

The House Committee on Higher Education

85th Legislature

September 19, 2018

9:30 a.m.

1050 W. Santa Gertrudis Ave, #221A, Kingsville, TX

Pursuant to a notice posted on August 3, 2018, the House Committee on Higher Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Lozano, at 9:42 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Lozano; Alonzo; Alvarado; Clardy; and Turner.

A quorum was present.

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The committee heard testimony on Interim Charge #3: Examine the rapid growth of dual credit course offerings across the state, and evaluate whether dual credit is effectively reducing time-to-degree and improving affordability for students and the state. Evaluate institutions' policies and processes for ensuring rigor and quality, and the adequacy of student advising regarding the potential applicability of dual credit courses to future academic program requirements. Review the current state funding methodology and costs of, and the share of state funding attributable to, dual credit programs.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee heard testimony on Interim Charge # 1: Determine, to the extent possible, the scope of financial losses to 2- and 4-year institutions, including facilities, that resulted from Hurricane Harvey. Recommend possible state actions to mitigate any negative impact on institutions and ensure governance structures and parameters allow for effective responses. Review the educational opportunities offered to students displaced by Harvey throughout the state. Recommend any changes that could improve the process and what additional services might be needed for these displaced students.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

At 12:10 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until 1:15 p.m., September 19, 2018.

The committee reconvened at 1:26 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Lozano.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Lozano; Alonzo; Clardy; and Turner.

The committee heard testimony on Interim Charge #2: Determine the impact of any federal action pertaining to Title IX and the potential effects on current state laws and rules pertaining to sexual misconduct policies at institutions of higher education.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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At 2:15 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Lozano, Chair

Teri Avery, Clerk