

**Texas State University System
Telephonic Called Board of Regents Meeting
Friday, April 22, 2016
2:30 PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Agenda Item

A. TXST: Delegation of Authority to President to Purchase Edward S. Curtis Works, Subject to Approval of the Chancellor

B. TSUS: Consideration of Proposed Rules and Regulations. The proposed rule revision to Chapter VIII of the Texas State University System *Rules and Regulations* relating to the Disclosure of Interested Parties Contracting with System Components

C. TSUS/LIT: Resolution Honoring Dr. Paul Szuch, President of the Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont, Texas and Order Conferring of President Emeritus Status

D. TSUS/LIT: Naming of the multipurpose building on the Lamar Institute of Technology campus as the "Paul and Connie Szuch Multipurpose Center"

3. Adjourn

TXST: Delegation of Authority to President to Purchase Edward S. Curtis Works, Subject to Approval of the Chancellor

Upon motion of Regent _____, seconded by Regent _____, it was ordered that:

The President of Texas State University be authorized to negotiate a contract and a purchase price for a set of *The North American Indian* by Edward S. Curtis subject to the Chancellor's approval.

Explanation

The proposed motion would empower the President, subject to the Chancellor's approval, to negotiate this contract and the purchase price. This set will be purchased from the Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas - Austin. The works to be purchased are contained in *The North American Indian* by Edward S. Curtis (1868-1952) published between 1907 and 1930, predominantly by The University Press in Cambridge, MA. A complete set of *The North American Indian* consists of 20 volumes of text volumes, plus 20 large portfolios. The text volumes measure 12"x10" and are leather-bound. They contain descriptive text of various Indian tribes, ranging from the Plains to the Southwest, Northwest, and Alaska. Each volume is richly illustrated with 5x7" photogravures (a total of 1,511 images in the 20 volumes.)

The portfolios contain sheets that measure just over 22"x18". Each portfolio corresponds to a text volume and depicts the same tribes as its corresponding text volume. The 20 portfolios contain a total of 723 photogravure plates. All told, there are 2,234 images in *The North American Indian*.

The set at the Briscoe Center for American History at UT Austin, set #144, is missing one text volume (v.10) and two portfolios (v.10 & 11). Additionally, their text volume 11 is from a different set (#345) than the rest of the volumes and portfolios, and it is printed on a different paper.

Intended by Curtis to document the "vanishing race" of the American Indian, *The North American Indian* contains one of the largest visual and ethnographic records of Native Americans in existence, produced in lavish style with the patronage of J. Pierpont Morgan. According to author and critic A.D. Coleman, it is "an absolutely unmatched masterpiece of visual anthropology, and one of the most thorough, extensive, and profound photograph works of all time."

TSUS: Approval of Rules and Regulations

Upon motion of Regent _____, seconded by Regent _____, it was ordered that:

The attached, proposed revision to Chapter VIII of the Texas State University System *Rules and Regulations* relating to the Disclosure of Interested Parties Contracting with System Components be approved.

Explanation

Although the Board historically considers revisions to its *Rules and Regulations* at its May meeting each year, this mid-year rule change is prompted by HB 1295 of the 84th Legislature. That legislation created *Government Code section 2252.908*, which requires disclosure of interested parties by business entities contracting with the System Components when an action or a vote by the Board of Regents is required, or the contract has a value of at least \$1 million, with certain exceptions.

The attached new *Paragraph 12 of Chapter VIII, the Ethics Policy for Regents and Employees of the Texas State University System*, has been shared with the *Rules and Regulations* Committee and among all constituents system-wide before being brought before this Board.

NEW PARAGRAPH 12 of CHAPTER VIII
on PAGE VIII-14

CHAPTER VIII. ETHICS POLICY FOR REGENTS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

12. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTED PARTIES CONTRACTING WITH SYSTEM COMPONENTS.

A System Component may not enter into a contract with a business entity that requires an action or vote by the Board of Regents or that has a value of at least \$1 million, unless the business entity submits a disclosure of interested parties at the time the business entity submits the signed contract to the Component. The Board will not approve any contract that is not accompanied by such disclosure statement and a representation by the Component that such statement was timely submitted to the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

12.1 Contracts Exempted. This Paragraph 12 does not apply to a sponsored research contract, an interagency contract, or a contract related to health and human services if the value of the contract cannot be determined at the time the contract is executed and any qualified vendor is eligible for the contract.

12.2 Disclosure Form. The disclosure of interested parties must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission and shall include:

- (1) A list of each interested party for the contract of which the contracting business entity is aware; and
- (2) The signature of the authorized agent of the contracting business entity, acknowledging that the disclosure is made under oath and under penalty of perjury.

12.3 Submission to Texas Ethics Commission. The Component shall submit a copy of the disclosure to the Texas Ethics Commission not later than the 30th day following the date the Component receives a disclosure of interested parties required under this Paragraph 12.

Explanation

This *Rule* is proposed to comply with HB 1295 of the 84th Legislature, which created Texas *Government Code section 2252.908*. That section requires disclosure of interested parties by business entities contracting with System Components when the contract requires an action or vote by the Board of Regents or has a value of at least \$1 million, with certain exceptions.

TSUS/LIT: Resolution Honoring Dr. Paul Szuch, President of the Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont, Texas and Order Conferring of President Emeritus Status

Upon motion of Regent _____, seconded by Regent _____, it was ordered that:

1. The following Resolution, honoring Dr. Paul Szuch, President of the Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont, Texas, be adopted; forever be memorialized in the minutes of this Board of Regents; and otherwise be presented to Dr. Szuch at a subsequent Regular meeting of this Board; and,
2. Dr. Szuch be forever conferred the title, President *Emeritus* of the Lamar Institute of Technology, together with all honors and perquisites appropriate thereto.

Resolution Honoring Dr. Paul Szuch

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch has accomplished much academically, receiving his B.S. in Management/Business Education from the University of West Florida, his M.Ed. in Business Education from the University of Southern Mississippi, and his Ed.D. in Higher Education from Nova University; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch has spent his life in higher education, beginning his career as a high school teacher in 1968 in Pensacola, Florida; continuing as an instructor at the University of Southern Mississippi and later at the University of West Florida; serving in several capacities at Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville, Florida between 1971 to 1988; and serving in several administrative positions at Pasco-Hernando Community College in New Port Richey, Florida before ascending to the position of Vice President of Educational Services; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch, since becoming president in 2006, has led the Lamar Institute of Technology to unprecedented levels of growth and development, including record enrollment growth of 34.6% (n=3,243); High School Dual Enrollment CTE coursework at 17 different area high schools; and, signed agreements with universities to provide educational pathways for LIT graduates; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch has presided over an academic renaissance at Lamar Institute of Technology, increasing Full-Time Faculty Equivalents by 27.8%; broadening LIT's Mission Statement to accommodate four new Academic Associate of Arts (AA) and three new Associate of Science (AS) degree programs; and, spearheaded successful decennial reaccreditation (to 2025) by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch Has led increases both in state funding and in private giving (over a 400% increase in scholarship distributions and an increase of over 300% (\$2,630,925)) in the LIT

Foundation Investment account; and, increased institutional revenue by \$8,543,884 or 38.2%; and,

WEREAS, Dr. Paul Szuch's wife, Connie Farthing Szuch, has served as an unpaid Lamar Institute of Technology "ambassador" and volunteer in many community activities, such as the Harbor Foundation/Harbor Hospice; United Way of Beaumont; Gift of Life; Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce – Ambassador; the Arc of Greater Beaumont (People with intellectual and developmental disabilities) - Advisory Board Member; Christian Women Job Corps - Past President; becoming, like her husband, an important part of the Golden Triangle community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System enthusiastically and unanimously adopt this Resolution, recognizing Dr. Paul Szuch and thanking him for his service to the Lamar Institute of Technology, its students, faculty and staff and to the Texas State University System.

Adopted by the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System this _____ day of April, 2016.

TSUS/LIT: Naming of the multipurpose building on the Lamar Institute of Technology campus as the “Paul and Connie Szuch Multipurpose Center”

Upon motion of Regent _____, seconded by Regent _____, it was ordered that the multipurpose building on the Lamar Institute of Technology campus be renamed and forever known as the “Paul and Connie Szuch Multipurpose Center.”

Explanation

As the second president, among other achievements, Dr. Szuch led the Lamar Institute of Technology to:

- Record enrollment growth of 34.6% (n=3,243);
- An increase in Full-Time Faculty Equivalents by 27.8%;
- Broadening LIT’s Mission Statement to accommodate four new Academic Associate of Arts (AA) and three new Associate of Science (AS) degree programs;
- High School Dual Enrollment CTE coursework at 17 different area high schools;
- Increased institutional revenue by \$8,543,884 or 38.2%;
- Signing agreements with universities to provide educational pathways for LIT graduates;
- Helping to increase both state funding and private giving (over a 400% increase in scholarship distributions and an increase of over 300% (\$2,630,925) in the LIT Foundation Investment account;
- Increased community awareness of LIT’s mission and critical role; and
- Led a successful decennial reaccreditation (to 2025) by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges.

Mrs. Szuch has also done much to assist her husband’s efforts to enhance the Institute, serving as an unpaid Lamar Institute of Technology “ambassador” and volunteer in many community activities, such as the Harbor Foundation/Harbor Hospice; United Way of Beaumont; Gift of Life; Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce – Ambassador; the Arc of Greater Beaumont (People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)) - Advisory Board Member; Christian Women Job Corps - Past President; Stephen Ministry Training; and Wesley United Methodist Church.



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