

**MEETING OF THE
EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

February 9, 2017

Minutes

The External Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Houston Community College held a meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at the HCC Administration Building, Second Floor Auditorium, 3100 Main, Houston, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neeta Sane, Committee Chair
Zeph Capo, Committee Member
Adriana Tamez, Committee Member
Christopher Oliver, Alternate Committee Member
Carolyn Evans-Shabazz
John P. Hansen
Eva Loreda
Dave Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

Cesar Maldonado, Chancellor
Melissa Gonzalez, Vice Chancellor/Chief of Staff
Ashley Smith, General Counsel
Teri Zamora, Senior Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration
Stephen Levey for Kimberly Beatty, Vice Chancellor, Instructional Services/Chief Academic Officer
Athos Brewer, Vice Chancellor, Student Services
William Carter, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology
Remmele Young, Associate Vice Chancellor, Governmental and External Affairs
Madeline Burillo, President, Southwest College
Margaret Ford Fisher, President, Northeast College
Muddassir Siddiqi, President, Central College
Zachary Hodges, President, Northwest College
Phillip Nicotera, President, Coleman College
Irene Porcarello, President, Southeast College
Janet May, Chief Human Resources Officer
Deborah Chambers, Interim Executive Director, HCC Foundation
Terrence Corrigan, Director, Internal Audit

OTHERS PRESENT

Jarvis Hollingsworth, Board Counsel, Bracewell LLP
Mellissa Miller-Waters, President, Faculty Senate
Other administrators, citizens, and representatives from the news media

CALLED TO ORDER

Mrs. Neeta Sane, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and declared the Board convened to consider matters pertaining to Houston Community College as listed on the duly posted Meeting Notice.

(The following Trustees were present: Capo, Evans-Shabazz, Hansen, Loredo, Oliver, Sane, Tamez, and Wilson)

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

REPORT AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Dr. Maldonado informed that Mr. Remmele Young, Associate Vice Chancellor of External Relations would provide an update regarding the 85th Legislative activities.

(Dr. Evans-Shabazz stepped out at 3:32 p.m.)

(Mr. Oliver stepped out at 3:32 p.m.)

Mr. Young provided an update to include the following:

- Discussion Topics
- Public Junior Colleges Funding Request
- Appropriations and Related Bills Public Junior Colleges
- HCC General Revenue Estimates
- Senate Finance Committee Hearing
- Synopsis of Common Course Numbering Bills
- HCC Delegation Activities Update
- HCC Delegation Session Activities

Mr. Young noted the visits during the session would be dictated by the way committee call up the hearings.

(Dr. Evans-Shabazz returned at 3:35 p.m.)

(Mr. Oliver returned at 3:35 p.m.)

Mrs. Sane expressed appreciation to the Chancellor and the governmental relations team for the excellent job regarding the initiatives.

Dr. Tamez expressed appreciation to the team and congratulated the students who attended. She recommended providing some form of training if possible to the students similar to that provided to the Board during the briefing at the Capitol.

Ms. Loredo thanked Mr. Young for the well representation of HCC.

Mr. Wilson referenced page 5 and inquired if there is any way to pick up the difference between the \$136 million and \$139 million. Mrs. Zamora noted the three ways for additional funding would be the numbers shifting when updated, if the allocation for community colleges grows, or funding of the five exceptional items requested. Dr. Maldonado noted the numbers are estimates and in flux, therefore, not a material number.

(Dr. Evans- Shabazz stepped out at 3:46 p.m.)

Mr. Oliver expressed appreciation to Dr. Maldonado and Mr. Young for doing a remarkable job regarding the legislative efforts.

Mr. Oliver noted that presence is imperative at the federal level and requested a federal level focus in the immediate near future. He noted considering gearing up towards those areas that directly affect HCC. Mrs. Sane inquired of the plans on the federal level. Dr. Maldonado noted the College has initiated dialogue to engaging a team on the federal level and noted an update would be provided.

Dr. Hansen noted that it is constructive to have a presence in Austin. He added that during the reception, he viewed positive reaction on the non-monetary items.

Mrs. Sane inquired about the non-monetary items received well. Dr. Hansen noted they were the common course numbering and dual credit items. He noted that he personally expressed his concern on the lack of alignment between high school exit requirements and college entrance requirements. Mrs. Sane requested Dr. Hansen provide an update to prepare in speaking to the legislation regarding the concern.

Mr. Capo inquired about the status of the current bill to rescind the Texas DREAM Act and requested updates on the progress. Mr. Young noted that he would provide the updates.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Wright, Director, Board Services

Minutes Approved: April 20, 2017