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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Regent Bernie Francis, Chair; Regent Greg Wilkinson and Student Regent Magdalena Manzano

Call to Order

The Curriculum Committee of The Texas State University System was called to order on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 9:02 a.m. CST by Committee Chair Bernie Francis.

Present

Regent Greg Wilkinson; Student Regent Magdalena Manzano; Regent Charlie Amato; Regent Ron Blatchley; Regent John Dudley; Regent Don Flores; Regent Trisha Pollard; Regent Michael Truncale; Chancellor Charles Matthews; President James M. Simmons, LU; President James F. Gaertner, SHSU; President R. Vic Morgan, SRSU; President Denise M. Trauth, TxSt-SM; President Paul J. Szuch, LIT; President J. Michael Shahan, LSC-O and President Sam Monroe, LSC-PA

Absent

Regent Dora Alcalá

Discussion Items

Chairman Francis called upon Dr. Kenneth Craycraft, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, to present the following Curriculum agenda items to the Committee: System's Twelfth Day Class Reports; Sam Houston State University's Distance Learning Master of Library Science Program and Master of Education in Counseling; Texas State University-San Marcos' Change of Educational Administration Major and Lamar Institute of Technology's Associate of Applied Science Degree and Certificate – Criminal Justice Security Threat Groups and Associate of Applied Science and Certificate in Construction Technology.

Regent Pollard asked Dr. Craycraft to provide additional information regarding distance learning, and there was further discussion about the topic. Regent Truncale discussed the current situation in the Golden Triangle area regarding the economic boom and effects of Hurricane Rita.

The Committee voted to move these items to the Consent Agenda to be voted on during the Board meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2007.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Francis adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Open, Chair; Regent Don Flores; Regent Bernie Francis; Student Regent Magdalena Manzano

Call to Order

The Finance and Audit Committee of The Texas State University System was called to order on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 9:22 a.m. CST by Regent Bernie Francis.

Present

Regent Don Flores; Student Regent Magdalena Manzano; Regent Charlie Amato; Regent Ron Blatchley; Regent John Dudley; Regent Trisha Pollard; Regent Michael Truncale; Regent Greg Wilkinson; Chancellor Charles Matthews; President James M. Simmons, LU; President James F. Gaertner, SHSU; President R. Vic Morgan, SRSU; President Denise M. Trauth, TxSt-SM; President Paul J. Szuch, LIT; President J. Michael Shahan, LSC-O and President Sam Monroe, LSC-PA

Absent

Regent Dora Alcalá

Discussion Items

Regent Francis called upon Dr. Roland Smith, Vice Chancellor for Finance, to present the following Finance agenda items to the Committee: System's Approval of Investment Policies and Adoption of Investment Policy Resolution; Lamar University's Tuition and Fees, Create Advisement and Retention Center and Transfer of Appropriated Funds; Sam Houston State University's Designated Tuition, Increase in Student Service Fee and Recreational Sports Fee and Implement OneCard Services Fee; Sul Ross State University's Fee Increases; Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College's Fee Increase; Texas State University's Tuition and Fee Increase; Lamar Institute of Technology's Tuition and Fees; Lamar State College-Orange's Designated Tuition Increase and Lamar State College-Port Arthur's Designated Tuition and Fee Increases and Approval of Library Fee and Athletic Fee.

Dr. Smith provided a background of the tuition and fee items presented to the Committee and discussed sources of funding and how it affects tuition and fee increases. Dr. Smith also explained the handout given to the Committee regarding the tuition increases. He noted that the numbers are not adjusted for inflation. Regent Francis stated the responsibility the Regents have regarding increases and asked if there were any cost-costing options in other areas. Dr. Smith said that idea continues to be discussed among the campuses. Regent Francis asked to have those options discussed in a more structured format in the future. Chancellor Matthews spoke about the current situation of utility costs and the possibilities of decreasing those costs for the benefit of the System. Regent Truncale remarked that we need to be conscious of tuition increases and faculty salaries and how these compare to other Systems in the state. He expressed his concern for hiring and keeping quality faculty. There was further discussion about state funding and faculty salaries among the members.

Each president presented his and her institution's tuition and fee increase request to the Committee. There was a discussion among the Committee with each president regarding their increases. The members engaged in further dialogue about the unique situations and needs of

2008-2 Tuition and Fees – LU

Lamar University was authorized to increase the following fees effective with the Fall 2008 Semester:

	From:	To:
Designated Tuition	\$85	\$95 per semester credit hour
Student Service Fee	\$19.80	\$21.75 per semester credit hour
Cap	\$237.50	\$250
Technology Fee	\$17	\$19 per semester credit hour
Recreational Sports Fee	\$50	\$55 per semester

2008-3 Create Advisement and Retention Center – LU

Lamar University was permitted to charge a \$25 per undergraduate student per semester (\$12.50 during each summer semester) fee to implement its Center for Academic Success (CAS), an advisement, mentoring, and retention student support entity. This action will be effective Fall 2008.

2008-4 Transfer of Appropriated Funds – LU

Funds of \$2,499,943 for FY 2008 and \$2,499,943 for FY 2009 appropriated to Lamar University for Higher Education Assistance Funds (HEAF) be transferred to Lamar Institute of Technology.

2008-5 Designated Tuition – SHSU

Sam Houston State University was authorized to increase designated tuition from \$84 per semester credit hour to \$98 per semester credit hour, effective fall 2008.

Dr. Smith noted that the increase in designated tuition was changed from the original request of \$104 per SCH to \$98 per SCH as approved above in the motion.

2008-6 Increase in Student Service Fee and Recreational Sports Fee – SHSU

Sam Houston State University was authorized to increase the following fees with registration for fall 2008:

- The Student Service Fee by \$2 per semester credit hour (from \$23 to \$25) not to exceed a maximum of \$225 per long semester, and by \$1 per semester credit hour (from \$11.50 to \$12.50) not to exceed \$112.50 per summer semester.

- The Recreational Sports Fee by \$7 per student (from \$75 to \$82) per long semester, and by \$3.50 (\$37.50 to \$41) per student per summer semester.

2008-7 Implement OneCard Services Fee – SHSU

Sam Houston State University was authorized to implement a OneCard Services fee of \$12 per long semester and \$6 per summer session effective with the Fall 2008 semester. This would replace the current allocation of funding provided by Student Service Fees.

2008-8 Fee Increases – SRSU

Sul Ross State University-Alpine was authorized to increase the following fees, effective with the Fall 2008 semester:

	From:	To:
Designated Tuition	\$62 per sch	\$66 per sch
Student Service Fee	\$20.50 per sch and a \$217 max per semester	\$22 per sch and a \$238 max per semester
Library Fee	\$4 per sch	\$5 per sch
Technology Services Charge	\$12 per sch	\$16 per sch

Dr. Smith noted that the increase in the Technology Services Charge was changed from the original request of \$13 per SCH to \$16 per SCH as approved above in the motion.

2008-9 Fee Increase – SRSU RGC

Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College was authorized to increase the following fees and charges, effective with the Fall 2008 semester:

	From:	To:
Designated Tuition	\$29 per sch	\$31 per sch
Technology Services Charge	\$12 per sch	\$16 per sch

Dr. Smith noted that the increase in the Technology Services Charge was changed from the original request of \$13 per SCH to \$16 per SCH as approved above in the motion.

2008-10 Tuition and Fee Increase – TxSt-SM

Texas State University-San Marcos was authorized to increase the following tuition and fee rates for the 2008 fall semester:

	Fall 2007	Increase	Fall 2008
Designated Tuition	\$110/sch	\$10/sch	\$120/sch
Advising Fee	45/sem	15/sem	60/sem
Athletic Fee	8/sch	2/sch	10/sch
ID Card Fee	3/sem	2/sem	5/sem

2. Distance Learning Master of Library Science Program – SHSU

Sam Houston State University was authorized to offer through distance learning the Master of Library Science degree program which is currently offered on the University's main campus.

3. Master of Education in Counseling – SHSU

The Master of Education in Counseling (M.Ed.) was permitted to offer at least 50% of its program online.

4. Change the Educational Administration Major – TxSt-SM

Texas State University-San Marcos was authorized to change the existing Master of Arts and Master of Education major in Educational Administration to a major in Education and Community Leadership.

5. Associate of Applied Science Degree and Certificate – Criminal Justice Security Threat Groups – LIT

The Associate of Applied Science and Certificate in Criminal Justice Security Threat Groups (Prison and Street Gang Investigation) was approved and Lamar Institute of Technology be authorized to request approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to implement this new program effective the 2008 fall semester.

6. Associate of Applied Science and Certificate in Construction Technology – LIT

The Associate of Applied Science Degree and One Year Certificate in Construction Technology was approved and Lamar Institute of Technology be authorized to request approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to implement this new program effective the 2008 fall semester.