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1. **U. T. System Board of Regents: Amendment to the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 40601, Section 1.15(d) concerning proposed U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio Medical School name change to School of Medicine**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel that the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Series 40601, Section 1.15(d), concerning institutions comprising The University of Texas System, be amended as set forth below in congressional style:

Sec. 1 Official Titles. The U. T. System is composed of the institutions and entities set forth below. To insure uniformity and consistence of usage throughout the U. T. System, the institutions and their respective entities shall be listed in the following order and the following titles (short form of title follows) shall be used:

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1.15 The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (U. T. Health Science Center – San Antonio)

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(d) The University of Texas ~~Medical School~~ School of Medicine at San Antonio (U. T. ~~Medical School~~ School of Medicine – San Antonio)

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed amendment to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Series 40601, is to reflect the official name change of The University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine. This conforms with *Texas Education Code* Section 65.11, which provides the Board of Regents authority to do so. The name change helps convey the institution's growth and maturity over the last 38 years.

2. **U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston: Approval of a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program**

RECOMMENDATION

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

- a. establish a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree program at U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston; and
- b. submit the proposal to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for review and appropriate action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Program Description

This proposal is in accordance with the national trend to recognize the increasing complexity and science-based practice of physical therapy, by moving the entry level of physical therapist education from the current Master of Physical Therapy (MPT) degree to the clinical doctorate. This degree transition movement is a nationwide phenomenon that has been occurring since 1995. As of July 2006, there are 210 accredited physical therapy programs in the United States; 161 of these programs, or 76%, offer the Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) as their entry-level degree.

The DPT degree program would replace the current MPT program. The DPT is a professional doctorate leading to qualifications to obtain state licensure to practice physical therapy. Curricular changes will focus on the practitioner's ability to provide primary access to care. Physical therapists have developed expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of patients who have mobility and movement disorders. As a result of this knowledge base, no other healthcare practitioner can render the same clinical decisions relative to mobility and movement disorders as physical therapists. With such expertise comes increased responsibility for recognition of problems falling outside the physical therapy scope of practice and referral to appropriate sources. This differential diagnostic process will require enhanced knowledge of pathophysiology, diagnostic imaging, and pharmacology. It will also require additional mentoring under master clinicians to ensure that didactic knowledge translates into skills.

Need and Student Demand

There are well-defined needs for improved access to health care as a result of an aging and more diverse society and projected increases in the number of chronic diseases and disabilities seen by physical therapists. Manpower projections document a continuing expansion of physical therapy positions in the future. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics lists physical therapists as one of the fastest growing occupations for the Years 2002 to 2012, and projects a 35% growth rate. The national average for physical therapists is 41 per 100,000 population. The statewide average for Texas is 36 per 100,000 population, which ranks Texas 30th out of the 50 states.

There are currently ten physical therapist educational programs in Texas: eight are in public institutions, one is at a private institution - Hardin-Simmons University, and a program is offered by the U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston in connection with Baylor University. Both Hardin-Simmons University and the U.S. Army-Baylor program provide the DPT as the entry-level degree. Of the eight public institutions, four operate within the U. T. System: U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio, U. T. Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas, U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston, and U. T. El Paso. All plan to eventually move the degree to the DPT. U. T. Southwestern Medical Center - Dallas requested and was granted approval from the Board of Regents on August 11, 2005, to establish the DPT degree program. In 2004 there were 184 applicants. The number increased to 204 in 2005 and again increased to 242 in 2006 for only 44 slots. There is a strong demand for the professional program in physical therapy.

Program Quality

The physical therapy program at U. T. Medical Branch - Galveston is the oldest program in Texas and rated among the top 20% of physical therapy programs nationwide. The proposed DPT degree program will be administered within the Department of Physical Therapy, School of Allied Health Sciences. This is a nine-semester program consisting of 101 to 103 credit hours including didactic work and 40 weeks of full-time, guided clinical practice, which is comparable to existing DPT programs nationally. Eleven of the core faculty have doctoral degrees and faculty support from the School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences as well as the School of Allied Health Sciences in offering the proposed program. Each core faculty member will advise eight to nine students.

Program Cost

Since the current MPT program will be phased out as the new DPT program is phased in, the costs will be slowly shifted into the new program. It is expected that the costs of operating the program will be approximately 10% greater than the costs for the MPT. This additional cost will be recovered from increases in differential tuition and by the third to fifth year of the program in formula funding for expanded program length. In the fifth year of the new program, one new, full-time faculty position would be added to accommodate the additional 13 to 15 semester credit hours in the DPT program

compared to the current MPT program. Existing facilities will be adequate so there are no plans for new facilities or renovation of existing facilities for the program.

3. **U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio: Authorization to purchase approximately 4.23 acres of unimproved real property located on Treasure Hills Boulevard and Haine Drive in Harlingen, Texas, being a part of Block 180, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas, from Valley Baptist Medical Development Corporation, a Texas corporation, for a purchase price of \$67,000 for the purposes of providing access to and maintaining visibility for the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) in Harlingen, Texas**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and President Cigarroa that authorization be granted by the U. T. System Board of Regents, on behalf of U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio, to

- a. purchase approximately 4.23 acres of unimproved real property located on Treasure Hills Boulevard and Haine Drive in Harlingen, Texas, being a part of Block 180, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas, from Valley Baptist Medical Development Corporation, a Texas corporation, for \$67,000, plus all due diligence expenses, closing costs, and other costs and expenses to complete the acquisition of the property as deemed necessary or advisable by the Executive Director of Real Estate, for the purposes of providing access to and maintaining visibility for the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) in Harlingen, Texas; and
- b. authorize the Executive Director of Real Estate to execute all documents, instruments, and other agreements, subject to approval of all such documents as to legal form by the Office of General Counsel, and to take all further actions deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing recommendation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The subject property is contiguous to the Lower Rio Grande Valley RAHC site owned by the Board of Regents of the U. T. System for the use and benefit of U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio.

On May 13, 1999, the Board of Regents approved the acceptance of a gift of approximately 26.239 acres in Harlingen, Texas, for the Harlingen Medical Education Division of the RAHC. At the time of the initial gift of acreage for the RAHC, U. T.

System also acquired an access easement across the subject property for access to Treasure Hills Boulevard from the initial RAHC building.

To accommodate ongoing construction and future development needs of the RAHC, U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio desires to acquire the subject property to obtain greater flexibility and control over ingress and egress to its existing building and the current construction site, and for various utility easements.

To fund the purchase, U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio will use Tuition Revenue Bond debt allocated on August 12, 2004, to the Harlingen Teaching/Learning Lab. Accordingly, the Tuition Revenue Bond debt associated with the Harlingen Teaching/Learning Lab will be reduced by the acquisition costs of the subject property; the total project cost of the Harlingen Teaching/Learning Lab will be reduced from \$25.5 million to approximately \$25.433 million.

The terms and conditions of the purchase are reflected in the summary of the transaction below:

Transaction Summary

Institution:	U. T. Health Science Center - San Antonio
Type of Transaction:	Purchase
Total Area:	Approximately 4.23 acres
Improvements:	None, except access drives
Location:	Treasure Hills Boulevard and Haine Drive, Harlingen, Texas, located in Block 180, San Benito Land and Water Company Subdivision, Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas; (see attached map on Page 65)
Seller:	Valley Baptist Medical Development Corporation, a Texas corporation
Purchase Price:	\$67,000
Appraised Value:	\$970,000 (Robinson, Duffy & Barnard, April 5, 2006)
Source of Funds:	Tuition Revenue Bond debt reallocated from the Harlingen Teaching/Learning Lab, Office of Facilities Planning and Construction Project No. 402-137
Intended Use:	Access to and visibility for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen, Texas



4. **U. T. System: Discussion of uncompensated care within the U. T. System and the Code Red Report**

Executive Vice Chancellor Shine will report on The University of Texas System's commitment to caring for the uninsured. The figures for total uncompensated charity care provided by the U. T. health institutions for the Years 2000 through 2005 are included on Page 108 of the Supplemental Materials (Volume 2) of the Agenda Book. A chart detailing the general revenue appropriations to U. T. health institutions for the Years 2002 through 2007 is provided on Page 109 of the Supplemental Materials (Volume 2) of the Agenda Book. A list of primary providers of uncompensated care is provided on Page 109a of the Supplemental Materials (Volume 2) of the Agenda Book.

Included on Pages 110 - 113 of the Supplemental Materials (Volume 2) of the Agenda Book is a synopsis of the report, "Code Red: The Critical Condition of Health Care in Texas," which outlines the recommendations of the Task Force on Access to Health Care in Texas: Challenges of the Uninsured and Underinsured.

5. **U. T. System: Quarterly report on health issues by Executive Vice Chancellor Shine**

REPORT

Executive Vice Chancellor Shine will report on health matters of interest to the U. T. System. This is a quarterly update to the Health Affairs Committee of the U. T. System Board of Regents.