
AGENDA

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM ACADEMIC, RESEARCH, AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2024
TIME: 11:30 AM
PLACE: Hilton University of Houston Hotel
Conrad Hilton Ballroom, Second Floor
4450 University Drive
Houston, Texas 77204

Chair: Beth Madison
Vice Chair: Durga D. Agrawal
Members: Alonzo Cantu
Gregory C. King
Tammy Murphy
Mielad Ziaee- Non Voting
Tilman J. Fertitta, Ex Officio

I. Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

- A. Call to Order
Presenter: Chair Beth Madison
- B. Approval of Committee Minutes

- November 16, 2023, Academic and Student Success Committee Meeting

Action: Approval
Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

- C. Presentation of admissions requirement changes for first time in college students applying to the University of Houston-Victoria 3

Action: Approval
Presenter: Dr. Bob Glenn, President - UH - Victoria

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Action: Approval
Presenter: Dr. Diane Chase, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

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Action: Approval
Presenter: Dr. Diane Chase, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

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Action: Information
Presenter: Dr. Claudia Neuhauser, Interim Vice President/Vice Chancellor for Research

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Action: Information
Presenter: Dr. Diane Chase, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

II. **Executive Session**

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

- A. 1. Consultation with System Attorney Regarding Legal Matters, and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers.
Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071
2. Deliberations regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Sale or Value of Real Property.
Texas Gov't Code Section 551.072
3. Deliberation Regarding a Prospective Gift.
Texas Gov't Code Section 551.073
4. Personnel Matters Relating to appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees including but not limited to the Chancellor, Presidents, Vice Chancellors, in the Division of Athletics and members of the Board of Regents.
Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074

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

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

IV. **Adjourn**

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

COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Presentation of admissions requirement changes for first time in college students applying to the University of Houston-Victoria.

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Presentation of the University of Houston-Victoria's new admissions requirements for FY24, updated to only requiring applicants to meet one of three requirements for freshman admissions. If approved, these changes will take effect for the Fall 2024 admissions cycle.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Proposal to change FTIC admissions requirements document

FISCAL NOTE: None

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

COMPONENT: University of Houston-Victoria

 _____ PRESIDENT	Robert K. Glenn	<u>1/19/24</u> DATE
 _____ SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR	Diane Z. Chase	<u>02/06/2024</u> DATE
 _____ CHANCELLOR	Renu Khator	<u>2/19/24</u> DATE

Proposal to Change FTIC Admissions Requirements at UHV

This proposal aims to update the current admissions requirements for First Time in College (FTIC) students applying to the University of Houston-Victoria for Fall 2024 and beyond.

Current admissions requirements: Applicants must meet two out of the following requirements listed below:

- GPA: 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Ranking: Top 50% of graduating class
- Test scores: SAT 940 or ACT 18

Challenges noticed this recruitment cycle:

- ✓ Covid-19 has left a lasting impression on education.
- ✓ Students are struggling to meet two out of three of our current requirements.
- ✓ Some schools, like charter schools, do not rank, which has negatively impacted students with high GPAs who do not take the SAT/ACT test.
- ✓ A decrease in the overall performance of assessments such as SAT and ACT.
- ✓ In the Fall of 2023 admissions cycle, 179 applicants were denied admissions due to not meeting two out of the three requirements.

Average test scores at UHV (Fall 2023):

- Average SAT score: 1055
- Average ACT score: 21

Proposed Changes – Meet ONE of three requirements for any of the listed two options:

Option 1: FTIC applicants must meet one of the following admissions requirements to qualify for *automatic admissions*:

1. 2.5 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 GPA scale)
2. SAT/ACT minimum scores
 - SAT Minimum score: 980
 - ACT Minimum score: 19
3. Have a class ranking of 50%

Option 2: FTIC applicants must meet one of the following admissions requirements to qualify for *admissions with requirements**:

1. 2.0-2.49 GPA (on a 4.0 GPA scale)
2. SAT/ACT minimum scores
 - SAT Minimum score: 940
 - ACT Minimum score: 18

**Students who are admitted with requirements will be required to develop and follow a success plan designed with their Success Coach with weekly follow-up.*

Option 3: FTIC applicants who do not meet any of the other two admission requirement options will have the option to submit an Admissions Appeal form for **Individual Review**.

Note: [NAIA](#) has different admissions requirements that must be met by athletes.

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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Approval of Faculty Promotion in Academic Rank – University of Houston

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Board approval is requested for faculty promotion recommendations to be effective Fall 2024. After rigorous review, the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and respective President recommend promotion to the Chancellor who then makes recommendations to the Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Faculty Promotion List

FISCAL NOTE: None

RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION REQUESTED: Administration recommends approval of this item

COMPONENT: University of Houston

		<u>2/19/24</u>
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FACULTY PROMOTION LIST
University of Houston
Effective Fall 2024

College / Department	Name	Present Rank	Recommended Rank
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences	Political Science	Tobias Heinrich	Assistant Professor
			Associate Professor*

*Tenure

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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Approval of Mission and Vision Statements – UH System, University of Houston, University of Houston Clear Lake, University of Houston Downtown, and University of Houston Victoria

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Review and approval is being requested for the UH System, University of Houston, University of Houston Clear Lake, University of Houston Downtown, and the University of Houston Victoria mission and vision statements.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Mission Statements

FISCAL NOTE: None

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

COMPONENT: University of Houston System

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University of Houston System Mission and Vision Statements

University of Houston System

Mission Statement

The University of Houston System provides, through the complementary missions of its four universities, access to comprehensive higher education programs and services to the diverse community of students in the Houston metropolitan area and beyond. The UH System's research and scholarship are globally significant, nationally competitive, and serve as an engine for economic development, while its public service activities enhance the quality of life in the region.

University of Houston

Mission Statement

Connecting Potential with Opportunity

The University of Houston draws strength from its diversity to transform lives and communities through education, research, service and innovation in a real world setting. UH is an engine for discovery, conversation and change that informs and leads local, state, national and global partnerships.

Vision Statement

Building a Top 50 Public University

University of Houston Clear Lake

Mission Statement

The University of Houston-Clear Lake places its highest priority on serving a diverse body of students in every aspect of their university experience. UHCL's teacher scholars provide high quality, student-centered undergraduate and graduate programs that prepare students to thrive in a competitive workplace and to make meaningful contributions to their communities. UHCL fosters critical thinking and lifelong learning through a strong legacy of vibrant community partnerships complementing its historical focus on teaching, research, creative activity, and service.

Vision Statement

The University of Houston-Clear Lake will lead as a learner-centered university dedicated to achieving national prominence in transformative education grounded in creative activities, innovative research, and community partnerships that serve regional, state, and global locations. UHCL launches your future!

University of Houston Downtown

Mission Statement

The University of Houston-Downtown is a community of diverse faculty, staff, students, and regional partners dedicated to nurturing talent, generating knowledge, and driving socioeconomic mobility for a just and sustainable future.

This new Mission Statement shows that UHD is an institution that is driven by public purposes, and it clearly addresses the university's role in serving the needs of the region and the city.

University of Houston System Mission and Vision Statements

As we approach our 50th anniversary, we continue to stay true to our first purpose, which is to educate our students. As a student-ready institution, we boost student success by being prepared for the students whom we recruit and enroll. Our students become members of an academic community that identifies where their potential lies and acts to nurture their innate talents. With the reputation of being an engine of students' socioeconomic mobility, the university equips students to serve a common good rather than seeing their degrees solely as a private gain.

Our commitment to generating socially impactful knowledge through thoughtful inquiry is manifested by our marked ability to bring the expertise of our students, faculty, and staff together with that of community partners to explore and exchange ideas and to search for solutions to seemingly intractable problems.

We are also committed to engagement with and outreach to the city and region, and we encourage our students through experiential and applied learning to consider the implications of public service and collaborative problem-solving as they bend to work toward a just and sustainable future.

Vision Statement

The University of Houston-Downtown will be an inclusive university of choice for Houstonians seeking to contribute to the social, intellectual, and cultural lives of their communities.

Our vision is forward-looking and reveals the new paradigm that will establish the culture of UHD for the next 20 years. The vision to make UHD a university of choice will require dedication from the university's community. Promoting institutional and inclusive excellence and engraining them as practices in every area of the university will get us to this point.

However, in addition to our internal efforts, we will need the support of external partners. We invite existing and future collaborators to join us in effecting organizational and operational changes so that we can indeed become a model public, urban university.

University of Houston Victoria

Mission Statement

The University of Houston-Victoria (UHV), a dynamic destination institution serving Texas and the world, is dedicated to providing every student educational and leadership opportunities to become a successful professional and an engaged global citizen. Innovative educational activities challenge students to make meaningful connections between their learning and their lives in a complex world. University of Houston-Victoria promotes economic development and advances quality of life through teaching, research, and service excellence.

University of Houston System

Mission and Vision Statements

Vision Statement

UHV Core Values

- Academic excellence accessible to a diverse community.
- Continuous improvement and responsiveness to emerging issues.
- Freedom of inquiry and expression of truth in a culture of mutual respect, cooperation, and teamwork.
- The highest standards of ethics, integrity, and accountability.

Standing Goals

Goal 1: Teaching and Learning UHV will provide high-quality instruction and learning support in all degree programs, with an emphasis on outreach, collaboration, and responsiveness to the needs of the communities served by the institution.

Goal 2: Research, Scholarly Activities and External Grant Funding UHV will contribute through research and scholarly activities to the advancement of knowledge in academic and professional fields, in teaching and learning, and in professional communities— commensurate with UHV’s mission. This goal includes an increase in the number and amount of externally funded grants.

Goal 3: Community Engagement and Partnerships UHV will help to serve the regional needs for access to information resources and professional expertise. The university will collaborate with other educational, entrepreneurial, governmental, and non-profit entities in promoting the educational, economic, and cultural development of the region.

Goal 4: Enrollment Management and Student Services UHV will optimally shape the size and characteristics of the student body to ensure diversity and reflect the needs of the leaders of tomorrow, with an emphasis on student access and success, as well as student participation through athletics, student organizations and academic success initiatives.

Goal 5: Financial and Administrative Support Services UHV will demonstrate efficient and accountable stewardship of fiscal, human, and physical resources in its efforts to meet educational needs, to comply with oversight authorities, and to maintain public trust.

Goal 6: University Advancement and Development UHV will complement public support of the institution with private support; provide accurate and timely information to institutional constituencies; expand the donor base; enhance positive visibility within the region; and, build a strong alumni community.

Goal 7: Planning, Assessment, and Accountability UHV will maintain systematic processes for planning and budgeting, for institutional and employee assessment, and for professional development. UHV will strive for greater accountability and transparency to stakeholders.

Goal 8: Growth and Program Expansion UHV will continue to expand its reach and services as a destination campus in Victoria, as well as meet the growing regional needs of students in the Greater Houston area and online.

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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Research Highlights – University of Houston System

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Dr. Claudia Neuhauser, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, will provide an update on the Division of Research, including awards over \$1M received recently for projects in the fields of health, environmental science, energy, smart technology, from entities such as the Department of Energy, Department of Defense, among others.

The Division of Research will provide an additional presentation on faculty research.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: PowerPoint Presentation

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

COMPONENT: University of Houston System



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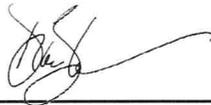
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ITEM: Success Story – University of Houston System

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

A 3-minute thesis, or 3MT®, is a skill development activity that challenges graduate students to explain their research project to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes. Besides the time limitation, students are also limited to a single static PowerPoint slide with no additional electronic media or props. Participating in a 3MT® competition comes with various benefits. The competition cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. Additionally, students increase their capability to communicate their research to a non-specialized audience.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: PowerPoint Presentation
FISCAL NOTE: None
**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Information
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