

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life

ITEM: Update on the University's Compliance with SB 37 Concerning General Education Curriculum Review Advisory Committee and Request to appoint two additional members to the General Education Curriculum Review Advisory Committee

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

Under Senate Bill 37 from the 89th Legislative Session, now codified in Texas Education Code § 51.315, the governing board of an institution of higher education is required, at least once every five years, to conduct a comprehensive review of the institution's general education curriculum, including the core curriculum and any other curriculum or competency required of all undergraduate students before receiving an undergraduate degree. By resolution dated September 22, 2025, the Texas Southern University Board of Regents established the General Education Curriculum Review Advisory Committee and appointed its members to assist the Board in carrying out its statutory duties, including making recommendations to the Board regarding the University's General Education Core Curriculum.

The purpose of this presentation is to review the committee process, timeline, statutory review criteria, and key milestones associated with the comprehensive curriculum review required by SB 37. The presentation will also advise the Board of the Administration's request to appoint two additional members to the committee. In conducting the review, the Board must ensure that courses in the general education curriculum are foundational and fundamental to a sound postsecondary education; prepare students for civic and professional life; equip students for participation in the workforce and betterment of society; and ensure a breadth of knowledge consistent with applicable accreditation standards. The Board must also consider potential costs to students, including additional tuition, fees, and time to degree completion.

Upon completion of the committee's review, the committee will provide recommendations to the Board prior to the Board's certification and approval of Texas Southern University's General Education Core Curriculum. Not later than January 1 of the year in which a comprehensive review is conducted, the Board must certify compliance with Texas Education Code § 51.315 to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and each standing legislative committee and subcommittee with primary jurisdiction over higher education.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: General Education Curriculum Review Advisory Committee PowerPoint Presentation BOA0001743

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

ACTION REQUESTED: Administration recommends approval of this item

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



GENERAL COUNSEL

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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 proposal will achieve.



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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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James Crawford (Jul 14, 2026 21:01:08 CDT)

PRESIDENT

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