TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA

COMMITTEE: Administration & Finance

ITEM: Texas Southern University Integrated Technology Environment: Student Platform - Front Porch Portal

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:
Texas Southern University is advancing an integrated institutional technology strategy that leverages Ellucian, Workday, and the Front Porch Portal to support student engagement, academic administration, and institutional operations. This approach establishes clearly defined roles for each platform while enabling a coordinated technology environment that supports operational efficiency, improves the student experience, and strengthens institutional service delivery which aligned with the ASCEND 2030 strategic plan.

Under this strategy, the three platforms will coexist as complementary integrated solutions, each serving a distinct institutional function.

Front Porch Portal will serve as the University's primary student-facing platform, providing a centralized, front-of-house experience through which students can access institutional services, resources, information, and relevant student support functions. Through the University's partnership with Ed Advancement, the Front Porch Portal will be provided to the institution at no cost, subject to the terms and scope of that partnership outlined in the grant letter. This arrangement provides an opportunity to enhance the student experience without adding a direct platform licensing expense to the University's budget.

Ellucian will serve as the University's Student Information System (SIS) and system of record for student-related information and academic administration. It will remain the authoritative source for applicable student records, enrollment, registration, academic history, and other core student information functions. Front Porch Portal will provide the student-facing access and engagement experience, while Ellucian will maintain the underlying student information and associated business processes.

Workday will support the University's finance and human resources functions, including applicable financial management, budgeting, accounting, workforce administration, payroll, and related business processes. Workday serves as the primary operational platform for these administrative functions, distinct from Ellucian's role in managing student information.

The platforms will coexist through defined functional responsibilities and appropriate integrations to facilitate the secure and consistent exchange of information. This architecture is intended to minimize functional overlap, establish clear data ownership, and provide students, faculty, and staff with a more coordinated institutional technology experience. Collectively, this strategy positions the University to maintain a clear distinction between the student-facing experience, the underlying student system of record, and the administrative enterprise systems that support finance and human resources. Implementation and ongoing governance will require coordination among institutional stakeholders to establish integration requirements, data stewardship, security controls, support responsibilities, and operational processes.

This item is presented for informational purposes to the Board of Regents to communicate the University's planned integrated enterprise systems approach through Front Porch Portal, Ellucian and Workday.

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

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact
(Active SLATE (CRM) license provides no additional costs for the student facing portal)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

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Partnership for Ed Advancement Grant Letter
Front Porch Portal Informational Slide Deck

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

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

ASCEND 2030 UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC INITIATIVES ALIGNMENT:
1.2 Drive student success and outcomes
1.3 Grow total enrollment
1.4 Expand career readiness and career advancement opportunities
3.1 Improve student experience — streamline processes/technology
3.2 Strengthen data analytics
4.1 Update and optimize technology platforms and data governance
4.2 Deploy intelligent automation/AI across student services
4.3 Introduce new technologies into classroom and curriculum
4.4 Infuse AI and immersive technologies into curriculum
4.5 Leverage technology to expand online and hybrid learning

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.

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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.

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	**DATE**

James Crawford (Oct 23, 2026 20:43:00 CDT)	10/23/2026
PRESIDENT	**DATE**