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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Board Room 100D
September 27, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Jeremy McMillen
Dr. Regina Organ
Dr. Dava Washburn
Mr. Giles Brown
Mr. Gary Paikowski
Mr. Randy Truxal, *Absent*
Dr. Chase Machen
Dr. Kim Williams

Dr. Debbie Smarr
Mrs. Joanna Barnes, *Absent*
Mr. Dwayne Barber
Mr. Leon Deutsch
Mrs. Djuna Forrester
Mrs. Amy Evans
Mrs. Virginia Thompson
Dr. Molly Harris

Upon a motion by Dr. Organ and a second by Dr. Washburn, the minutes from the meeting on August 30, 2017 were approved.

Amy Evans provided a recap of the Legislative Update seminar she attended in early August. A copy of the presentation is included and made part of the minutes.

New Business:

1. G8 Update- Dr. McMillen challenged members to develop a name for the transition to the 8-week schedule. A sub-group of EC is meeting to move the work forward. Chuck Kraemer is conducting a Kaizen session with the group. Dr. Molly Harris and Amy Evans are documenting the process through SmartSheet.
2. Advising TaskForce Update- The group is currently reviewing software with an October 1 deadline to identify what is needed from the software. By December 1, a software should be identified with the understanding that it may not be implemented prior to Fall 2018.

Other items:

1. Added a Learning Day- Full-time staff are required to attend on October 27, and all offices will be closed. The library will be staffed with part-time employees. Classes will be cancelled on October 20 (with exception of clinicals) for Faculty Learning Day.

Interim Votes:

1. Increase Student ID Fee- Approved 9.13.17
2. Change Fee Structure for TSI Assessment- Approved 9.13.17



85th Legislative Session Recap

Policy Victories

SB 2118: Authorization for Baccalaureate Degrees

- Author Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo); sponsor Rep. Sarah Davis (R-Houston)
- Allows for limited authorization from THECB in nursing, applied technology, applied science, early childhood education, and dental hygiene (TJC only) \$6B in tax valuation, positive financial health required

HB 2994: Continuing Education (CE) reimbursement

- Author Rep. Trent Ashby (R-Angelina); sponsor Sen. Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa (DMcAllen)
- Ensures state reimbursement for continuing education courses taught to high school students or taught to adults with waived tuition.



Policy Victories

SB 719: Reporting Requirements for Community Colleges

- Requires THECB to collect data on participation of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities enrolled in a workforce education programs
- Amended to include a pilot program to study campus level reporting of finances
- Overrides reporting rider (old Rider 23, new Rider 22)

No Major Dual Credit Bills Passed

Creation of a new college by an ISD failed to pass



Policy Setbacks

HB 2194: Adding a trustee to the Weatherford College board from outside the taxing district

- State mandated a trustee appointment for second consecutive session
- Precedent set for representation from maintenance tax county

No significant credit transfer legislation



Other Legislation – Dual Credit

SB 22

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Taylor, Larry | et al.

05/27/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

Relating to the establishment of a Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program and to the repeal of the tech-prep program.

House Committee:

Public Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Education (Out)

Companion:

HB 1237, HB 1842

Comment:

Bill establishes the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program and repeals the tech-prep program. The TEA would be required to establish and administer the program for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools. Within six years, students in the program would be permitted to earn their high school diploma and an associate degree, two-year postsecondary certificate, or industry certification as well as participate in work-based training. P-TECH programs would be required to have articulation agreements between schools and institutions of higher education and regional industry partners or businesses.



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Other Legislation – Dual Credit

SB 802

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Seliger

05/29/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to a study and report regarding best practices in the provision of dual credit courses by public institutions of higher education and the transfer of course credit between those institutions.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

The study must evaluate existing articulation agreements under which institutions of higher education provide dual credit courses to school district students or that govern the transfer of course credit between institutions of higher education; and identify those institutions that are implementing the best practices. Study should be submitted by Sept. 1, 2018.



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Other Legislation – Dual Credit

HB 1638

Last Action:

Caption:

House Committee:

Senate Committee:

Companion:

Comment:

Author: Guillen

05/23/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to statewide goals for dual credit programs provided by school districts.

Public Education (Out)

Administration (Out)

SB 1903 by West, Identical, 05/03/2017 S Committee report printed and distributed

The bill seeks to implement dual credit recommendations found the [LBB recommendations](#). It would require the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop and align goals across dual credit programs by 8/31/18. Also recommended is a requirement that memoranda of understanding for all dual credit programs be posted online and contain program-specific goals and quality assurances and requires that institutions and school districts enter into or renew dual credit agreements on or after 9/1/18 to include certain components.



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Other Legislation – Dual Credit

SB 1091

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Seliger

06/12/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to limitations on courses that may be offered for dual credit by school districts and public institutions of higher education.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

The bill limits dual credit offerings to those in the core curriculum of the institution of higher education that offered the course; a career and technical education course; or a foreign language course. Does not apply to early college high schools. House substitute expands exemption to dual credit leading to an associate's degree while in high school. Floor amendment added negotiated rulemaking requirement.



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Other Legislation - Disclosure

SB 537

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Hinojosa

06/09/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to requiring the disclosure of special course fees at public institutions of higher education.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

Bill would require inclusion in the institution's course catalog, for each course listed in the catalog, a description and the amount of any special course fee, including an online access fee or lab fee, to be charged specifically for the course.



Other Legislation - Disclosure

SB 887

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Seliger

05/27/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to a requirement that certain participating institutions under the student **loan program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board** provide loan debt information to students.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

[HB 836](#) by Clardy

Comment:

An institution must provide: an estimate of the total amount of education loans previously incurred by the student; an estimate of the total payoff amount, or a range for that amount, including principal and interest; an estimate of the monthly repayment amount that the student may incur for the repayment, including principal and interest; and an estimate of the percentage of the education loan borrowing limit applicable to the student based on the student's dependency status and degree objective



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Other Legislation – Tuition & Fees

SB 1123

Author: Zaffirini

Last Action:

06/12/2017 E Effective immediately

Caption:

Relating to conditions on the receipt of tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for adopted students formerly in foster or other residential care.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

This bill eases certain academic restrictions imposed on students who qualify for a tuition and fee exemption available to adopted students who were once in foster or other residential care.

Existing law requires the students to maintain a satisfactory GPA and to stay below a total SCH limit to continue to receive the exemption. This bill exempts the students from those restrictions.



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Other Legislation – Tuition & Fees

SB 1782

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: West

06/15/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to the elimination of certain formula funding and dropped course restrictions for returning adult students at public institutions of higher education and to the tuition rate that may be charged to those students for certain excessive undergraduate hours.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

[HB 654](#) by Clardy | et al., Identical, 05/10/2017 S Received from the House

Comment:

Bill would allow an additional dropped course under certain circumstances, provided the student has completed 50 hours and re-enrolls timely.



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Other Legislation – Financial Aid

HB 846

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Raney | et al.

06/15/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Veteran Affairs & Border Security (Out)

Companion:

SB 1546 by Menéndez, Identical, 03/21/2017 S Referred to Vet Affairs & Border Security

Comment:

Prohibits an institution of higher education from imposing additional obligations or burdens concerning payment or registration on a student eligible for state and federal student financial assistance programs available to military veterans or their family members that are not otherwise required by those programs to be imposed for the purpose of receiving that assistance.



Other Legislation – Advising

HB 655

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Clardy

05/29/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to the filing of a degree plan by students at public junior colleges.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

Requires a student to file a degree plan not later than the end of the second regular semester immediately following the semester in which the student earned a cumulative total of 30 or more semester credit hours; or if the student begins the student's first semester or term at the college with 30 or more semester credit hours of course credit for courses, the end of the student's second regular semester.



Other Legislation – Sexual Offenses

HB 355

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Raney | et al.

06/01/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

Relating to prohibiting certain sex offenders from residing on the campus of a public or private institution of higher education.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Criminal Justice (Out)

Companion:

SB 1041 by Buckingham, Identical, 03/06/2017 S Referred to Criminal Justice

Comment:

Registered sex offenders barred from living on campus. Substitute bill allows institutions discretion with offenders deemed unlikely to reoffend.



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Other Legislation – Sexual Offenses

SB 968

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Watson

06/12/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to requiring certain public and private institutions of higher education to provide students and employees an option to electronically report certain offenses to the institution.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

State Affairs (Out)

Companion:

HB 2229 by Leach, Identical, 03/20/2017 H Referred to Higher Education

Comment:

Requires institutions of higher education to provide an option for a student enrolled at or an employee of the institution to electronically report to the institution an allegation of sexual assault, family violence, or stalking committed against or witnessed by the student or employee, regardless of the location at which the alleged offense occurred. Would require an option to report anonymously.



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Other Legislation – Sexual Offenses

SB 969

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Watson

06/12/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to requiring certain public and private institutions of higher education to provide amnesty to students who report incidents of sexual assault.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

State Affairs (Out)

Companion:

HB 2230 by Leach, Identical, 03/20/2017 H Referred to Higher Education

Comment:

Prohibits a postsecondary educational institution from taking any disciplinary action against a student enrolled at the institution for a violation by the student of the institution's policies on student conduct if the student reports to the institution being the victim of, or a witness to, an incident of sexual assault and the violation of the institution's policies is in relation to the incident



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Other Legislation - Textbooks

SB 810

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Kolkhorst

06/09/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to the use of open educational resources.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

Requires inclusion of OER options on book lists produced by institutions. Requires bookstores to make OERs searchable on their website, if they have a searchable website. Requires institution to describe the recommended and required textbooks for each course on the institution's course schedule. Creates an OER grant program to encourage wider adoption of OERs. Calls for feasibility study on state repository of OERs.



Other Legislation - Curriculum

HB 2223

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Giddings | et al.

06/15/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to developmental coursework offered by public institutions of higher education under the Texas Success Initiative.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

Requires adoption of co-requisite model for developmental education. Incremental implementation required, leading to 75% of developmental education students enrolled in co-requisite model:

- 2018-2019: at least 25%
- 2019-2020: at least 50%
- 2020-2021: at least 75%

Formula funding for developmental education reduced from 27 to 18 credits per student (27 if coursework is English for non-English speakers)



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Other Legislation - Workforce

SB 634

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Estes

06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

Relating to reporting requirements for certain skills development fund workforce training program providers.

House Committee:

Economic & Small Business Development (Out)

Senate Committee:

Natural Resources & Economic Development (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

Requires refunding the state the amount of a SDF grant if the required SDF report is not submitted on time. Applies beginning with reports due not later than October 1, 2018. The bill prohibits TWC from awarding additional grant funds to the college until the college submits the required report.



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Other Legislation – Public Safety

SB 4

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Perry | et al.

05/07/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

Relating to the enforcement by campus police departments and certain local governmental entities of state and federal laws governing immigration and to related duties and liability of certain persons in the criminal justice system; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.

House Committee:

State Affairs (Out)

Senate Committee:

State Affairs (Out)

Companion:

HB 611 by Leach | et al., Identical, 02/22/2017 H Referred to State Affairs
HB 754 by Fallon, Identical, 03/01/2017 H Referred to State Affairs
HB 889 by Geren | et al., Identical, 02/23/2017 H Referred to State Affairs
HB 1308 by Holland | et al., Identical, 02/27/2017 H Referred to State Affairs

Comment:

Under the bill, campus police may not “adopt, enforce, or endorse a policy under which the entity or department prohibits or materially limits the enforcement of immigration laws.” A campus police department may not prohibit or limit a commissioned peace officer from inquiring into the immigration status of a person under lawful detention or arrest.



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Other Legislation – Public Safety

SB 1649

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Watson

06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

Relating to increasing the punishment for certain conduct constituting the offense of criminal trespass.

House Committee:

Criminal Jurisprudence (Out)

Senate Committee:

Criminal Justice (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

The bill would amend the Penal Code enhancing the penalty for repeated criminal trespassing on the property of a public institution of higher education. The penalty would be punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. Amendment added to give consideration for an exemption from increase in punishment if the person charged with trespass was engaged in speech or expressive conduct on campus.



Other Legislation – Veteran Services

HB 493

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Perez | et al.

05/29/2017 E Effective on 1/1/18

Relating to reporting requirements for the College Credit for Heroes program.

House Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Senate Committee:

Veteran Affairs & Border Security (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

Adds to an existing report by TVC a requirement to report the number of academic or workforce education semester credit hours awarded under the program and applied toward a degree or certification program at an institution of higher education during the most recent academic year.



Other Legislation – Occupational Licensure

HB 2738

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Hernandez

06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

Relating to the hours of instruction provided in barbering and cosmetology schools.

House Committee:

Licensing & Administrative Procedures (Out)

Senate Committee:

Business & Commerce (Out)

Companion:

SB 2153 by Taylor, Larry, Identical, 03/29/2017 S Referred to Business & Commerce

HB 2304 by Guillen, Duplicate, 05/24/2017 H Senate Amendments Analysis distributed

Comment:

Allows the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to adopt rules to authorize barbering and cosmetology schools to account for any hours of instruction completed on the basis clock hours or credit.



Other Legislation – Occupational Licensure

HB 2739

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Hernandez

06/09/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

Relating to the regulation of barber schools, private beauty culture schools, and other facilities used to teach or perform the practice of barbering or cosmetology.

House Committee:

Licensing & Administrative Procedures (Out)

Senate Committee:

Business & Commerce (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

Expands approval of application for a permit for a barber school, other than a school offering instruction for a Class A barber certificate.



Other Legislation – Occupational Licensure

HB 3349

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Frullo

06/15/2017 E Effective 9/1/17

Relating to air conditioning and refrigeration contracting and the education and certification of air conditioning and refrigeration technicians.

House Committee:

Licensing & Administrative Procedures (Out)

Senate Committee:

Businss & Commerce (Out)

Companion:

SB 1439

Comment:

This bill establishes new procedures and requirements, including training requirements, for air conditioning and refrigeration technician certification. The bill requires that a person complete a certification training program or a relevant apprenticeship in addition to the exam currently required. The program must include at least 2,000 hours of a combination of classroom instruction and practical experience under the supervision of a licensed air conditioning and refrigeration contractor.



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Other Legislation – Political Subdivision

SB 622

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Burton | et al.

06/09/2017 E Effective immediately

Relating to itemizing certain public notice expenditures in political subdivision budgets.

House Committee:

Senate Committee:

Companion:

Government Transparency & Operation (Out)

Intergovernmental Relations (Out)

HB 1596 by Lozano, Identical, 05/09/2017 H Laid on the table subject to call

Comment:

Requires the proposed budget of a political subdivision to include a line item indicating expenditures for notices required by law to be published in a newspaper by the political subdivision or a representative of the political subdivision that allows as clear a comparison as practicable between those expenditures in the proposed budget and actual expenditures for the same purpose in the preceding year.



Other Legislation – Miscellaneous

HB 3021

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Burton | et al.

06/09/2017 E Effective 9/1/17

Relating to indemnification and duties of architects and engineers.

House Committee:

Senate Committee:

Companion:

Comment:

The bill requires that a contract of a governmental agency, including a community college, for engineering or architectural services mandate that an engineer or architect adhere to the standards of skill and care provided by competent engineers or architects generally. Existing law limits the standards to those of professionals practicing in the same or similar locality. The bill also clarifies that Texas Local Government Code section 271.904 does not prohibit a governmental agency from including and enforcing conditions that relate to the scope, fees and schedule of a project in a contract for engineering or architectural services.



Other Legislation – Miscellaneous

HB 1508

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Giddings and West

06/15/2017 E Effective 9/1/17

Relating to notice to applicants to and enrollees in certain educational programs regarding the consequences of a criminal conviction on eligibility for an occupational license.

House Committee:

Senate Committee:

Companion:

Comment:

The bill requires entities, including community colleges, that train students in preparation for obtaining an initial occupational license to notify program applicants and enrollees of the impact of a person's criminal history on eligibility for the license. Specifically, the entity must notify the person that past convictions may make them ineligible for the license. If the educational entity fails to provide the required notice, the entity will be required to refund the person's paid tuition and to pay the person any application or examination fees paid by the individual to the licensing authority or examination provider.



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Other Legislation – Miscellaneous

HB 2895

Last Action:

Caption:

Author: Price

05/29/2017 E Effective on 9/1/17

Relating to the requirement that certain public institutions of higher education post mental health resources on the institution's Internet website.

House Committee:

Public Health (Out)

Senate Committee:

Higher Education (Out)

Companion:

N/A

Comment:

Builds on existing requirement to post mental health resources. Clarifies that information on services is required regardless if the institution is not the provider.



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