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BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA

COMMITTEE: Academic Affairs, Research, and Student Life

ITEM: Request Approval of the General Education Core Curriculum Review for Texas Southern University

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

The Administration request approval from the Board of Regents for the Core Curriculum of Texas Southern University.

Under Senate Bill 37, signed into law on June 20, 2025, and Per Texas Education Code §51.315, the Board is required to conduct a comprehensive review of the general education curriculum established by the institution at least once every five years, ensuring that the courses in the curriculum:

(1) are foundational and fundamental to a sound postsecondary education;

(2) are necessary to prepare students for civic and professional life;

(3) equip students for participation in the workforce and in the betterment of society; and

(4) ensure in-depth knowledge in compliance with applicable accreditation standards set forth by "The Commission"

To comply with State Law, and by resolution dated September 22, 2025, the Texas Southern University Board of Regents established a committee to assist the Board in carrying out its statutory duties, including making recommendations to the Board regarding the University's General Education Core Curriculum. At the July 18, 2026, Board of Regents Retreat, Provost Goodman presented a plan of action and requested additional members to be added to the GEC Curriculum Review Committee. This recommendation was approved by the Board, and the committee members were approved to move forward. In accordance with the September 22, 2025, Board Resolution, the institution was unable to obtain the support of the non-university members appointed to the General Education Core Review Committee due to the unavailability of one and inability to contact the other. The Provost proceeded deliberately to execute the review consistent with state law.

Provost Goodman presented the GEC Curriculum Review committee with a formalized charge on August 19, 2026, to review and align general education curricula with workforce readiness, civic engagement, academic rigor, an accreditation expectations.

The Administration presents the General Education Curriculum Review Committee Report on the Annual Review of the General Education Core Curriculum for the Board's consideration, review and adoption as required by the Texas Education Code.

APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE STATUTE(S) AND/OR REGULATION(S): N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

-Texas Southern University Proposed General Core Course List
-General Core Course Review Committee Executive Summary

RELATED BOARD BYLAW, POLICY AND/OR MAPP: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: The Administration recommends approval of this item

ASCEND 2030 UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC INITIATIVES ALIGNMENT:

1.1 Align academic programming with industry demand
1.2 Drive student success and outcomes

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1.4 Expand career readiness and career advancement opportunities
2.2 Build stackable credential options and educational pathways

Legal Certification: Based on available information to date, this agenda item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation.

GENERAL COUNSEL	**DATE** 10/26/2026

Fiscal Certification: This fiscal note, shown above, details the true and actual positive or negative fiscal effect that implementation of this agenda item will have and the detailed reasons for such effect.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	**DATE** 10/26/2026
PRESIDENT James Crawford (Oct 27, 2026 10:27:10 CDT)	**DATE** 10/27/2026