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From: Nelsen, Robert S
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2006 11:39 AM
To: 'bwheelan@sacscoc.org'
Subject: FW: Mission Statement

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I spoke to Dr. Jackson about the emails below at the conference this week, and he asked me to forward them to you. Basically, we have a new president, hence a new strategic plan, hence a slightly modified university mission statement. The UT System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board have approved the changes—neither unit considered the changes substantive. Nonetheless, I want to be certain that SACS concurs...hence this email. I have attached the documents, but for your convenience I will post the two versions directly below.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely
Robert Nelsen

This revised Mission Statement for The University of Texas at Dallas is:

The University of Texas at Dallas serves the Metroplex and the State of Texas as a global leader in innovative, high quality science, engineering, and business education and research. The University is committed to (1) producing engaged graduates, prepared for life, work, and leadership in a constantly changing world, (2) advancing excellent educational and research programs in the natural and social sciences, engineering and technology, management, and the liberal, creative, and practical arts, and (3) transforming ideas into actions that directly benefit the personal, economic, social, and cultural lives of the citizens of Texas.

The old version:

The mission of The University of Texas at Dallas is to provide Texas and the nation with the benefits of educational and research programs of the highest quality. These programs address the multidimensional needs of a dynamic modern society driven by the development, diffusion, understanding and management of advanced technology.

Within the context of this mission, the goals of the University are:

- To provide able, ambitious students with a high-quality, cost-effective education that combines the nurturing environment of a liberal arts college with the intellectual rigor and depth of a major research university;
- To discover new knowledge and create new art that enriches civilization-at-large and contributes significantly to economic and social progress;
- To enhance the productivity of business and government with strategically designed, responsively executed programs of research, service and education.

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From: Nelsen, Robert S
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 3:18 AM
To: Rudy Jackson
Subject: FW: Mission Statement

Dear Rudy,

Attached is a pdf of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's letter approving UTD's revised mission statement. As I mentioned in my previous emails, the revision was part of UTD's Strategic Plan 2005-2015 that President Daniel authored and that the Academic Senate approved last summer. Neither the Coordinating Board nor the University of Texas System believed that the revision was a substantive change; however, I have not heard back from you as to its status. I am not certain whether the revision needs to be documented as a substantive change in the Compliance Certification report (which we are currently working on) and whether it needs your approval. I would greatly appreciate hearing from you so that I know how to proceed.

Sincerely,
Robert

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Dear Rudy,

I am concerned that you did not receive the two emails below. UTD has changed the wording of its mission statement in the process of writing its new Strategic Plan. We have sent the new wording to the UT System, and the Board of Regents has approved the new wording (they did not feel that we were altering our educational mission). The next step is to have it approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The staff of the CB has told me that they concur with UT System that we are not changing our educational mission. I just want to know if you concur as well. I do not believe that the new wording triggers the substantive change policy, but I want to be certain. Of course, I will follow whatever procedures you recommend.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
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From: Nelsen, Robert S

Sent: Saturday, September 30, 2006 1:47 PM

To: 'Rudy Jackson'

Subject: FW: UTD's Mission Statement

Rudy, Last June, I sent you the email below (it was just shortly before Larry Terry died)—things got hectic around then, and I don't remember receiving a response. Since then, the UT System Board of Regents has approved the new mission statement, and it is working its way through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's protocol. It will shortly be on their agenda next month. Could you please advise me on the next step? Thanks, Robert

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From: Nelsen, Robert S

Sent: Friday, June 09, 2006 3:46 PM

To: Rudy Jackson

Subject: UTD's Mission Statement

Dear Rudy,

We have a new president at the University of Texas at Dallas, Dr. David Daniel. In the context of getting a new

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president, we have written a new strategic plan that proposes a new mission statement. We have not published that mission statement any place except in the draft of the Strategic Plan, which was approved by our Faculty Senate last month. As part of the process, we have sent the mission statement to the UT System Board of Regents for their approval at the August meeting of the Board of Regents. I am writing to you as the next step, asking for the approval from SACS. Below, please find the new statement, and attached please find the letter from President Daniel to the Executive Vice Chancellor of the UT System asking for the item to be placed on the Board of Regents' August agenda as well as a copy of the old (current) mission statement. If you would be so kind as to advise me how to proceed with SACS, I would be very grateful.

I look forward to seeing you Monday at the Orientation meeting.

Yrs,
Robert

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