing of best practices employed at UT Dallas for ensuring timely degree completion for Ph.D. candidates

June 29

Participants:

Dr. Paul Woodruff, Dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies, UT Austin

Meeting Topics:

Peer review of teaching

Post-tenure review

Annual faculty evaluations

Exit interviews for faculty

July 13

Participants:

Mr. Michael Crosno, CEO and Chairman, myEdu

Mr. Chris Chitek, Senior Vice President, myEdu

Meeting Topics:

Student advising and data collection by myEdu

Policy for faculty service

Policy for consulting and outside employment by faculty

Role of department chairs

August 9

Participants:

Mr. Dan Fontaine, Senior Vice President for Business Affairs, UTMD Anderson Cancer Center

Mr. Gerald Colman, Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Operations, UTMD Anderson Cancer Center

Dr. Patricia Hurn, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research for Health Affairs

Dr. Dale Klein, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research for Academic Affairs

Mr. Bryan Allinson, Executive Director of Technology Commercialization and Advisory Services

Dr. Randa Safady, Vice Chancellor for External Relations

Meeting Topics:

Presentation for Physician Productivity Data System developed by UTMDACC

Demonstration of research search engines being developed by the UT System

The use of presidential workload credits