



REPORT TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS

December 12, 2014
Meeting 293

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Stephen F. Austin State University
Board of Regents
Meeting 293
Friday, December 12, 2014
4:00 p.m.**

Board of Regents Committee of the Whole Call to Order in Open Session	Steve McCarty Board Chair						
<p>Presentation and Board Action on Agenda Item 1:</p> <p><u>RENEWAL OF DESIRE2LEARN CONTRACT</u></p> <p>Explanation:</p> <p>Desire2Learn is the system used to deliver the university's distance learning programs and other enhancements in face-to-face and blended courses. Renewal of our license is due on December 17. The administration wishes to request approval for expenditures of over \$100,000 for each of years 2014, 2015, and 2016 in order to renew the license. The contract will remain the same as the previous version signed in 2013 except for the addition of the option to extend the existing contract through and until December 16, 2017.</p> <p>In keeping with the allowable five percent annual increase, the yearly costs are expected to be:</p> <table><tr><td>2014</td><td>\$127,036</td></tr><tr><td>2015</td><td>\$133,388</td></tr><tr><td>2016</td><td>\$140,057</td></tr></table> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>The administration recommends approval of the renewal of Desire2Learn contract for the next three years at a cost not to exceed \$145,000 per year and the authorization of the president to sign the necessary paperwork.</p>	2014	\$127,036	2015	\$133,388	2016	\$140,057	<p>Ric Berry Provost and VP of Academic Affairs</p>
2014	\$127,036						
2015	\$133,388						
2016	\$140,057						

Presentation and Board Action on Agenda Item 2:

Baker Pattillo
President

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL –
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE

Explanation:

Over the past several years, students at universities across Texas have had the opportunity through referenda to determine if they wish to levy a student fee in support of intercollegiate athletics on their campuses. Stephen F. Austin State University remains one of the only universities in the state without the legislative authority to implement an intercollegiate athletics fee.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends that the board authorize the president to seek legislative approval for a bill authorizing the establishment of an intercollegiate athletics fee at Stephen F. Austin State University. Such a fee would not be levied unless approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a general student election held for that purpose.

**Recess to Executive Session
(Scheduled for approximately 4:15 pm)**

Steve McCarty
Chair

Board Consideration of the following items:

Consideration of Individual Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of an Officer or Employee, including but not limited to the director of audit services, vice presidents and the president. (Texas Government Code, Section 551.074)

Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Advice or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers, including but not limited to legal issues relating to employee benefits, debt and debt financing, and ongoing audits and audit investigations, reported complaints, and procedure on investigations and employee discipline (Texas Government Code, Section 551.071)

<p>Adjourn Executive Session (Scheduled for approximately 5:50 pm)</p> <p>Reconvene Board of Regents in Open Session.</p>	<p>Steve McCarty Chair</p>
<p>Presentation and Board Action on Agenda Item 3:</p> <p><u>ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AUDIT SERVICES REPORT AND APPROVE CHANGE IN PAYROLL BENEFITS METHOD OF FINANCE</u></p> <p>Explanation:</p> <p>The <i>Board Rules and Regulations</i> state that the director of audit services shall assist the board in carrying out its oversight responsibilities as they relate to the university's a) financial and other reporting practices, b) internal control, and c) compliance with laws, regulations and ethics. The director of audit services reports to the Board of Regents on the status of the annual audit plan, internal external reports, risk assessment and audit/compliance issues.</p> <p>The audit services report as presented includes Proportionality of Benefits Audit and an update on annual audit plan.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>The administration recommends that the Board of Regents acknowledge receipt of the audit services report as presented and approve the change in the institutional education and general payroll benefits method of finance from general revenue funds to designated fund balance for fiscal years 12, 13, and 14, and for the university to work with the Texas Comptroller's office to determine the process for the method of finance change and recompensing of general revenue.</p>	<p>Gina Oglesbee Director of Audit Services</p>
<p>Adjourn Board Meeting (Scheduled for approximately 6:00 pm)</p>	<p>Steve McCarty Chair</p>