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TO: Dr. Elizabeth Mayer
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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

FROM: Michael T. Stephenson
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SUBJECT: Mission Statement Revision

Per THECB requirements, this memo is being submitted to inform you of a revision to Sam Houston State University's institutional mission statement. The revised mission was approved by the Texas State University System (TSUS) Board of Regents in May 2022, but was inadvertently not communicated to the THECB at that time. Please see enclosed, revised mission statement and documentation of TSUS Board approval. Please accept our apologies for the delayed notification.

MINUTES
OF
THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF
THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Quarterly Board Meeting

May 19-20, 2022

Regent Nicki Harle, Member of the Academic and Health Affairs Committee, presented the following agenda items:

2022-41 LU: Addition of Master of Education Degree Plan – Literacy Leadership in Urban Education

Upon motion of Regent Harle, seconded by Regent Faske, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Lamar University is authorized to add a new degree plan for Master of Education (M Ed) - Literacy Leadership in Urban Education (LL&UE) on-campus, online and hybrid modes.

2022-42 SHSU: Approval of Sam Houston State University's Strategic Framework

Upon motion of Regent Harle, seconded by Regent Lee, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sam Houston State University's strategic framework, including a revised mission statement, values, vision statement, and strategic priorities, is approved.

2022-43 SHSU: Degree Program Addition—Master of Science in Applied Economics

Upon motion of Regent Harle, seconded by Regent Flores, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sam Houston State University is authorized to offer a degree program, and the associated new course additions, leading to the Master of Science in Applied Economics (MSAE), housed in the Department of Economics and International Business within the College of Business Administration to be implemented upon final approval by the TSUS Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

2022-44 SRSU: Change Name of the College of Literature, Arts, and Social Sciences to the Jimmy D. Case College of Literature, Arts, and Social Sciences

Upon motion of Regent Harle, seconded by Regent Scott, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sul Ross State University is approved to change the name of The College of Literature, Arts, and Social Sciences to the Jimmy D. Case College of Literature, Arts, and Social Sciences.

2022-45 SRSU: Degree Program Addition—Bachelor of Science in Education General Studies Non-Certification

Upon motion of Regent Harle, seconded by Regent Flores, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College is authorized to offer the Bachelor of Science in Education General Studies Non-Certification degree effective September 1, 2022, upon approval by the TSUS Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

2022-46 SRSU: Modifying Undergraduate Admissions Criteria

Upon motion of Regent Harle, seconded by Regent Tinsley, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Sul Ross State University is authorized to modify the existing undergraduate admissions criteria for first time in college (FTIC) students to allow for test-optional admission.

2022-47 TXST: Add a Master of Applied Geography Degree with a Major in Geography Resource and Environmental Studies via Distance Education

Upon motion of Regent Harle, seconded by Regent Faske, with all Regents voting aye, it was ordered that Texas State University is authorized to offer the existing Master of Applied Geography degree with a major in Geography Resource and Environmental Studies via distance education.

**Texas State University System
Quarterly Board of Regents Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022 - 12:30 PM
Sam Houston State University
Lowman Student Center
1802 Avenue I
Huntsville, TX 77340**

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SHSU: Approval of Sam Houston State University's Strategic Framework

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

Sam Houston State University's strategic framework, including a revised mission statement, values, vision statement, and strategic priorities, be approved.

Explanation

As part of Sam Houston State University's strategic planning process, the University has updated its mission statement, values, vision statement, and strategic priorities. The proposed strategic framework for SHSU is below.

Mission Statement:

Sam Houston State University is a student-centered, community engaged institution whose mission is to offer accessible, quality higher education. The university offers a variety of innovative and flexible degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels focused on career readiness, personal and professional development, and service. SHSU provides integrated academic and student success services designed to support traditional and non-traditional students from diverse backgrounds.

Values:

- Student Success and Support
- Academic Excellence
- Service and Community Engagement
- Inclusive Excellence
- Collaborative Environment
- Honor
- Creativity and Innovation

Vision Statement:

Sam Houston State University will provide a transformative environment that enables students from diverse backgrounds to become leaders who serve their families, communities, and professions. We aspire to make SHSU both the best value in higher education and the top regional public university in the state of Texas. We will accomplish this through providing high quality, innovative, and flexible academic programs; a commitment to student success, scholarship and creative works; and engagement that solves the most critical challenges facing the world.

Strategic Priorities:

- Prioritize student success and student access.
- Embody a culture of excellence.
- Elevate the reputation and visibility of SHSU.
- Expand and elevate our service to the state and beyond.