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JOINT COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNANCE, EXCELLENCE & TRANSPARENCY

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with HCR 63, a public hearing of the Joint Committee on Oversight of Higher Ed Governance, Excellence & Transparency was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Dan Branch, Co-Chair
Senator Judith Zaffirini, Co-Chair
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Kirk Watson

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator José Rodríguez
Representative Donna Howard

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Dennis Bonnen
Representative Joaquin Castro
Representative Eric Johnson
Representative Lois Kolkhorst
Representative Jim Pitts
Senator John Carona
Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Rodney Ellis

Senator Judith Zaffirini and Representative Dan Branch, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

Co-Chair Zaffirini recognized the Senate clerk to call roll. Co-Chair Branch recognized the House clerk to call roll.

The Co-Chairs made opening remarks.

The Co-Chairs called the following persons to provide invited testimony to examine excellence, transparency (and) accountability in the governance or administration of the state's universities, health-related institutions of higher education and university systems as it relates to governance in higher education.

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- Raymund Paredes, PhD, Commissioner, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Francisco Cigarroa, MD, Chancellor, The University of Texas System

The Co-Chairs called the following persons to provide invited testimony to examine excellence, transparency (and) accountability in the governance or administration of the state's universities, health-related institutions of higher education and university systems as it relates to academics in higher education.

- Elaine Mendoza, Regent, Texas A&M University System
- Sandra Woodley, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, The University of Texas System
- Stephanie Bond Huie, PhD, Assistant Vice Chancellor, The University of Texas System
- Steven Leslie, PhD, Provost, The University of Texas at Austin
- Eugene J. Bourgeois, PhD, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Texas State University

The Co-Chairs called the following persons to provide invited testimony to examine excellence, transparency (and) accountability in the governance or administration of the state's universities, health-related institutions of higher education and university systems as it relates to research in higher education.

- Gary Johnstone, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Planning and Accountability, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Barry Burgdorf, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, The University of Texas System
- Bryan Allinson, Executive Director of Technology Commercialization, The University of Texas System

At 12:59 p.m. the Co-Chairs closed invited testimony and opened the floor for public testimony. There being no public testimony, they closed public testimony at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, at 1:00 p.m., the Co-Chairs announced that the Joint Committee would stand recessed, subject to the call of the Co-Chairs.

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Co-Chair

Representative Dan Branch, Co-Chair

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