Agenda Item No. 24

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Originated by: Dr. Robert R. Furgason, President
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Subject: Approval of Revised Mission Statement and Expansion of Table of Programs, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Reviewed by: Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Proposed Board Action: Approves the revised Mission Statement and expanded Table of Programs for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and authorizes the President to submit them to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Background Information:

Texas Education Code, Section 61.051 (d) and (e) requires that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) 'classify and prescribe the role and scope (mission)' of each public institution in Texas, and, that the board review each institution's role and mission at least every four years. The THECB carries out this mandate by working with governing boards and institutions to establish and periodically update two documents: (1) Mission Statement, and (2) Table of Programs. Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is due for the four-year review. System Policy 03.02 requires all System institutions role and mission statements and tables of programs be developed with timely participation by the Board or a committee thereof.

A&M-Corpus Christi is requesting approval of its revised Mission Statement and the expansion (planning authority) of its Table of Programs for seven new degree programs, four of which are at the baccalaureate level, one at the masters level, and two at the doctoral level. A&M-CC is also requesting that planning authority be broadened for masters level programs in environmental science.

Enclosures to this agenda item include: Exhibits A and B, the proposed Mission Statement and Table of Programs; Exhibit C, Proposed Degree Program Descriptions; and, Attachments A and B, as informational items only, copies of A&M-Corpus Christi's current Mission Statement and Table of Programs.

Following the A&M System Board of Regents and the THECB action on the revised Mission Statement and Table of Programs planning expansion request, A&M-Corpus Christi may proceed to develop these degree programs. Each new program proposal would come forward to the A&M System Board for approval and then be subsequently submitted to the THECB.

Funding Implications: Not applicable.
Additional Information:

During the 1998-1999 SACS Self-Study process, the University Steering Committee recommended a study of the institutional mission statement to ensure that the statement reflects both internal changes and any changes in responsibilities to the institution's constituencies. In response, President Furgason appointed a subcommittee of the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Council (SPBC) in June 2000 to coordinate the effort to study the statement. This subcommittee included representatives of the faculty, administration, staff, students, and alumni. In summer 2000, the SPBC subcommittee recommended a series of discussions with small groups to determine whether a consensus existed to change the mission statement and, if so, to get suggestions for the new statement. The resulting group discussions led to a consensus to revise the mission statement.

At the January 2001 University Faculty Meeting, a call was issued for additional commentary as well as faculty volunteers to serve on the Institutional Mission Statement Drafting Committee. These individuals and the members of the SPBC subcommittee circulated a draft incorporating the feedback from the constituent groups to the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Council, the Faculty Senate, the Provost's Council, and the Division of Student Services for additional review and revision. The groups agreed upon a format including a vision, a mission statement, a set of institutional principles, and a set of university goals. In fall 2001, the draft was circulated to the entire university community for public comment. On December 4, 2001, the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Council approved the final version.

The expansion of the table of programs process was approved by the academic colleges, the Provost's Council, and the President's Cabinet.
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Office of the President
June 11, 2002

Mr. Howard Graves
Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Request for Approval Change of University Mission Statement and Expansion of Program Planning Authority in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Table of Programs

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi requests approval of the Board of Regents for its revised Mission Statement and amended Table of Programs as displayed in Exhibit _________ and Exhibit _______. These are required to provide planning authority for the University to develop proposals for the following degree programs:

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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi further requests authorization to submit the revised Mission Statement and amended Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for Approval.

I recommend adoption of the following Minute Order:

"The Board of Regents approves the Proposed Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Role and Mission Statement contained in Exhibit ______; approves expanded planning authority for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to develop proposals for seven new degree programs as identified in the Proposed Changes to Table of Programs contained in Exhibit ______; and, authorizes Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to submit the Proposed Role and Mission Statement and the Proposed Changes to Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for Approval."

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Furgason
President

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Approval Recommended

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Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Approved for legal sufficiency:

Jerry Gaston
Deputy Chancellor

Howard D. Graves
Chancellor

Delmar L. Cain
General Counsel
PROPOSED ROLE AND MISSION
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

Vision
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to becoming one of the leading centers of higher education in the Gulf of Mexico region while serving the intellectual, cultural, social, environmental, and economic needs of South Texas. As a result, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will invigorate and strengthen the region and state through its educational programs, research initiatives, and outreach efforts.

Mission
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is devoted to discovering, communicating, and applying knowledge in a complex and changing world. The university identifies, attracts, and graduates students of high potential, especially those from groups who have been historically under-represented in Texas higher education. Through a commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi prepares students for lifelong learning and for responsible participation in the global community.

Institutional History
The island campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has been a setting for higher education since 1947. That year, Ward Island became the home of the University of Corpus Christi (UCC), an institution affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The UCC campus was developed on land previously used by the U.S. Navy as a radar training facility.

In 1970, Hurricane Celia severely damaged the college campus. The following year, UCC and the Baptist General Convention took steps to end their affiliation. Concerned about higher education in Corpus Christi, a coalition of civic leaders sought local support as well as state legislation to convert the campus of UCC to a state-supported institution with an expanded curriculum.

In 1971, the 62nd session of the Texas Legislature authorized the creation of a state-supported institution of higher education in Corpus Christi. The Board of Directors of the Texas A&I University System was authorized to establish an upper-level university and to prescribe courses for the new institution at the junior, senior, and graduate levels leading to both bachelor's and master's degrees.

Funding was approved by the legislature to initiate planning for the university. The citizens of Corpus Christi approved a bond issue to purchase the campus of the University of Corpus Christi on Ward Island. Subsequently, the campus was given to the State of Texas as a site for the new state-supported university. Civic leaders in Corpus Christi also launched a successful public fund-raising campaign to provide local financial support for the fledgling university. On September 4, 1973, several months after UCC completed its final classes, Texas A&I University at Corpus Christi opened its doors with an initial enrollment of 969 students.

In 1977, the legislature changed the name of the institution to Corpus Christi State University. The name of the university system, which also included Laredo State University and Texas A&I University, was changed the same year to the University System of South Texas (USST).
Institutional History, continued

In 1989, the Texas Legislature abolished the University System of South Texas and merged Corpus Christi State University and the other two USST universities into The Texas A&M University System. In the same year, the legislature approved the expansion of Corpus Christi State University to a four-year comprehensive university, with enrollment of freshmen and sophomores to begin in fall 1994. In 1992, the role of the institution was expanded further when the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board authorized the University to offer its first doctoral degree program. Another milestone occurred in 1993 when The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents renamed the institution Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The arrival of freshman and sophomore students in 1994 marked the transformation of the institution to a four-year university.

The University continues to expand in terms of student enrollment and program offerings. In 2001, student enrollment grew to approximately 7400. Program offerings in the four academic colleges now include 61 degree programs, including 34 undergraduate programs and 27 graduate programs. Additional degree programs are planned and will be offered following state approval.