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# AGENDA

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## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

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**DATE:** Thursday, May 21, 2020

**TIME:** 4:15 PM

**PLACE:**

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**Chair:** Tilman J. Fertitta  
**Vice Chair:** Gerald W. McElvy  
**Secretary:** Beth Madison

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- I. **Board of Regents Meeting**
- II. Call to Order
- III. Open Forum
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - February 27, 2020, Board of Regents Meeting
  - March 11, 2020, Emergency Special Called Board of Regents Meeting
- V. **Board of Regents Items**
- VI. Presentation by University of Houston Faculty Senate President on “Onward: the Faculty of the University of Houston - The role that the Faculty had played and will play during the COVID-19 pandemic within the shared governance structure of the University – University of Houston
- VII. **Committee Reports Listing Consent Docket Items for Board Approval**
- VIII. **Endowment Management Committee Report - May 21, 2020**  
*[No items were brought forward from the Committee requiring final Board approval]*
- IX. **Audit and Compliance Committee Report - May 21, 2020**  
*[No items were brought forward from the Committee requiring final Board approval]*
- X. **Academic and Student Success Committee Report - May 21, 2020**
- XI. Approval of Faculty Promotion in Academic Rank - University of Houston System
- XII. Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments - University of Houston System
- XIII. **Facilities, Construction, and Master Planning Committee Report - May 21, 2020**  
*[This committee meeting was not held; therefore there were no items brought forward from the Committee requiring final Board approval]*
- XIV. **Finance and Administration Committee Report - May 21, 2020**
- XV. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts exceeding \$1 million for the purchase of goods or services, excluding

construction contracts, at the University of Houston System - University of Houston System

XVI. Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute all contracts and required closing documents related to the purchase of real property near the University of Houston-Victoria - University of Houston System

XVII. Approval is requested to establish a tuition and fee rate structure for UH Extend program at the University of Houston - University of Houston

XVIII. **Committee Report Item(s) not addressed in the Consent Docket but requiring Final Board Approval**

[No items were brought forward from the Committees requiring final Board approval.]

XIX. **Board of Regents Items (cont'd)**

XX. Approval of Freedom of Expression Policy - SAM 01.D.15 - University of Houston System

XXI. **Chancellor's Report: System Profile and Accomplishments**

XXII. **Executive Session**

XXIII. Consultation with System Attorney Regarding Legal Matters and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.071

- Pre-litigation and Litigation Status Update

- Other pending legal and contract matters, potential legal claims, updates, discussion and advice from General Counsel

- Title IX

XXIV. Deliberations regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Sale or Value of Real Property

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.072

XXV. Deliberations Regarding a Prospective Gift

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.073

XXVI. Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees including but not limited to the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, in the Division of Athletics and members of the Board of Regents

TEXAS GOV'T CODE SECTION 551.074

XXVII. **Report and Action from Executive Session**

XXVIII. **Adjourn**

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**ITEM:** Presentation by University of Houston Faculty Senate President on “Onward: The Faculty of the University of Houston – The role that the Faculty had played and will play during the COVID-19 pandemic within the shared governance structure of the University”

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:** N/A

**SUMMARY:**

Dr. Jeronimo Cortina, Faculty Senate President for the University of Houston will give remarks to the Board on “Onward: The Faculty of the University of Houston – The role that the Faculty had played and will play during the COVID-19 pandemic within the shared governance structure of the University.”

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** None

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**RECOMMENDATION/  
ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston

Renu Khator - Approved via email

05/15/2020

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**CHANCELLOR**

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Renu Khator

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**COMMITTEE:** Academic and Student Success

**ITEM:** Approval of Faculty Promotion in Academic Rank

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:**

**SUMMARY:**


Board approval is requested for faculty promotion recommendations to be effective September 1, 2020. After rigorous review, the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and each respective President recommends promotions to the Chancellor who then makes recommendations to the Board. The presentations to the Board will include the recommendations for the University of Houston, University of Houston-Clear Lake, University of Houston-Downtown, and University of Houston-Victoria.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Faculty promotion list for each university

**FISCAL NOTE:**

**RECOMMENDATION/  
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston System

  
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**SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR** Paula Myrick Short **5/6/2020**  
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**DATE**

Renu Khator - Approved via email  
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**CHANCELLOR** Renu Khator **05/15/2020**  
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**FACULTY PROMOTION LIST**  
**University of Houston**  
**Effective September 1, 2020**

<b>College / Department</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present Rank</b>	<b>Recommended Rank</b>
English	Auritro Majumder	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
History	Natalia Milanesio	Associate Professor	Professor
Jack J. Valenti School of Communication	Lan Ni	Associate Professor	Professor
Communication Sciences & Disorders	Amber Thiessen	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
History	Leandra Zarnow	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
<b>Natural Sciences and Mathematics</b>			
Chemistry	Jakoah Brgoch	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
Physics	Shuo Chen	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
Chemistry	Jeremy May	Associate Professor	Professor
Biology and Biochemistry	Richard Meisel	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
Computer Science	Arjun Mukherjee	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor**
Chemistry	Thomas Teets	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
Earth and Atmospheric Sciences	Yuxuan Wang	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
<b>Optometry</b>			
Basic Sciences	Lisa Ostrin	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
<b>Pharmacy</b>			
Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes & Policy	Hua Chen	Associate Professor	Professor
Pharmacological and Pharmaceutical Sciences	Bradley McConnell	Associate Professor	Professor
<b>Technology</b>			
Engineering Technology	Driss Benhaddou	Associate Professor	Professor
Information and Logistics Technology	Robert Bronk	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
Human Development & Consumer Sciences	Andrew Hines	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor*
Engineering Technology	Fatima Merchant	Associate Professor	Professor
Engineering Technology	Francisco Robles Hernandez	Associate Professor	Professor
Engineering Technology	Xiaojing Yuan	Associate Professor	Professor

**FACULTY PROMOTION LIST**  
**University of Houston-Clear Lake**  
**Effective September 1, 2020**

<b>College</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Rank</b>	<b>Recommended Rank</b>
<b>College of Business</b>	Rajib Hasan	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Shanshan Pan	Assistant Professor	Associate *
<b>College of Education</b>	Sheila Baker	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Antonio Corrales	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Caroline Crawford	Associate Professor	Professor
	Randy Davis	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Lisa Jones	Associate Professor	Professor
	Renee Lastrapes	Assistant Professor	Associate *
<b>College of Science and Engineering</b>	Daniel Imrecke	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Ki-Young Jeong	Associate Professor	Professor
	Lisa Lacher	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Van Mayes	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Unal Sakoglu	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Ishaq Unwala	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Yipeng Yang	Assistant Professor	Associate *
<b>College of Human Sciences and Humanities</b>	Sara Elkins	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Emily Kahumoku-Fessler	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Adam Hodges	Associate Professor	Professor
	Henda Hsu	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Brent Kice	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Anna Klyueva	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Beth Merfish	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Christal Seahorn	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Cengiz Sisman	Associate Professor	Professor
	Gerald Strait	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Christine Walther	Assistant Professor	Associate *
	Dawit Woldu	Assistant Professor	Associate *

**FACULTY PROMOTION LIST**  
**University of Houston-Downtown**  
**Effective September 1, 2020**

<b>College</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Rank</b>	<b>Recommended Rank</b>
<b>Business</b>				
	Finance & Management Information Systems	Ohaness Paskelian	Associate	Professor
	General Business, Marketing, & Supply Chain Management	Rupak Raunier	Associate	Tenure Only*
	Management & Insurance Risk Management	Anand Pore	Assistant	Associate Professor *
<b>Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b>				
	Arts & Communication	Ashley Archiopoli	Assistant	Associate Professor *
	Social Sciences	Stephanie Coleman	Assistant	Associate Professor *
	English	Michael Duncan	Associate	Professor
	English	Adam Ellwanger	Associate	Professor
	Arts & Communication	Elizabeth Hatfield	Assistant	Associate Professor *
	Arts & Communication	Windy Lawrence	Associate	Professor
	Arts & Communication	Lucas Logan	Assistant	Associate Professor *
<b>Public Service</b>				
	Urban Education	Beverly Alford	Assistant	Associate Professor *
	Urban Education	Ashwini Tiwari	Assistant	Associate Professor *
	Criminal Justice & Social Work	Judith Harris	Assistant	Associate Professor *
	Criminal Justice & Social Work	Jace Valcore	Assistant	Associate Professor *
<b>Sciences &amp; Technology</b>				
	Math & Statistics	Dexter Cahoy	Associate	Tenure Only *
	Math & Statistics	Timothy Redl	Associate	Professor
	Natural Sciences	Rachna Sadana	Associate	Professor
	Computer Science & Engineering Technology	Vassilios Tzouanas	Associate	Professor
	Computer Science & Engineering Technology	Arash Rahmatian	Assistant	Associate Professor *

\*Tenure

**FACULTY PROMOTION LIST**  
**University of Houston - Victoria**  
**Effective September 1, 2020**

<b>College</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Rank</b>	<b>Recommended Rank</b>
Arts & Sciences	Casey Akins	Lecturer	Senior Lecturer
	Joseph Locke	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor *
	Jesica McCue	Clinical Assistant Professor	Clinical Associate Professor
	Saba Razvi	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor *
	Liane Tanguay	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor *
	Shannon Viola	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor *
Business Administration	Jun Yang	Associate Professor	Professor
	Chun-Sheng Yu	Associate Professor	Professor
Education	Moira Baldwin	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor *
	Amy Barnhill	Associate Professor	Professor
	Cindy Hudson	Associate Professor	Professor*
	Teresa LeSage Clements	Associate Professor	Professor
	Wayne Smith	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor *
	Raymond Tucker	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor *
	Shahrzad Vafa	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor *
	Liping Wei	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor *

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**COMMITTEE:** Academic and Student Success

**ITEM:** Approval of Faculty Emeriti Appointments

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:**

**SUMMARY:**


Board approval is requested for faculty emeriti appointments at the University of Houston, University of Houston-Clear Lake, University of Houston-Downtown, and University of Houston-Victoria. The emeritus title is conferred only upon retired tenured faculty who have made a significant contribution to the university through a long and distinguished record of scholarship, teaching, and/or service. Emeriti faculty are expected to remain willing to assist and advise the university as requested, particularly in their areas of competence.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** List of faculty recommended for emeriti appointments with brief biography

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**RECOMMENDATION/  
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston System

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Renu Khator - Approved via email _____ <b>CHANCELLOR</b>	Renu Khator	<u>05/15/2020</u> <b>DATE</b>

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### **Professor Everett S. Gardner, Jr (C.T. Bauer College of Business)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the C.T. Bauer College of Business support the nomination of Dr. Everette S. Gardner, Jr. for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

After 20 years of service to the U.S. Navy, Dr. Everette Gardner started his career at the University of Houston in 1987. He received his Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Gardner has made remarkable contributions to research and teaching at UH for over 32 years. In 2007, the International Institute of Forecasters (IIF) board of directors elected Dr. Gardner a Fellow, based on his outstanding contributions to the field of Forecasting. Dr. Gardner has contributed an enormous body of knowledge through dozens of published articles. He taught at all levels and to every possible grouping of students – undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral. He has been ranked among the best teachers in the college for many years. Dr. Gardner received college-wide teaching awards several times. His contributions to service were no less significant than his contributions to research and teaching. Dr. Gardner twice served as the chairman of the Decision and Information Sciences department. In addition, as the founding director of the Bauer Honors program, Dr. Gardner served in that role for 17 years.

### **Professor John Bowen (Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management support the nomination of Dr. John Bowen for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

During his long and distinguished career at the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management, Dr. Bowen has contributed greatly to the overall mission of the Hilton College in areas of teaching, research, service, and leadership. Dr. Bowen has taught at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral program levels simultaneously with ease. With regard to leadership, Dr. Bowen served as the Hilton College Dean from 2003 to 2015. Under his direction and guidance, the culture of the organization completely shifted to that of a premier research institution. This was accomplished by hiring respected researchers, strategically hiring top Ph.D. candidates and holding the existing faculty to a higher standard of performance. Dr. Bowen was instrumental in founding the college's Ph.D. program, partnering with two top-tier programs to establish a Global Master's series, and creating the Executive Online Master's curriculum. During his tenure as Dean, Dr. Bowen also oversaw a major renovation of the Hilton Hotel. Dr. Bowen is well known in the research community. Over the course of his career he has written over 100 peer reviewed articles, served on editorial boards of all top-tier hospitality journals, and authored the most widely read marketing textbook in his field. Dr. Bowen is high respected by leaders in the hospitality industry, by his colleagues at the Hilton College, and by students.

### **Professor Michael Olivas (University of Houston Law Center)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the University of Houston Law Center support the nomination of Michael Olivas for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Professor Olivas has a long distinguished relationship and esteemed career at the Law Center. In 1982, he joined the faculty of the UH Law Center as an Associate Professor and was promoted to full professor in 1986. Professor Oliva has held the William B. Bates Distinguished Chair in Law and has been the director of the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance. Professor Olivas's many awards, recognitions, and accomplishments are too numerous to note, but to list just a few, they include: President of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) (2011), AALS Triennial Award for Lifetime Service to Legal Education and the Law (2018), Elected member, American Law Institute, Elected member, National Academy of Education, Elected member, American Bar Foundation (ABF); Lifetime Award Recipient, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), Lifetime Award Recipient, Hispanic Bar Association of Houston, Board of Directors, MALDEF Board, and Interim President of the University of Houston-Downtown. Professor Olivas is also a prolific author

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whose extensive scholarship includes 77 published scholarly articles and book contributions, 53 law review articles, and 15 books. He has been cited 962 times in law review articles alone.

### **Professor Sally Vaughn (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences support the nomination of Dr. Sally Vaughn for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Professor Vaughn is an internationally distinguished scholar of Medieval History. Her record of scholarly accomplishments includes monographs, countless articles and book reviews. In recognition of her accomplishments and academic contributions, she has received many prizes and awards including the 1988 John Ben Snow Prize for best book on British history published in 1987, awarded by the North American Conference on British Studies. In recognition of her scholarly excellence, she is a recipient of the UH Research Excellence Award. Additionally, she remains an active scholar with three book manuscripts in preparation, a submitted article for publication and one in press. In terms of service, again, Professor Vaughn has significant achievements. She has been not only an active member in her department, CLASS and the university, but also equally engaged in and committed to professional organizations in her field. Thus, and in recognition of all that she has done to advance the Department of History through 39 years of outstanding research, teaching and service, I strongly support granting Professor Emerita status to Dr. Sally Vaughn, in recognition of her stellar accomplishments as a scholar, teacher, engaged colleague and in honor of the legacy she will leave at the University of Houston.

### **Professor James Campion (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences support the nomination of Dr. James Campion for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. James Campion has been a member of the Department of Psychology since 1967, serving as Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor. He is affiliated with the Department's Industrial-Organizational Psychology program serving as its director for 18 years (1987- 2002, 2003 – 2006) and as the Director of the UH Personnel Psychology Service Center and Interviewing Institute since 1978. He has been the licensed supervisor of graduate student internship placements at dozens of industry partners over the years, such as Exxon, Conoco, OxyChem, and the Houston Fire Department. Dr. Campion has been an editorial board member for the International Journal of Selection and Assessment and the Journal of Personnel Psychology, as well as a consulting editor for the International Journal of Selection and Assessment, the Journal of Applied Psychology, the Journal of Personnel Psychology, the Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology, the Journal of Vocational Psychology, and the Journal of Applied Social Psychology. Further, he has served on national committees for the American Psychological Association (APA), the Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology (SIOP), and the Academy of Management.

### **Professor Robert Carp (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences support the nomination of Professor Robert Carp for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Professor Carp was a professor in the department of Political Science for 50 years, beginning in the fall 1969 and extending to Aug. 31, 2019. In those 50 years, he has been an extraordinarily productive scholar, great teacher, and dedicated citizen of the department and the university. In his distinguished career as a scholar, he published 51 articles and 5 books, becoming one of the foremost authorities on the federal district courts. He maintained--and continues to maintain-- one of the most extensive datasets on federal courts available, one which is widely used in current literature. Professor Carp was an excellent mentor to many undergraduate and graduate students.

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He was the college's pre-law adviser for many years, and helped shepherd a great number of students to top law schools. He also won the "Outstanding Educator" award six times from the Mortar Board National Senior Honors Society. Finally, his service to the university has been outstanding. He served as director of graduate studies and of the executive committee in our department, as associate dean for the college for many years, as in the university senate. His service is ongoing. He is currently chairing the Faculty and Staff giving campaign for 2020.

### **Professor Augustina Reyes (College of Education)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Education support the nomination of Dr. Augustina Reyes for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Reyes holds a Masters of Arts degree from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education and a Doctorate from the University of Houston. She has been a teacher, school administrator as the assistant superintendent for Bilingual/ESL Programs for Houston ISD, and member of the boards for the Houston ISD and the Houston Community College District. She has also been a member of the Texas Association of School Boards, the Gulf Coast Area Association of School Boards, and the Texas Association of Community Junior Colleges and served as a member of the American Leadership Forum. Since her arrival and throughout her time at UH, she has modeled what it is to be a valuable member of the academic community. She has supported countless students, maintained a national research profile, and done so humbly and with the intention of bettering others and the university. Her research specifically has rigorously sought to understand how school leaders can change the achievement of low-income students, tackling critical civil rights issues around school finance; behavioral policies and disproportionality; immigrant and refugee secondary school students; and roles and responsibilities of principals in high-poverty and one-race schools. Dr. Reyes has also received more than \$1M in federal and foundation funding for her research.

### **Professor Mignonette Mountain (College of Education)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Education support the nomination of Dr. Mignonette "Lee" Mountain for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Mountain began her career at UH in 1971 as an Associate Professor after several years as an Assistant and Associate Professor at Rutgers University. Within a few years, Dr. Mountain had achieved the level of full professor. Over the course of her career, Dr. Mountain has authored more than 80 publications including peer-reviewed journal articles, articles in practitioner journals, and numerous textbooks for use in K-12 education, research monographs, CD-ROMs, and videotext programs. In addition to her scholarly contributions, Dr. Mountain has taught numerous courses in the Curriculum and Instruction department at the undergraduate and graduate level. The bulk of these courses have been focused on literacy education, but she has also taught a course at the graduate level titled Academic Publishing and Presenting. Throughout her tenure at the University of Houston, Dr. Mountain has received recognition from a variety of places. She is a recipient of the College of Education Teaching Excellence Award and the College of Education Distinguished Career Award. At the University level, she was honored with the University of Houston Excellence in Teaching Award. In addition to those illustrious honors, Dr. Mountain has also been recognized with the National Freedoms Foundation Award for Contributions to Education, the Outstanding Article Award from the Organization of Teacher Educators in Reading, the National Texty Award for Reading-Instruction Textbook for her book *Pocketful of Posies*, and by the Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts as University Professor of the Year and the Edmund J. Farrell Lifetime Achievement Award. These accomplishments, and many others, show the wide impact Dr. Mignonette Mountain has had over the course of her career and the reason she is most deserving of the status Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

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## **Professor Henry Chafetz (College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Natural Science and Mathematics support the nomination of Dr. Henry Chafetz as Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Chafetz came to UH in 1970 and has held the position of a Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences since 1981 and is currently a Fellow of the Geological Society of America. He is internationally known as an expert in carbonate petrology with close to 90 peer-reviewed manuscripts. He has served on multiple editorial boards and is highly regarded as an external reviewer for international funding agencies. Dr. Chafetz has served his Department, College and University at many levels throughout his career. He served as the Department Graduate Advisor for 20 years and Chaired or been a member of many college and university-level committees. In addition, he is a sought after lecturer and has supervised 60 graduate students research dissertations and theses. Dr. Chafetz is currently a Co-PI on a NASA grant and plans to continue to support this research for at least 2 more years. His continued engagement with UH as an Emeritus Professor will be beneficial to the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the University of Houston.

## **Professor Karl Kadish (College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics)**

It is a pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics support the nomination of Dr. Karl Kadish for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Kadish came to UH in 1976 and has held the position of a Professor of Chemistry since 1981. He has served his Department, College and University at many levels throughout his career. He currently holds a Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen University Professorship. His external awards include the Hans Fischer Lifetime Achievement Award in Porphyrin Science, and the American Chemical Society-French Chemical Society Award. He holds an Honorary Degree from the University of Burgundy, Dijon, and was elected a Fellow of the Electrochemical Society in 1995. Dr. Kadish has been known nationally and internationally as a leader in the field of electroanalytical and porphyrin chemistry. He has an amazing 635 peer-reviewed publications and has edited or co-edited over 100 books. Over the years he has mentored 84 graduate students. Karl has provided excellent service to the University and research community over the years. He served on many Department and University committees in the 1980s and 1990s and was President of the Faculty Senate from 1996-1997. His continued engagement with UH as an Emeritus Professor will be beneficial to the Department of Chemistry, College of Natural Sciences and the University of Houston.

## **Professor Mary Ann Ottinger (College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics support the nomination of Dr. Mary Ann Ottinger for Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Dr. Ottinger's primary research interests are in the area of avian reproductive endocrinology, especially how reproductive hormones affect the neurophysiology of the brain. In her career, she has published close to 200 research articles and mentored close to 50 Ph.D. and M.S. students. Notably, she was elected as a Fellow of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in 2014. In 2013, Dr. Ottinger took the position of Associate Vice Chancellor / Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Houston where she supported the expansion of collaborative research programs and led efforts to attract large, interdisciplinary grants. In the Department of Biology and Biochemistry, Dr. Ottinger took a lead role in developing a new M.S./Certificate in Biomedical Sciences program. A core requirement in this program is the completion of a practicum experience involving either research or clinical activity in the community. She has also been elected to serve on the NSM Promotion and Tenure Committee, a testament to her high standing within her department. In

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summary, Dr. Ottinger is an internationally recognized scholar, a valued teacher, and has provided excellent service to the Department, College and University. Her continued engagement with UH as an Emeritus Professor will be beneficial to the Department of Biology and Biochemistry, College of Natural Sciences and the University of Houston.

### **Alexandra Simons (University Libraries)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and librarians of the University of Houston Libraries support the nomination of Alexandra Simons as Librarian Emeritus at the University of Houston.

Alexandra "Alex" Simons joined the University Libraries in 2008 as an Assistant Librarian and was promoted to Associate Librarian in 2014. Over the last twelve years she has served as Liaison Librarian assigned to work with the students and faculty of History, Comparative Cultures (Anthropology, Philosophy, and Religion), and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS), departments. Her work with these departments included research services, collection development, and information literacy instruction. In addition to her liaison responsibilities, Alex served as the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) coordinator, overseeing the government documents collection of print and electronic resources. Alex published a book on the selection of government documents for libraries in 2017. Her book, published by a division of the American Library Association, was a very significant contribution to this area of librarianship. Alex's other contributions include numerous articles, book reviews, and conference presentations. She has also been deeply committed to advocacy work for libraries and undertook a number of presentations focused on helping librarians work as effective advocates. Alex has served on numerous library committees and has a record of outstanding service to the University Libraries. Her colleagues are appreciative of her contributions to the field and grateful for her commitment to the Libraries and the University of Houston.

## University of Houston – Clear Lake

### **Professor Roger E. Durand (College of Business)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Business, and the Emeritus Nominating Committee of the Council of Professors nominate Dr. Roger E. Durand for Professor Emeritus in recognition of his long and distinguished record of teaching, research, and service for the University of Houston – Clear Lake.

Professor Durand earned his B.A. in Political Science at the University of Wisconsin, his M.A. in Urban Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, his M.A. in Political Science from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California. He began his service at the UH-Clear Lake in 1984 and will retire in 2020 after 36 years of service. Professor Durand's contributions to UH-Clear Lake, the College of Business, and the Healthcare Administration and Management programs have been exceptional. Professor Durand published more than 80 scholarly journal articles and book chapters and co-authored over 110 monographs and research reports. He also authored over 115 conference papers, peer-reviewed conference publications, and presentations. He developed and taught 21 graduate and 15 undergraduate courses in both online and face-to-face instruction modes. He is well-regarded by students because of his innovative teaching methods, subject matter knowledge, and a positive, caring attitude. He has made significant contributions to assurance of learning, sponsored research, including grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, scholarly reviews for journals and conferences, and the community through service to YES Prep Public Schools, the United Way, and numerous other organizations. Professor Durand symbolizes the professionalism, high quality standards and commitment that all strive to achieve.

### **Associate Professor Daniel Haworth (College of Human Sciences and Humanities)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Human Sciences and Humanities and the Emeritus Nominating Committee of the Council of Professors nominate Associate Professor Daniel Haworth for Associate Professor Emeritus in recognition of his many contributions and his distinguished record of teaching, research and service, as well as the effect he has had on the education and the lives of many students for the University of Houston, Clear Lake.

Associate Professor Haworth joined UH-Clear Lake in 2008. He earned his B.A. in History from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his M.A. and Ph.D. in History from The University of Texas at Austin. Initially hired as an assistant professor, Associate Professor Haworth earned tenure and promotion to his current rank in 2014. His contributions to UH-Clear Lake, the College of Human Sciences and Humanities, and the History program have been exceptional. Associate Professor Haworth has been recognized for his contributions through prestigious awards that include the Tinger and Fulbright grants for research in Mexico, the Barbara "Penny" Kanner Book Prize from the Western Association of Women Historians, and the F. Bullitt Lowery Prize for the Best Paper in Latin American or African History from the Southwestern Historical Association. He has published a wide range of book chapters, articles, book reviews, and encyclopedia entries, and he has presented his work throughout the world. Associate Professor Haworth has served as a peer reviewer for a university press and for five journals. Among Associate Professor Haworth's most enduring legacies at UH-Clear Lake will be his passionate support to introduce academic minors to the curriculum. Invited back after he stopped teaching in October of 2019, he presented an inspired talk on living with ALS.

### **Professor Angela M. Howard (College of Human Sciences and Humanities)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Human Sciences and Humanities and the Emeritus Nominating Committee of the Council of Professors nominate Professor Angela M. Howard for Professor Emerita in recognition of her long and distinguished record of teaching, research and

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service for the University of Houston, Clear Lake.

After receiving her B.A. in History from Lamar State University, Professor Howard went on to receive her Ph.D. in History from Ohio State University. She joined the UH-Clear Lake faculty in 1987, rising to the rank of Associate Professor in 1991 and Professor in 1999. She has served as director and convener of the Women's Studies program, the convener of the college's curriculum committee, and the president of the Council of Professors. Professor Howard has been nominated multiple times for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award for Excellence in Teaching and was once a finalist for the award. She received the university's prestigious President's Distinguished Service Award in 2009. Professor Howard is the editor of the Handbook of American Women's History, first and second editions. Working with another historian, she edited the three-volume Anti-feminism in America: 1848 to the Present as well as a condensed reader of the same name. She served as editor for two series issued by Garland Publishing including "The Development of American Feminism" and the "Garland Directory of Minority Women." She has contributed chapters to edited collections and entries in multiple reference works, and she has presented her research through the country. She has attended every Commencement Ceremony, twice a year, throughout her UH-Clear Lake career. In 2012, Professor Howard was honored with an endowment in her name at the University of Houston M.D. Anderson Library.

### **Professor Craig White (College of Human Sciences and Humanities)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College Human Sciences and Humanities and the Emeritus Nominating Committee of the Council of Professors are pleased to nominate Professor Craig White for Professor Emeritus for his long and distinguished record of teaching, and research and service for the University of Houston, Clear Lake.

Professor White joined UH-Clear Lake as an assistant professor in 1992 after receiving a Ph.D. in English at University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 1998, he was promoted to associate professor and to professor in 2008. Professor White has played a key role in the evolution of the program in Literature, not only by way of developing and teaching courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels, but also in his early adoption of electronic learning. In 1995-96, he received a grant to support his work in moving the course "Literature for the Future" to an online format. Professor White has published in prestigious journals including The Henry James Review, Early American Literature, and Prospects: An Annual Journal of American Cultural Studies. He has also presented at local, regional, and national conferences. Since 1993, Professor White has been as an instructor in the university's M.A. in Literature program for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Prison education is a transformational experience, not only for the students completing such programs but also for the faculty who teach them. He has written and reviewed curriculum for the TDCJ program, and he has served as a member of the program's campus-level advisory board since 1999. Professor White has made lasting contributions to the university, and we strongly support his nomination for the status of Professor Emeritus.

### **Professor Jonathan Zophy (College of Human Sciences and Humanities)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Human Sciences and Humanities and the Emeritus Nominating Committee of the Council of Professors nominate Professor Jonathan Zophy for Professor Emeritus in recognition of his long and distinguished record of teaching, research and service for the University of Houston, Clear Lake.

Professor Zophy earned his B.A. in History from Michigan State University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in History from The Ohio State University. Professor Zophy joined UH-Clear Lake in 1988 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1990. His long career at UH-Clear Lake resulted in him being honored in many ways including being selected at the campus-level to be the university nominee for

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the Minnie Stevens Piper Award in Excellence in Teaching. He was also a finalist for the university's Outstanding Teaching Award. Professor Zophy served as director of the graduate component of the History program and served as adviser to the UH-Clear Lake History Club student organization. He received the university President's Distinguished Research Award. A noted scholar, Professor Zophy has written three textbooks, a monograph and numerous book reviews. He served as co-editor of a dictionary handbook, as well as an editor and contributor of a collection of essays. Professor Zophy's book, "A Short History on Renaissance and Reformation Europe" and its several editions in the last two decades helped to form rhetoric on the subject. In addition, Professor Zophy has published a number of articles and has presented his work at gatherings throughout the country, as well as Canada and the United Kingdom. His "Building a University: A History of the University of Houston-Clear Lake from 1974 to the Present" was written and published to celebrate the university's 30th anniversary in 2004-05.

## University of Houston - Downtown

### **Professor Myrna Cohen (College of Public Service)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the College of Public Service and Department of Urban Education nominate Professor Myrna Cohen for appointment as Professor Emeritus at the University of Houston-Downtown.

In 1993, Dr. Cohen earned an Ed.D. From the University of Houston in curriculum and instruction. She was hired by the University of Houston as a clinical assistant professor, where she also served as director of field experiences and as the coordinator of secondary education. Dr. Cohen joined UHD in 2000. In 2004, Dr. Myrna Cohen was promoted to the rank of associate professor and was also elected department chair. Dr. Cohen's leadership at the University of Houston-Downtown has been significant and ongoing throughout her 20 years at UHD. She served as Chair of the Urban Education Department from 2004 to 2012. Dr. Cohen then served as Associate Dean within the College of Public service from 2012 to 2017, during which time she also earned a promotion to the rank of Professor. Dr. Cohen's service expanded beyond the UHD community, and some highlights of Dr. Cohen's career include: leadership roles in the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Leadership Academy, various roles (Board member, secretary, Chair) of the Consortium for State Organizations for Texas Teacher Educators (CSOTTE), and reviewer for conference proposals and journals. In addition to Dr. Cohen's significant service contributions, she has been an active scholar. She published regularly in her field, authored book chapters, co-edited a book and presented nationally.

In light of her important contributions to the Department of Urban Education, College of Public Service, and field of Teacher Education, Dr. Cohen is worthy of consideration for the status of Professor Emeritus.

## University of Houston - Victoria

### **Professor Joseph Ben-Ur (School of Business Administration)**

It is with pleasure that the Dean and faculty of the School of Business Administration and the UHV Faculty Council support the nomination of Professor Joseph Ben-Ur for Emeritus Professor at the University of Houston -Victoria.

Dr. Joseph Ben-Ur earned his Ph.D. in 1987 from the University of Illinois. Before joining the UHV faculty, he held academic positions at several universities including the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, the University of Alaska, and DePaul University. In addition to marketing, Dr. Ben-Ur has studied economics and information technology. With his background in information technology and marketing, he became one of the initiators of the Technology Special Interest Group of the American Marketing Association. Dr. Ben-Ur has published in several academic journals including Management Science, Energy Economics, Psychology, and Marketing, The European Journal of Marketing, Journal of Business and Society, Journal of International Business and Economics, European Journal of Management, and International Journal of Business Research. Additionally, he has presented his research in advertising strategy, global branding, pricing, e-commerce, relationship marketing, and political marketing in the U.S., Europe, and Asia. His work in political marketing includes publications on polling and political marketing strategies. His research highlights the potential that certain marginal differences between voters offer presidential candidates in terms of their support base and communication strategies. He has served as the Senior Editor for Journal of Political Marketing in the past seven years. Dr. Ben-Ur has served on almost all of the committees during his 22-year tenure at UHV. Dr. Ben-Ur served as president of the faculty senate in 2002 and 2017 and the local chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. He has also contributed to the region by conducting surveys to help advance and promote higher education and community development. Dr. Ben-Ur also provided pro bono services to help local business owners, such as giving lectures and conducting surveys for them. Lastly, Dr. Ben-Ur was a recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Service Award.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM  
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE:** Finance and Administration

**ITEM:** Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute contracts exceeding \$1 million for the purchase of goods or services, excluding construction contracts, at the University of Houston System.

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:** N/A

**SUMMARY:**

Approval is requested for contracts that are expected to exceed \$1 million that are associated with the purchase of goods or services, excluding construction contracts, at the University of Houston System. Board of Regents policy 55.01.01 states that the board must approve any contract, including any amendment, extension, or renewal thereto, that results in the value of the contract exceeding \$1 million throughout the term of the contract.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Summary of Contracts

**FISCAL NOTE:** See supporting documentation for value of each contract.

**RECOMMENDATION/  
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston System

<u>Jim McShan Approved via email</u>		<u>05-04-2020</u>
<b>SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR</b>	Jim McShan	<b>DATE</b>
<u>Renu Khator - Approved via email</u>		<u>05/15/2020</u>
<b>CHANCELLOR</b>	Renu Khator	<b>DATE</b>

University of Houston System  
Summary of Goods and Services Contracts Greater than \$1 Million  
F&A Committee - May 2020

Component	Project	Procurement Method	Vendor	Purpose	Term	\$ Amount	Funding Source	HUB Goal	Comments
<b>Goods and Services Contracts Greater than \$1 Million</b>									
UHS	Customer Relationship Management System	Request for Proposal	Campus Management Corporation	Second amendment to the contract for hosted Customer Relationship Management Software which is used to manage relationships with prospective and current students from their initial point of contact to graduation. The system provides implementation guidance, training materials, best practices documentation, presentations, websites, marketing microsites, and landing pages. The amendment is to extend the term and add UH so all campuses share a contract.	Initial Term: 4 years Optional Term 1: 6 months Optional Term 2: 2 years	Initial Term: \$682,000 Optional Term 1: \$161,000 Optional Term 2: \$570,000	Designated	N/A	The current amendment average annual cost is \$285,000.
UHD	Digital Marketing	Request for Proposal	Brand Value Accelerator, LLC	Second amendment to the contract for the UHD digital marketing campaign used to generate leads for students, adding services for the Davies College of Business.	Initial Term: 22 months Optional Term 1: 1 year Optional Term 2: 1 year	Initial Term: \$597,117 Optional Term 1: \$325,700 Optional Term 2: \$550,700	Designated	12.00%	The current amendment average annual cost is \$550,000 but adds services for an additional College.
UH	Library Subscription Services	Request for Proposal	TBD	Selection of a vendor to assist the library with the management of approximately 3,350 annual subscriptions, including various journal and periodical titles as well as titles published as monographic series (i.e., books). The subscribed publications include both print and online resources. The vendor would act as an authorized agent of the library and interact with individual publishers on the library's behalf.	Initial Term: 3 years Optional Term: 2 years	Initial Term: \$18,465,000 Optional Term: \$14,230,000	Designated	26.00%	The initial term annual average cost is \$6,152,000.
UH	Athletics Production Services	Request for Proposal	TBD	The UH Athletics Department is seeking a production company to package events for production so that they can comply with the American Athletics Conference requirements. There is an enhanced television agreement beginning in Academic Year 2020-2021, and Athletics is required to produce a set number of events per year for three years (50, 75, and 100 first 3 years), and expects that this requirement will grow in the optional period. Use of a contract vendor provides Athletics with flexibility in the production needs.	Initial Term: 3 years Optional Term: 2 years	Initial Term: \$1,912,500 Optional Term: \$2,337,500	Auxiliary	26.00%	The initial term annual average cost is \$637,500.
UH	Ambulatory Surgical Center	Request for Proposal	TBD	The UH College of Optometry is seeking a company or companies to provide medical management and revenue cycle management for the Ambulatory Service Center. The Ambulatory Service Center offers eye surgery to the patients seen at the University Eye Institute as well as private optometrists throughout the greater Houston area, and also provides educational opportunities for peri-operative care for optometry students.	Initial Term: 3 years Optional Term: 2 years	Initial Term: \$8,400,000 Revenue \$6,000,000 Expense Optional Term: \$5,600,000 Revenue \$4,000,000 Expense	Designated	26.00%	The initial term annual average is \$2,800,000 revenue and \$2,000,000 expense.
UHV	Distance Education Program - China	Revenue Agreement	Beacon Education and Technology Company, Ltd.	The University of Houston Victoria is contracting with Beacon Education and Technology Company, Ltd, to establish an online distance learning program for students in China. The vendor will recruit students for the UHV School of Business Administration and UHV faculty will teach all courses.	Initial Term: 5 years	Initial Term: \$6,000,000	Designated	N/A	The initial term annual average revenue is \$1,200,000.
<b>Real Property and Lease Contracts BOR 55.01.01</b>									
UHCL	Pipeline Easement	Revenue Agreement	Baymark Pipeline LLC	Provide a permanent easement for the purpose of the construction, operation, and maintenance of an underground pipeline.  <b>22</b>	Initial term: in perpetuity	Initial Term: \$67,895 (proposed)	Designated	N/A	The easement is perpetual, but contains an abandonment clause. The final settlement amount is being negotiated.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM  
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE:** Finance and Administration

**ITEM:** Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute all contracts and required closing documents related to the purchase of real property near University of Houston - Victoria.

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:**

**SUMMARY:**

Approval is requested to delegate authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and execute all necessary purchase and sale agreements and all related contracts and closing documents, in accordance with Board of Regents Policy 55.01, to purchase land contiguous to the University of Houston - Victoria. This additional land will allow the University of Houston - Victoria to optimally site its residential campus expansion.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Map and Summary Sheet

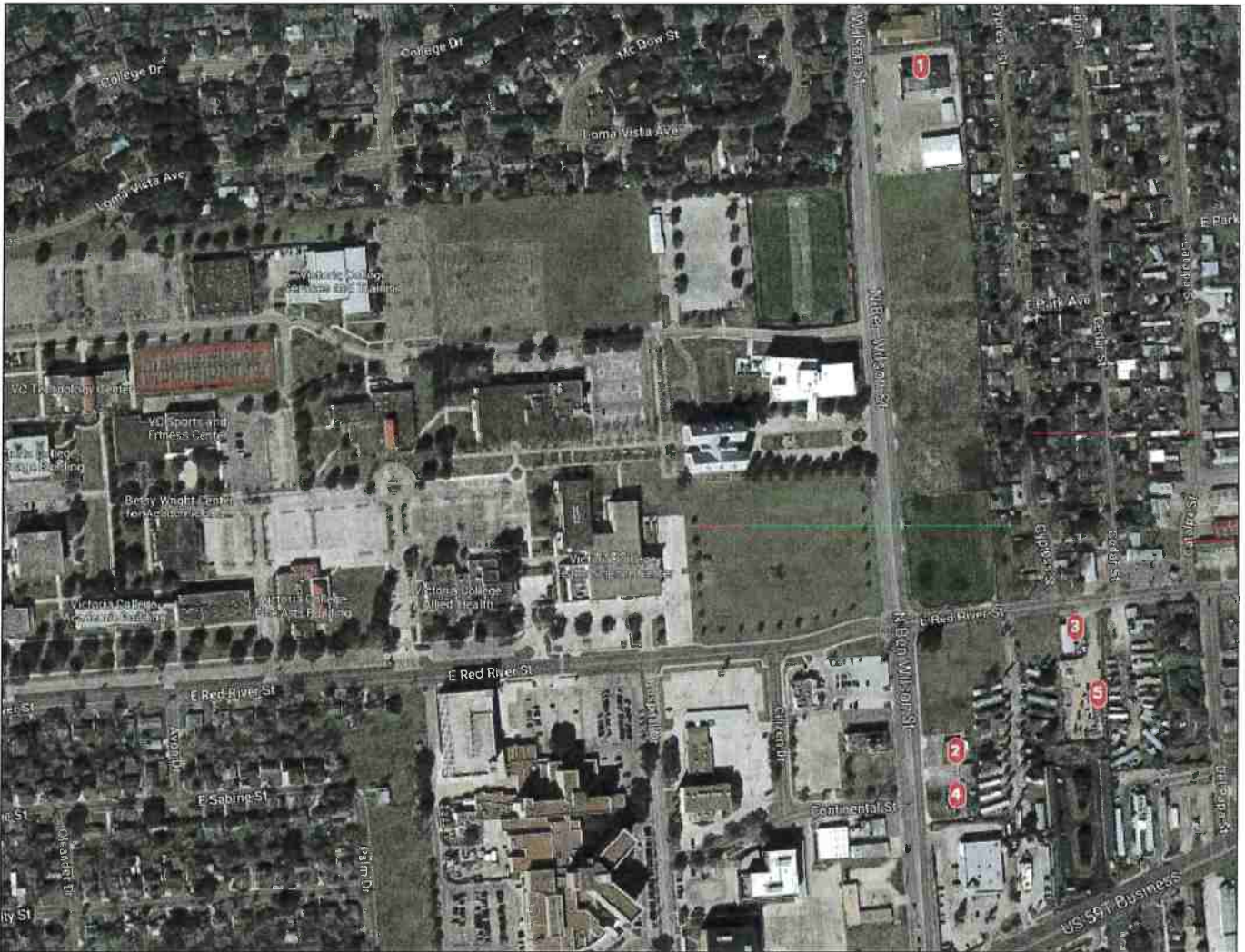
**FISCAL NOTE:** Will submit offer with favorable closing terms for the System

**RECOMMENDATION/  
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston System

Jim McShan Approved via email \_\_\_\_\_ 05-04-2020 \_\_\_\_\_  
**SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR** Jim McShan **DATE**

Renu Khator - Approved via email \_\_\_\_\_ 05/15/2020 \_\_\_\_\_  
**CHANCELLOR** Renu Khator **DATE**





**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM  
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE:** Finance and Administration

**ITEM:** Approval is requested to establish a fee structure for the UH Extend initiative at the University of Houston.

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:**

**SUMMARY:**

Approval is requested to establish a fee structure for UH Extend, University of Houston's initiative to offer 100% online instruction to students regardless of their location. UH Extend will be a new source of revenue for the University of Houston and enable the university to compete with other universities in the online (distance) education business. The plan is to launch this initiative in Fall 2020 with initial degree programs being offered in business, education, and engineering.

Policies governing tuition, fees, and other charges are approved by the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System and comply with applicable state statutes. Tuition and fees are subject to change by legislative or Board action and become effective on the date enacted.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:** Tuition and fee presentation

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**RECOMMENDATION/  
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston

<hr/> <b>PRESIDENT</b>	Renu Khator	<hr/> <b>DATE</b>
Jim McShan Approved via email		05-04-2020
<b>SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR</b>	Jim McShan	<b>DATE</b>
Renu Khator - Approved via email		05/15/2020
<hr/> <b>CHANCELLOR</b>	Renu Khator	<hr/> <b>DATE</b>

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM  
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

**ITEM:** Approval of Freedom of Expression Policy – SAM 01.D.15

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:** N/A

**SUMMARY:**

Approval is requested for SAM 01.D.15 – *Freedom of Expression* policy, as required under Texas Education Code 51.9315 – *Protected Expression on Campus*, which was enacted by the Texas Legislature in 2019. That statute, in pertinent part, requires universities to include specific student rights and responsibilities within the policies, and specifically requires review and approval by the governing board. SAM 01.D.15 contains all provisions to comply with the new statute, as well as the U.S. Constitution and established precedent.

Previously, Freedom of Expression policies with the UH System were maintained only at the campus level. The new SAM establishes System-wide principles, ensures consistency among the campuses for standards required by law, and further permits each campus to establish more detailed policies consistent with this System policy.

**SUPPORTING**

**DOCUMENTATION:** Draft System Administrative Memorandum (SAM) 01.D.15 – *Freedom of Expression*

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**RECOMMENDATION/  
ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval

**COMPONENT:** University of Houston System

Renu Khator – Approved via email  
**CHANCELLOR**

Renu Khator

05/15/2020  
**DATE**

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SECTION: General Information

NUMBER: 01.D.15

AREA: Legal Affairs

SUBJECT: Freedom of Expression

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## 1. PURPOSE

The University of Houston System (the System) is committed to fostering a learning environment where free inquiry and expression are encouraged at each of its universities. The System expects that persons engaging in expressive activities will demonstrate civility, concern for the safety of persons and property, respect for university activities, respect for those who may disagree with their message, and compliance with applicable System and university policies and applicable local, state, and federal laws. Each university maintains its right to place reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on expressive activities.

Additionally, any activities that are unlawful or materially and substantially disruptive to the normal operations of the university will not be tolerated. The purpose of this policy is to provide for expressive activities to be conducted on university grounds in a manner consistent with these principles. Groups of individuals engaging in materially and substantially disruptive activities or failing to comply with applicable System or university policies, or applicable local, state, and federal laws may face immediate removal from the campus and/or other appropriate actions by university officials and university police. Universities within the System may establish more detailed Freedom of Expression policies for their campuses, including policies regarding the reservation of outdoor areas and the use of stationary structures/displays. Campus policies shall be consistent with this policy. Individuals should check each campus's policies for further guidance.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. Amplified Sound: The use of any loudspeaker, loudspeaker system, sound amplifier or any other machine or device which produces, reproduces, or amplifies sound.
- 2.2. Non-Permitted Commercial Activities: The use of the facilities and/or grounds of a university within the System by the university's students, faculty, and staff for personal gain including distribution or posting of commercial literature or other items on campus for personal gain. Non-permitted commercial activities also include commercial use of university space by non-university affiliated individuals or groups where such use is not authorized by a written agreement with the university.

- 2.3. Expressive Activity: Any non-curriculum related rally, parade, demonstration, stationary structure or display, concert or other expressive activity, including literature distribution.
- 2.4. Official University Event or Activity: Any event, program or activity sponsored by a university department in the course of fulfilling their university mission, activities that occur within the classroom, or events that occur within the regular or recurring sphere of activity of a university department.
- 2.5. Sign: A billboard, placard, or other writing, drawing, picture, projected image, or similar item displayed for the purpose of promoting events or activities or to convey a message or information of any type.
- 2.6. University Department: Any academic or nonacademic unit or division or any other official university entity.
- 2.7. University Grounds: Any outdoor university-owned, leased, or maintained grounds located on any university campus, excluding all buildings and structures.

### 3. POLICY

- 3.1. As a part of the System's commitment to fostering a learning environment, student organizations and faculty may invite speakers to speak on campus in accord with System and university policies.
- 3.2. This policy is applicable to any Expressive Activity at locations on University Grounds. This policy does not apply to any Official University Event or Activity, except as noted.
- 3.3. Common outdoor areas of the System are deemed traditional public forums. Therefore, those who wish to engage in an Expressive Activity (including literature distribution) may engage in such expressive activity in the university's common areas (e.g., university parks, grassy areas, and sidewalks) without prior registration or approval.
- 3.4. If an Expressive Activity attracts an audience of 50 or more people, substantially disrupts university business or classes, blocks building access, or creates vehicular, pedestrian, or other traffic hazards, then the Expressive Activity may be required to be relocated to another area on campus that can better accommodate the large group or type of activity.
- 3.5. Amplified Sound – The use of amplified sound is only permitted in designated areas and times at the universities. Amplified sounds shall not exceed the levels permitted

by each university. Amplified sound will be measured at the edges of the surrounding or nearest building.

- 3.6. University buildings are reserved for use by university students, faculty, and staff, except as provided herein, or otherwise permitted by policies of the university. Non-Permitted Commercial Activities (as defined in section 2.2) are not allowed. An Expressive Activity permitted under this policy does not imply official endorsement by the university. Decisions to be made by university officials under this policy will be based on the guidelines set forth in this policy and will not be based on the content or viewpoint of a proposed Expressive Activity. Groups or individuals engaged in an Expressive Activity are responsible for the content of the expression. Questions regarding this policy may be directed to the university's Dean of Students Office.
- 3.7. Grievances – Complaints of a violation under this policy may be made as follows:
- Members of the university community may file a grievance regarding an alleged violation of this policy in the manner provided in the applicable University Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook, University Catalog, Faculty Handbook, or employee/personnel manual.

Alternatively, any complaints of a violation under this policy may be made through the [University of Houston System Fraud & Non-compliance Hotline](#).

- 3.8. Disciplinary Actions – Any person that participates in unlawful expressive activity, or that unduly interferes with the Expressive Activities of others on campus, including at an Official University Events or Activity, may be subject to disciplinary action, as outlined in the student codes of conduct, in policies relating to faculty or staff discipline, or in policies or laws relating to visitors on campus.
- 3.9. Literature Distribution
- 3.9.1 All literature distribution must comply with the following rules:
- a) Literature or other printed materials must be distributed in person.
  - b) Literature or other printed materials must not be forced upon others.
  - c) The free flow of pedestrian, vehicular, or other traffic must not be obstructed at any point.
  - d) Groups or individuals are responsible for ensuring that literature/printed materials do not litter the area.
  - e) Literature/printed materials must not promote Non-Permitted Commercial Activities.
- 3.9.2 This section does not apply to literature/printed material distribution related to a vote for or against a candidate for elective university Student

Government Association (SGA) office or for or against a proposition on a ballot at an SGA election. Such distribution by registered university students may take place in areas immediately adjacent to SGA polling locations and must comply with the university's rules.

### 3.10 Signs Posted on University Grounds

The only types of signs that may be placed on university grounds are those that are sponsored by a university department and promote an Official University Event or Activity. Signs may not be attached to university property (e.g., buildings, light poles, benches). University departments wishing to display signs on university grounds that promote an Official University Event or Activity must obtain approval from the university's Dean of Students or designee at least seven business days prior to the proposed display. Signs will be subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions and must include the name of the university department sponsoring the activity that it promotes.

## 4. TIME, PLACE AND MANNER LIMITATIONS

- 4.1 The System reserves the right to implement and enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions regarding expressive activities including, but not limited to, those set forth in this regulation. Further, activities that are unlawful or that materially and substantially disrupt the normal operations of the university's campus are prohibited. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 4.1.1 Activities that are unlawful or that materially and substantially disrupt the normal operations of the university.
  - 4.1.2 Activities that materially and substantially prevent other individuals or groups from carrying out an expressive activity.
  - 4.1.3 Activities that substantially interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic including the ingress or egress of university facilities.
  - 4.1.4 Activities that substantially interfere with fire protection, law enforcement, or emergency or medical services.
  - 4.1.5 Activities that threaten or endanger the health or safety of any person on university grounds.
  - 4.1.6 Activities that result in damage or destruction of university property. Nothing may be affixed to or written on university property or grounds.
  - 4.1.7 Activities that inherently lose First Amendment protection (e.g., defamatory statements, true threats/fighting words, obscenity [as defined by law])

- 4.1.8 Expressive signage, posters, displays, or structures (herein “displays”) larger than 3 feet in height by 3 feet in width. Displays, literature, and other items may not be left unattended.
  - 4.1.9 Open flames on the university campus without the express written permission of the university.
  - 4.1.10 Any activities that are subject to licensing, code, or ordinance requirements/permits must have the proper licenses/permits and satisfy such codes and ordinances (e.g., serving food and beverages).
- 4.2 The System recognizes that some constitutionally-protected speech may be considered offensive by some or all listeners. An Expressive Activity does not automatically rise to the level of denying constitutional, statutory, or legal rights of others, solely because a listener is offended by the argument or idea presented. However, expressive activities that interfere with the legal rights of others will not be tolerated, and will be disciplined according to appropriate System policies, including, but not limited to SAM 01.D.07 – *Anti-Discrimination Policy*, and SAM 01.D.08 – *Sexual-Misconduct Policy*.

5. REVIEW AND RESPONSIBILITY

Responsible Party: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services

Review: Every five years

6. APPROVAL

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services

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Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

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Chancellor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

References and Resources:

Texas Education Code § 51.9315 – *Protected Expression on Campus*