
Agenda Item 8C

July 5, 2017

SUBJECT:

Direction to the Chancellor of the Blinn College District to Negotiate the Terms of a Lease Agreement with The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) Related to the Establishment of Blinn College Health Science Program Facilities on The RELSIS Campus

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board direct the Chancellor of the Blinn College District (1) to negotiate with TAMUS the terms of a lease agreement related to the establishment of Blinn College Health Science Program facilities on the RELSIS Campus, and (2) to return to the Board for final approval of any such agreement.

RATIONALE:

TAMUS has invited Blinn College to participate in additional facility-related partnerships on the RELSIS Campus that would allow the College to enter into future innovative projects and course offerings that will benefit Blinn College in the following ways, at a minimum:

- Creates opportunities to partner with other organizations and institutions on the RELSIS Campus, including private research and development companies, the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).
- Provides a 2,000 acre campus where hands-on, real-world educational experiences can be conducted.
- Promotes transfer pathways for Associate Degree and Certificate programs with system colleges/universities, including bachelor's and master's awards.
- Saves on infrastructure and construction costs and creates financial savings and efficiencies of operation for Health Sciences, including, but not limited to shared classrooms and buildings.
- Solidifies further Blinn's strong relationship with TAMUS, strengthening Blinn's statewide and national ability to provide an excellent recruiting tool for attracting high-achieving faculty and students.

- Creates new opportunities for Blinn to design and implement programs that align with the RELLIS Campus focus on research for high-end, innovative companies, and transferable workforce training; and
- Provides Blinn the opportunity to be part of a new, visionary, educational community that has not heretofore existed, combining a major university system and a community college at a single physical location.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:

TAMUS proposes an annual lease fee of \$837,000. Blinn College will negotiate this and other lease terms.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL:

Ms. Karen Buck, Vice President, Administration and Operations

Mr. Richard O'Malley, Assistant Vice President Facilities, Planning, and Construction

Mr. John Barton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Exec. Dir. of The RELLIS Campus, TAMUS

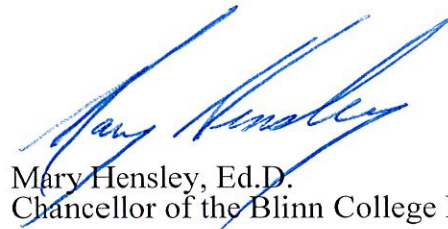
ATTACHMENTS:

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