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A. CONVENE MEETING OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. **U. T. El Paso: Authorization to establish M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs in Computational Science**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and President Natalicio that authorization, pursuant to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Series 40307, related to academic program approval standards, be granted to

- a. establish M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Computational Science at U. T. El Paso;
- b. submit the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action; and
- c. authorize the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to certify on behalf of the Board of Regents that relevant Coordinating Board criteria for approval by the Commissioner of Higher Education have been met.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Program Description

U. T. El Paso proposes the creation of both Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in Computational Science (CPS). These interdisciplinary programs involve several departments from the Colleges of Sciences and Engineering. The CPS programs will operate under the direction of the College of Sciences. The programs will be designed to produce graduates skilled in computational modeling of scientific and engineering phenomena, modern numerical and computational methods, and programming in high-level computer languages. The program is designed to prepare graduates to join interdisciplinary teams dealing with the modeling and simulation of computationally intensive problems in a variety of domains ranging from modern engineering and science to such key areas as national and homeland security. In addition, the program is designed to prepare graduates from the Ph.D. program to begin independent research careers in Computational Science.

Requirements for the Ph.D. degree in CPS will involve completion of at least 70 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree, including 43 hours of coursework. This coursework will include 10 semester credit hours in three core courses on scientific modeling, 12 hours of prescribed electives, and 21 hours of free electives. The prescribed

electives consist of numerical analysis and computer science courses, which together with the core courses, are designed to enhance skills in fundamental areas of current scientific computing.

Requirements for the master's degree are the completion of 31 to 34 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree. This course work will include 10 semester credit hours from three core courses on scientific modeling, 12 hours of prescribed electives, and 12 hours of free electives. A thesis option will also be available and will replace nine credit hours of free electives. The M.S. program will also include a professional track option designed to prepare students to join the workforce after graduation.

### Need and Student Demand

There is a growing demand for Computational Science graduates in many areas of industry, government service, academia, and in nonprofit organizations. Many advertisements asking for candidates skilled in Computational Science can be found in standard newsgroups and job listings. The Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) Report "Undergraduate Computational Science and Engineering Education" from September 20, 2006, states that: "To give some idea of the far reaching impact CSE is having in industry, we mention some industry segments that are currently using CSE in their business. CSE has been a factor in the aerospace, automotive, chemical, computer, electronics, petroleum and pharmaceutical industries for some time. Industries . . . that are now using CSE include banking and finance, digital media especially content creation, consumer products, manufacturing and processing, and even in transportation. With the impact that computation has had in the sequencing of the human genome, CSE is playing an increasing role in the life sciences and healthcare. The need for trained computational scientists at all levels in the healthcare and life sciences continues now and for the foreseeable future to outpace the supply." Thus, there is a demonstrated need for computational scientists at both the M.S. and Ph.D. levels in the region, the State of Texas, and the nation.

A recent survey regarding the local need for interest in the Ph.D. program in Computational Science was made to graduate students of U. T. El Paso's Colleges of Sciences and Engineering. The students were asked if they would enroll in a Ph.D. program in Computational Science. Among 131 students who were contacted, 50 replied and in 34 cases the response was positive. In addition, there are numerous undergraduate and graduate students in various departments who already actively participate in the research of prospective CPS faculty and deliver quality results. The students are motivated by the vision of the future M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Computational Science. The students also are aware of excellent job opportunities that are available for CPS graduates in national labs, industry, government, and academia.

## Program Quality

The three departments primarily involved in this program, Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science, have had a consistent record of scholarly accomplishment and research activity: the faculty has authored or co-authored 61 refereed articles and books/book chapters in the past three years. The faculty also has a strong record of grant-writing accomplishments. Currently, faculty in the participating departments has over \$23,000,000 in extramural support. These external funds have supported research programs that have systematically involved graduate students. Current and anticipated faculty recruitment will continue to enhance the quality of the program.

## Cost

The expenditures for the first five years of the program are anticipated to be \$783,310. This includes \$373,744 for two faculty positions over the first five years, \$330,000 for teaching/research assistant positions, and \$79,566 for additional staff. Other existing resources within the two colleges will be used to fully fund the program. These costs will be met from credit hour formula funding and reallocation of university resources, including formula-generated excellence funds. It is anticipated that external funds will cover an increasing portion of the program's cost after the initial development period.

## **2. U. T. El Paso: Approval to expand preliminary planning authority for a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in the School of Nursing**

### RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and President Natalicio that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve

- a. expansion of preliminary planning authority for U. T. El Paso to include a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree in the School of Nursing; and
- b. submission of the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Once preliminary planning authority has been approved, U. T. El Paso will submit the degree program for approval by the U. T. System Board of Regents and the Coordinating Board. The proposed DNP degree builds upon the knowledge and skills

of advanced practice nursing. The program is designed to develop complex diagnostic and treatment skills, as well as being able to provide health promotion, disease prevention, and health education.

3. **U. T. El Paso: Authorization to establish a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and President Natalicio that authorization, pursuant to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Series 40307 related to academic program approval standards, be granted to

- a. establish a Master of Public Health (MPH) at U. T. El Paso;
- b. submit the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action; and
- c. authorize the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to certify on behalf of the Board of Regents that relevant Coordinating Board criteria for approval by the Commissioner of Higher Education have been met.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Program Description**

U. T. El Paso proposes to establish an MPH degree that will consist of 42 credit hours beyond the bachelor's level and will include a public health practicum. The program will be administered by the Department of Health Promotions within the College of Health Science. The MPH will focus on Hispanic and border health and health disparities, which are important areas for research and education in this region and in Texas. Graduates from the program will be trained to serve as public health professionals who can develop, implement, and evaluate programs and policies within the area of Hispanic and border health, as well as the spreading of infectious diseases and other public health threats that may migrate across the U.S.-Mexico border. Graduates will also be trained to translate basic and applied research into policies and practices relevant to the health of the local, national, and international community. The concentrations outlined in the proposed MPH program make it distinct and unique, allowing it to complement, rather than compete with, the U. T. Health Science Center - Houston School of Public

Health MPH program in El Paso. Thus, the U. T. El Paso MPH program will attract students with interests different from the U. T. Health Science Center - Houston School of Public Health. The anticipated date for enrolling the first class is Fall 2007.

### Need and Student Demand

In Texas, 85% of the public health workforce has little or no public health training. As stated in the 2005 U. T. System Task Force on the Future of Public Health in Texas report, "The Future of Public Health in Texas," this situation "will compromise the public health in Texas." There is a need, regionally, in Texas, and nationally for trained public health professionals. In addition, there is a growing need for trained health professionals who are familiar with and sensitive to the needs and problems of poor and underserved populations, particularly along the Texas/Mexico border region. The proposed MPH program is uniquely positioned to provide training for future health professionals who can fill these niches across Texas and the nation.

Local demand for the MPH is high, especially among students in Health Promotions and Kinesiology. Nearly 70% of 185 undergraduate students surveyed stated they are interested in pursuing an MPH degree at U. T. El Paso. These percentages increase substantially among those planning to attend graduate school, with 81% of students indicating an interest in pursuing an MPH degree. This data demonstrates that there is strong student interest in an MPH degree at U. T. El Paso. In addition, there is interest from students in clinical lab science, social work, biology, and psychology. It is anticipated that the majority of graduates from the MPH program will be from minority and underrepresented populations. The program will address the national need to prepare health professionals, especially minority health professionals, as well as the goals articulated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

### Program Quality

Participating faculty members from the College of Health Science and the School of Nursing have a consistent record of scholarly accomplishment and research activity. The faculty members also have a strong record of grant-writing accomplishments. The Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center, funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is a nationally recognized leader in Hispanic health disparities. Faculty who are involved in the Center will also be engaged in the MPH program. The external funds generated by these faculty members have supported research programs that have systematically involved graduate students. Current and anticipated faculty recruitment will continue to enhance the quality of the program.

### Cost

The expenditures for the first five years of the program are anticipated to be \$762,628. This includes \$749,756 for two new faculty positions over the first five years, support for two graduate research assistants, a practicum coordinator, and an administrative assistant; \$2,872 for Council on Education for Public Health accreditation of the

MPH program; and \$10,000 for maintenance and operations costs and travel. These costs will be met from credit hour formula funding and reallocation of existing resources within the College of Health Science. It is anticipated that external funds will cover an increasing portion of the program's cost after the initial development period, especially graduate student costs.

4. **U. T. San Antonio: Honorific naming of a portion of the campus as the Tom C. Frost Plaza**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and President Romo that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the honorific naming of the portion of the U. T. San Antonio campus between the Main Building and the Arts Building (see exhibit on Page 16) as the Tom C. Frost Plaza.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

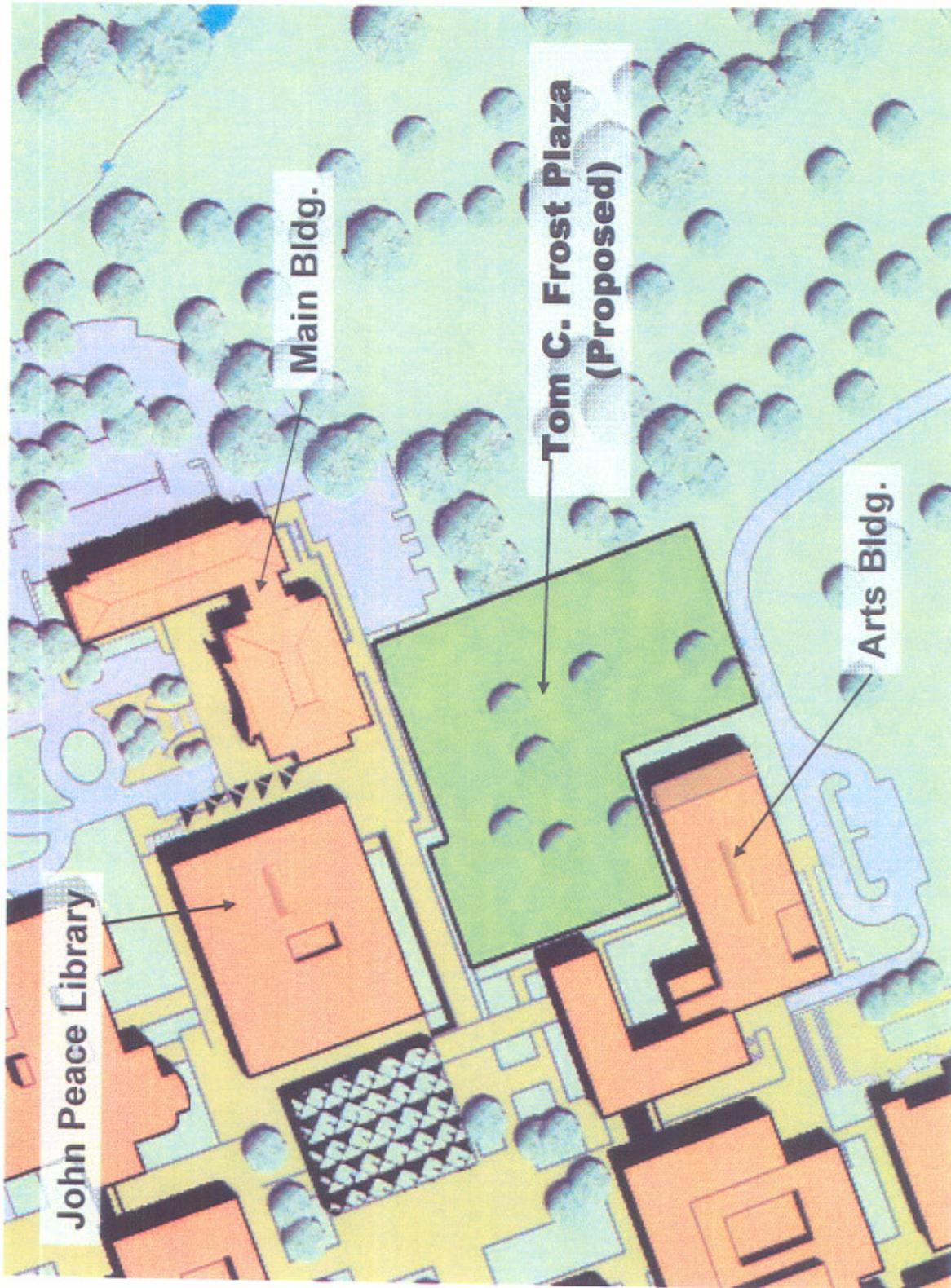
Mr. Tom C. Frost is a native San Antonian who represents the fourth generation to oversee Frost National Bank, which was founded by Colonel Thomas Claiborne Frost in 1868. Regarded as a leader in Texas banking and in providing banking services tailored to the needs of South Texas, Mr. Frost is well known for his sincere and dedicated commitment to developing the San Antonio community through education, expanding job opportunities, healthcare, scientific research, and the arts.

A 1945 graduate of the Texas Military Institute in San Antonio, Mr. Frost graduated summa cum laude in 1950 from Washington and Lee University, where he now serves as a trustee emeritus. He also has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from Austin College and the University of the Americas in Mexico City.

Mr. Frost has served as chair of the U. T. San Antonio Development Board since 1990 and has held leadership positions in Project QUEST, San Antonio Medical Foundation, Southwest Research Institute, McNay Art Museum, and Free Trade Alliance. He was founder of the United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., and is a recipient of Aguila Azteca, the highest honor the government of Mexico bestows on a non-Mexican citizen. In 2003, Mr. Frost became the first non-alumnus to receive the U. T. San Antonio Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes significant contributions to the Association or University.

Mr. Frost has been a generous supporter of U. T. San Antonio and was the driving force behind the creation in 2003 of the University's T. C. Frost UTeach Program, which he continues to fund. Through his bank and family foundations, he has been responsible for almost \$1,300,000 in gifts and pledges to the University.

The proposed naming is consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Series 80307, relating to the honorific naming of facilities because of the significant history of contributions and support evidenced by Mr. Frost.



John Peace Library

Main Bldg.

Tom C. Frost Plaza  
(Proposed)

Arts Bldg.



1604 Campus



5. **U. T. San Antonio: Honorific naming of the Laurel Room in the University Center as the Gilbert M. Denman Room**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and President Romo that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the honorific naming of the Laurel Room in the University Center at The University of Texas at San Antonio as the Gilbert M. Denman Room.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Laurel Room in the U. T. San Antonio University Center is a 5,300-square-foot meeting and special events facility and is a major venue for both large student gatherings and public events. The renaming of this significant facility as the Gilbert M. Denman Room will honor the late Mr. Denman, a great friend of the University who, as trustee of several of San Antonio's major foundations, was largely responsible for \$5 million in gifts to U. T. San Antonio over the years. Among those gifts was a \$1 million contribution from the George W. Brackenridge Foundation in 2001 to create the Sue E. Denman Distinguished Chair in American Literature in honor of Mr. Denman's grandmother, one of the first women in Texas to attend college.

Because of Mr. Denman's commitment, U. T. San Antonio also received from the Ewing Halsell Foundation two separate gifts totaling \$1 million for a distinguished chair in biology and another \$1 million for a scholarship endowment. Numerous other programs throughout the University have been favorably impacted by Mr. Denman's generosity and dedication to higher education and the arts. To honor his memory and legacy at U. T. San Antonio, the other trustees of the Brackenridge Foundation funded the Gilbert M. Denman Professorship in American History at U. T. San Antonio in 2004 and the Gilbert M. Denman, Jr. Opera Endowment in 2005. Mr. Denman died in 2004.

A native of San Antonio, Mr. Gilbert M. (Gib) Denman, Jr., graduated in 1940 from U. T. Austin, where he was president of Sigma Chi Fraternity, and went on to earn a law degree from the U. T. Austin School of Law in 1942. After graduating from law school, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy, where he trained as a cryptographer and served as an aide to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz during World War II. Mr. Denman and his cousin, Leroy G. Denman, Jr., were third-generation partners in Denman, Franklin & Denman, one of the most influential law firms in San Antonio.

The proposed naming is consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Series 80307, relating to the honorific naming of facilities because of the significant history of contributions and support evidenced by Mr. Denman.

6. **U. T. Austin: Approval of honorific naming of the theatre within the Hogg Memorial Auditorium as the Ann and David Honeycutt Theatre**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and President Powers that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the naming of the theatre within the Hogg Memorial Auditorium as the Ann and David Honeycutt Theatre to recognize the significant contributions and commitment of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Honeycutt toward current renovations of the auditorium.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Hogg Memorial Auditorium was dedicated in 1933 and was the largest auditorium on the U. T. Austin campus until 1977, when the Frank C. Erwin Special Events Center was built. Named for past Texas Governor James Stephen Hogg and his son, Will C. Hogg, it is one of the primary venues for the Performing Arts Center in the College of Fine Arts. A \$15,000,000 renovation project approved by the Board of Regents and included in the 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program is underway and is expected to be completed in October 2009. In addition to facility updates, renovation plans call for the restoration of much of the interior to bring it back to its original condition. The renovated theatre will seat 1,200. Once restored, the Performing Arts Center will use the Hogg Memorial Auditorium for approximately 70% of its programming, capitalizing on the charm of this intimate space.

Mr. David E. Honeycutt and his wife Sarah Ann Grimes Honeycutt, are devoted supporters of the Hogg Memorial Auditorium renovation project. In addition to making a personal gift commitment of \$2,000,000 (see related Item 4 on Page Docket - 8), Mr. Honeycutt is volunteer chairman of the project's fundraising effort. Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt are both graduates of U. T. Austin. He is currently a member of the Development Board and has served as an active member of the College of Fine Arts Advisory Council for the past six years. In addition, he is a former chair of the Council's Performing Arts Center committee.

Mr. Honeycutt is the founder and President of Texas American Resources Company, an independent energy company focused on the exploration of properties in Texas and the Rocky Mountain region of the United States. Residents of Austin for seven years, Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt are active members of the community, supporting charitable, educational, and arts organizations with their time and resources. Through contributions to U. T. Austin, they are recognized in the Chancellor's Council and Littlefield Society, and Mr. Honeycutt is a Life Member of the Texas Exes.

The proposed naming is consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Series 80307, relating to the honorific naming of facilities.

There is no Item 7. Pages 19 - 22 are intentionally left blank.

**8. U. T. System: Graduation Rates Initiatives presentation**

REPORT

Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Malandra will report on the Graduation Rates Initiative Progress Report as set forth on Pages 22 - 53 of the Supplemental Materials (Volume 2) of the Agenda Book.

The report will include a presentation, as set forth on Pages 54 - 56 of the Supplemental Materials (Volume 2) of the Agenda Book, on the institutional initiatives enacted since May 2006, the effects of those initiatives on current students and graduation rates, and other institutional activities implemented to support increased time-to-graduation.

**9. U. T. System: Report from academic presidents on increasing admission requirements**

REPORT

The academic presidents may report briefly on increasing admission requirements at each campus.

The Board of Regents charged the U. T. System to develop an admissions initiative to correspond with improving student persistence, retention, and success. The initiative's goals are also tied to the significant investments the U. T. System Board of Regents has made within its \$2.56 billion competitiveness initiative in new facilities intended to promote the success of students, faculty, and campuses.

**10. U. T. System: Report on FY 2006 post-tenure review**

REPORT

Interim Executive Vice Chancellor Malandra will report on the Fiscal Year 2006 post-tenure review for the academic institutions using the attachment on Pages 24 - 26.

**U. T. System Academic Institutions  
2005-06 Post-Tenure Review Report**

During Fiscal Year 2006, 374 tenured faculty members at the nine academic institutions with tenured faculty were subject to post-tenure review. Three hundred fifty-six (356) of these (or 95.2%) were evaluated as Performing Satisfactorily; one (or 0.3%) received a Needs Additional Support or Marginal evaluation; and 17 (or 4.5%) received Unsatisfactory evaluations.

The following summary tables provide additional details of the post-tenure review results for academic year 2005-06.

**Summary of Post-Tenure Review Results**

	Total Actually Reviewed	Total Performing Satisfactorily		Total Needs Additional Support or Marginal		Total Unsatisfactory
		Male	Female	Male	Female	
UT Arlington	52	51				1
UT Austin	184	176				8
UT Brownsville	14	12				2
UT Dallas	31	28		1		2
UT El Paso	30	30				
UT Pan American	25	25				
UT Permian Basin	0	0				
UT San Antonio	34	30				4
UT Tyler	8	8				
Total	378	360		1		17
		95.2%		0.3%		4.5%

**Post-Tenure Review Results by Gender**

	Actually Reviewed		Performing Satisfactorily		Needs Additional Support or Marginal		Unsatisfactory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	UT Arlington	41	11	41	10			
UT Austin	145	39	138	38			7	1
UT Brownsville	10	4	8	4			2	
UT Dallas	26	5	23	5	1		2	
UT El Paso	24	6	24	6				
UT Pan American	21	4	21	4				
UT Permian Basin	0	0						
UT San Antonio	28	6	24	6			4	
UT Tyler	8	0	8	0				
Total	303	75	287	73	1	0	15	2

**Post-Tenure Review Results by Ethnicity**

	Total Actually Reviewed					Performing Satisfactorily				
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
UT Arlington	40	2	2	8		39	2	2	8	
UT Austin	162	4	7	10	1	154	4	7	10	1
UT Brownsville	13		1			11		1		
UT Dallas	22	1		8		20	1		7	
UT El Paso	20	1	5	3	1	20	1	5	3	1
UT Pan American	18	2	5			18	2	5		
UT Permian Basin										
UT San Antonio	25	1	5	3		22	1	5	2	
UT Tyler	8					8				
Total	308	11	25	32	2	292	11	25	30	2

	Needs Additional Support or Marginal					Unsatisfactory				
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
UT Arlington						1				
UT Austin						8				
UT Brownsville						2				
UT Dallas	1					1			1	
UT El Paso										
UT Pan American										
UT Permian Basin										
UT San Antonio						3			1	
UT Tyler										
Total	1	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	2	0

**PRESENT STATUS OF EACH UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE:**

**UT Arlington:** After negotiations, the faculty member who received an unsatisfactory evaluation has agreed to retire effective May 31, 2007.

**UT Austin:** The eight faculty members have established a professional development plan as a result of the review process.

**UT Brownsville:** The two faculty members have established a professional development plan as a result of the review process.

**UT Dallas:** The faculty member who received a marginal evaluation is working with the Committee on Effective Teaching and with the Associate Deans to improve his research productivity. Of the two faculty receiving an unsatisfactory evaluation, one has had his case forwarded to the Committee on Faculty Standing and Conduct for termination. The other faculty member with an unsatisfactory evaluation has established a professional development plan to improve his teaching.

**UT San Antonio:** For each of the four faculty members receiving an unsatisfactory evaluation, performance improvement plans will be prepared and discussed by the faculty member, department chair, and dean. Reviews to determine progress will be scheduled.

**NOTES:**

**UT Austin:** In addition, 11 faculty members scheduled for review retired, two resigned, and two died before the review process could be completed.

**UT Permian Basin:** Of the seven potential candidates for post-tenure review, four are no longer employed at UTPB and three had their post-tenure review "clock" reset (two were promoted and one underwent a review to receive an appointment to a named position). As a result, there were no post-tenure reviews at UTPB during the 2005-2006 academic year.

B. CONVENE JOINT MEETING WITH FACILITIES PLANNING AND  
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

11. **U. T. Arlington: Campus Master Plan update**

See Item 1 on Page 28 of the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee.