Dear Dr. Killebrew:

On January 22, 2009, the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System approved the following agenda item request submitted by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

- Approval of Amended Mission Statement, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

"The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the amended Mission Statement for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as shown in Exhibit.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's amended Mission Statement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval."

The amended Mission Statement, along with supporting documentation, will be submitted electronically to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) by the System's Office of Academic Affairs, on behalf of Dr. Frank B. Ashley III, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Your Provost's Office will receive an acknowledgement receipt from the THECB on this submission. Should there be any questions about this process please contact Ms. Verna Dewees in the Office of Academic Affairs.

The enclosed board agenda materials are for your records.

Sincerely,

Michael D. McKinney, M. D.
Chancellor
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AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Submitted by: Flavius C. Killebrew
President and CEO
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Subject: Approval of Amended Mission Statement, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Proposed Board Action:

Approves amended Mission Statement of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and authorizes submission of this request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

Background Information:

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s mission statement was approved by the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at its July 2002 meeting (M.O. 153-2002) and by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board at its April 2003 meeting. The proposed amendments to the mission statement submitted during this year’s statutory review cycle are being requested to clarify Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s mission, goals and objectives.

The amended Mission Statement was reviewed and approved by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s senior administration, referred to as the President’s Cabinet. It received endorsements from members of the Provost’s Council, Deans’ Council, Staff Advisory Council, Student Government Association and the Faculty Senate, for submission to The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is not requesting any changes to its Table of Programs during this statutory four-year review cycle.

The statutory four-year review of degree programs, mission statements and table of programs also includes reviewing the institution’s low-producing degree programs over the most recent three academic years.

A copy of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s existing Mission Statement is attached for informational purposes only.

A&M System Funding or Other Financial Implications:

There are no funding implications for this four-year review cycle requesting amendments to the Mission Statement.
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
Office of the President
December 8, 2008

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Approval of Amended Mission Statement, and Authorization to Request Approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

I recommend approval of the following minute order:

“The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the amended Mission Statement for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as shown in Exhibit I.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s amended Mission Statement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.”

Respectfully submitted,

[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY]

Flavius C. Killebrew
President and CEO

Approval Recommended:

[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY]

Michael D. McKinney
Chancellor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY]

Scott A. Kelly
Interim General Counsel

[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY]

Frank B. Ashley III
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

MISSION STATEMENT

[REVISED, ANNOTATED]

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 underrepresented 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 participating in the global community. An expanding, doctoral-granting institution committed to preparing graduates for lifelong learning and responsible citizenship in the global community. We are dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, creative activity and service and our supportive, multicultural learning community provides undergraduate and graduate students with a challenging educational experience. The university’s federal designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) provides a foundation for closing educational gaps, while strategic location on the Gulf of Mexico and on the cultural border with Latin America provides a basis for gaining national and international prominence.

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[REVISED – WITHOUT ANNOTATIONS]

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[Existing] Mission Statement

INSTITUTION: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

APB: April 19, 1991
APB: Oct. 28, 1994
APB: April 24, 2003

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