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**Convene**

1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Review of Consent Agenda items, if any, referred for Committee consideration**
   2:00 p.m.  
   Chairman Hicks

2. **U. T. System: Report on Finish@UT**
   2:02 p.m.  
   Action
   Dr. Ellis

3. **U. T. Austin: Demonstration and tutorial on the Course Transformation Program**
   2:09 p.m.  
   Report/Discussion
   Dr. Gretchen Ritter,  
   Dr. Cynthia LaBrake,  
   Dr. David Vandenbout,  
   U. T. Austin

4. **U. T. System: MyEdu demonstration and progress report**
   2:35 p.m.  
   Report/Discussion
   Mr. Michael Crosno,  
   CEO and Chairman,  
   MyEdu Corporation  
   Dr. Reyes

5. **U. T. San Antonio: Authorization to accept invitation from Conference USA and to negotiate and finalize terms for athletic conference membership, including possible future membership in a new athletic conference**
   3:00 p.m.  
   Action
   Mr. Burgdorf  
   President Romo

6. **U. T. Permian Basin: Report and appropriate action concerning the Texas Science Scholars Program**
   3:05 p.m.  
   Action
   President Watts  
   Dr. Reyes

**Adjourn**

3:15 p.m.
1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Review of Consent Agenda items, if any, referred for Committee consideration**

(The proposed Consent Agenda is at the end of the book.)
2. **U. T. System: Report on Finish@UT**

**REPORT**

Dr. Martha M. Ellis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Community College Partnerships, will report on the progress of the Finish@UT program using the PowerPoint presentation on the following pages.
• **In-Dept Interviews:** Conversations with five U. T. System advisors

• **Focus Groups:** 11 focus groups around the state with potential students and college advisors

• **Online Listening:** Review of online conversation around finishing degrees and online learning

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3. **U. T. Austin: Demonstration and tutorial on the Course Transformation Program**

**REPORT**

Dr. Gretchen Ritter, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Faculty Governance at U. T. Austin; Dr. Cynthia LaBrake, Senior Lecturer at U. T. Austin; and Dr. David Vandenbout, Associate Professor at U. T. Austin, will give a demonstration and tutorial on the Course Transformation Program (CTP).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Course Transformation Program (CTP) is a five-year program designed to foster educational innovation and excellence at U. T. Austin. Focused on redesigning large introductory gateway courses, the CTP seeks to deepen student learning and improve academic success by developing new resources and approaches that leverage both cognitive psychology and educational technology to transform the courses both inside and outside the classroom. Progress on this project has been made possible through the expertise and assistance of instructional, technology, and assessment specialists from the Center for Teaching and Learning at U. T. Austin.

Work began on the first three CTP projects in January 2011. These projects, which finished their first pilot phase in Fall 2011, include Biology 311C&D, Chemistry 301 & 302, and Statistics 302. In addition, a smaller pilot effort was funded to support the development and use of an innovative classroom response system in Psychology 302. Together more than 10,000 students, mostly freshmen, are taught in these courses each year at U. T. Austin. Before work on this project began, approximately one-fifth of all students taking these courses were not successful their first time through, meaning they either had to retake the course or change to a different major. U. T. Austin reports that these gateway classes have a large impact on student academic success and are key to the efforts to increase student flow and educational efficiency.

Program Goals:

1. Transform the lower-division gateway classes to improve student learning, as measured through objective learning assessments, and academic success, as measured through course grade point averages;

2. Improve student academic progress, as measured through course grades and time to degree;

3. Create and sustain a culture of educational innovation at the undergraduate level that is faculty driven and centered on student learning;

4. Provide for the creation and use of educational technologies, online learning resources, and learning platforms that support improved approaches to teaching and learning in large classes; and
5. Create an assessment and learning analytics structure that allows faculty and departments to have a deeper understanding of what activities and approaches best support student learning.
4. **U. T. System: MyEdu demonstration and progress report**

**REPORT**

Mr. Michael Crosno, CEO and Chairman of MyEdu Corporation, will give a demonstration and progress report on the implementation of the MyEdu program at the U. T. System academic institutions.
5. **U. T. San Antonio: Authorization to accept invitation from Conference USA and to negotiate and finalize terms for athletic conference membership, including possible future membership in a new athletic conference**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs ad interim, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, and President Romo that authorization be granted to The University of Texas at San Antonio to accept an invitation from Conference USA (CUSA) to become a member, and to negotiate and finalize terms for athletic conference membership. Approval of U. T. San Antonio's entrance in CUSA also includes approval of admittance to the potential new conference.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On December 18, 2008, the U. T. System Board of Regents approved the U. T. San Antonio Athletic Initiative Business Plan. The Plan provided for 1) development of a Competitive Athletic Complex, 2) addition of a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) football program, and 3) advancement of the intercollegiate sports programs to position the University for an invitation to an NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conference.

On July 26, 2011, U. T. San Antonio accepted an invitation to join the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), an FBS conference. U. T. San Antonio is not scheduled to officially join the WAC until July 1, 2012. However, since U. T. San Antonio accepted the invitation to join, three member institutions have declared their intent to leave. As a result, the WAC will have only four remaining institutions that participate in FBS football.

Officials at CUSA contacted U. T. San Antonio in March 2012 to initiate a discussion about the possibility of U. T. San Antonio leaving the WAC to join CUSA. President Romo, Athletic Director Lynn Hickey, Head Football Coach Larry Coker, and several prominent community supporters visited with CUSA Commissioner Britton Banowsky on April 5, 2012, and discussed U. T. San Antonio's position regarding joining CUSA.

There is a possibility that CUSA members, including U. T. El Paso, will become members of a new athletic conference resulting from some form of consolidation between the CUSA and Mountain West Conference (MWC) institutions.

The current plan is that two conferences, CUSA and the MWC, will merge and form a conference ultimately expected to include 18 to 24 members. The 12 current members of the CUSA are: U. T. El Paso, Tulane University, University of Alabama Birmingham, University of East Carolina, Marshall University, Rice University, University of Southern Mississippi, University of Memphis, University of Tulsa, Southern Methodist University, University of Houston, and University of Central Florida. Eight of these universities will be joining the new athletic conference. The four universities that are not joining the new athletic conference are the University of Memphis, Southern Methodist University, the University of Houston, and the University of Central Florida. Teams joining the new athletic conference from the MWC are: University of Nevada Las Vegas, University of New Mexico, Colorado State University, Air
Force Academy, and University of Wyoming. The following three universities that were planning on joining the MWC this year are also joining the new athletic conference: Fresno State, University of Nevada-Reno, and University of Hawaii (football only).

Joining CUSA (and potentially the new athletic conference) will provide greater national visibility and association with universities of similar enrollment, academic standing, and community size. U. T. San Antonio has determined that a move to this new conference is consistent with the University's strategic plan to increase its national prominence in support of its goal to become a national research university. Competing in the new conference would leverage U. T. San Antonio's efforts to upgrade the competitiveness of all 17 sports teams, particularly in football and men's and women's basketball.

There are no exit fees involved with U. T. San Antonio's departure from the WAC. The initiation fee payable to CUSA is $2,000,000, and will be covered through a combination of Athletic Department funds and conference revenues payable to U. T. San Antonio pursuant to the new member agreement. U. T. San Antonio reports that revenues generated by CUSA (and potentially the new athletic conference) from television and the NCAA are likely to be significantly greater than those earned by the WAC.

6. **U. T. Permian Basin: Report and appropriate action concerning the Texas Science Scholars Program**

**RECOMMENDATION**

President Watts and Executive Vice Chancellor ad interim Reyes will report on the new Texas Science Scholars Program.