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Friday morning. March the 20th. The year 2020. This is a special called board meeting of the board of region. I want to thank you all for taking the time to join us. We are going to have a rollcall but before the rollcall I want to remind you of a few telephone etiquette things we would like to go over.'s if you are not speaking because of the number of people we have on the line please place your phone on mute to avoid any interference we might have. Before you speak please say your name so the others on the call know who is speaking. If you have difficulties or we lose you off the line please check April. We have IT on hand to give you any assistance you might need. With that being said, let's do a rollcall. For board members, let me let you know who's in the room. Myself, Bridget, Regent David alders. President [Indiscernible] General Counsel diamond Derek. We also have in the room Ryan eyes he

and April and Nick and Shirley. We are all sitting six feet apart from each other. Obviously you can see it. On the phone rollcall for Alton ?

Here.

[Name Indiscernible]

Here.

Erin.

Here.

Tom Mason.

Here.

Judy Olson?

Present.

Dan Winston? >> Here.

Zoe Smiley?

Here.

Others on the phone? Chief board.

Here.

Danny Gallant?

Here.

Steve Westbrook?

Here.

Will still?

Here.

Anthony Espinoza? >> Okay. Our first order of business is agenda item 1 and that's environmental surface fee policy and Doctor Glenn we will turn it over to you.

Thank you. The environmental service state policy we have put together is to provide for a mechanism, provide students, faculty and staff to collaborate on this particular initiative and the committee will be comprised of nine members. There five askew members. Faculty members are appointed by me. They come forward to that committee and make recommendations.

With the recommendations are. I'm sorry. Did I hear question?

At this particular time Madam chair, using historical data we project the actual amount of revenue

could be up to \$133,000 per year. However, given the circumstances we are in a range of 100,000 and hundred 33,000 could be likely. >> We anticipate that's the annual 130,000?

It's a max of that. I would presume that's the max.

That's raised by semester. Half that. I seem will be assessment number two.

Yes. This is an annual projection. It's based on historical. We have to take a look at how we think historical projections would be at this point.

Just the known sentiment in terms of dealing with it. Maybe will talk about this later today. Obviously we are sitting here at least as of March 20th in the middle the crisis existential threat to institutions like ours. Lisa way were doing business. I feel queasy about adding even another dollar cost to students when we may face a battle for enrollment in fall. We are certainly telling students across the country that a viable option is online education. It becomes a financial competition when you say I can do this online. My own feeling is we also

need to table this fee and not enacted when we do not have the same world we last met and considered this idea.

I would defer that to Doctor Gordon and the chair of the board. >> Let me say this. Maybe Danny or Steve Westberg give a background as far as where this arose. How it was voted in by the students.

If you could address the state part of the initiative.

This is a legislature approved three sessions ago. Had to go back and investigate that. Our students to get up as an option this past year.

They investigated the statute and realized they could call a referendum to approve it for themselves. They did that.

It was a robust group of students that worked on this. Student government came through and posed a referendum to students and there was a positive response from the students overall. In a referendum. That was the genesis of how this came to be. Is not anything forwarded from the administration as a projected fee. Came our student body themselves. They have authority under the statute to do that. The board has ultimate authority on whether to institute any fee. This could not be instituted in this case unless they had booted to institute a referendum. That's the mechanism. It's come to this point and so the policy would adopt how the fee would be administered if you approve it. That's the background.

I will answer any questions you have relative to that.

This is Doctor Gordon. I think it's important the regions have that background. I understand where Regent is coming from. We need to know the full background so the board of regents can make a good informed decision.

I would also add that we've incorporated fee into the tuition fees if the board chooses not to adopt then we would go back and redistribute the fixed-rate total. We can do that within the range we presented to the board in terms of designated tuition. We have flexibility. We can accommodate with the wishes the board has.

To clarify this fee raised by number are mental services it will have to be spent on initiatives developed by this committee. It will be raised for any other purpose.

That is correct. >> The statute that enables the fee is very directive on how the fee can be used and how it can't be used. I just pulled up so you would know the referendum the yes votes were 1260 and the no votes were 372. >> Board members all mention if you are member in the January board meeting you improve the environmental service fee. However, there was a caveat not approval that was contingent on adoption of the University policy described. Although the fee itself was approved at that meeting without the policy that approval won't have any effect.

One other question number thinking through this. In every aspect. It seems like we talked about the structure committee may be informally. I'm trying to look to the policy quickly. Tell me if I'm wrong. Is there chairman designation in this and do we talk about matching the numbers of faculty staff with students?

This is Damon. I took all the comments that have been reported to me when I was drafting the revisions to the policy the way we have it set up now is your five student members, you for staff members in the near the director serving that on that. You need the odd number to have a vote.

You actually don't. [Indiscernible] says the vote fails. You can deal with even number committees. As long as the operative. Framework.

Anyway I'm worried about that because if all five student members are appointed by the student Government Association it seems to me that they are likely

or could be in unison about a particular initiative they want to see enacted and very little of that works rants minds could do the offset there. >> My rationale was because it was a student driven fee. That's just a quick little type a way to bounce that out.

It matches up with how the statute requires us to administer students.

When they vote on project reading down to the policy it's submitted to the president for his approval.

President could reject it. Further it looks like it submits a proposal to the ground committee. Does the board have a final vote?

Not unless the president deems it's a project that needs good building and ground. The president has the authority to approve on their own, but given the nature of the project he has the discretion to submit to the building.

So that's why the president may submit?

Yes.

David, just to clarify, April has pulled this where we approve the environmental service fee. It was ordered the creation of five dollars per semester. And five dollars for the entire summer in any combination of enrollment summer want to summer two. That would be a five dollar any of all the summer semesters.

\$15. >> It does say contingent upon adoption of the University policy that prescribes the manner in which the project will be reviewed and approved. That's from the minutes of our last meeting where we approve contingent on this policy were looking at today. >> I'm in favor of approving a policy that falls our decision in January to create the fee and create this particular environmental service fee.

Tom, would you like that a form of motion?

I so move.

Is there a second?

Out in seconds.

Any further discussion?

I want discussion. On the point regarding the VP of administration being access you as that's filled out the policy?

Not the BP.

Last sentence of paragraph two. >> My preference would be that the director shall also be a member of the committee and serviced share. I won't offer that as a memo unless there's some kind of consideration of sentence.

I would accept that.

I second that as well.

Is there any disagreement or disapproval of that amendment?

The motion would be made for approval with the change of the leadership on that committee. Is there any further discussion?

All those in favor with the changes say I I I

Are there any opposed? That motion will carry.

Agenda item 2. ICS wireless upgrade. Anthony I understand you've joined us. Would you like to take that over?

Yes. The item before the board for consideration is [Indiscernible] upgrade are will wireless vendors changing software model. By doing this it would allow us to secure our environment for the next three years. Approved board item over the summer for residential upgrades due to wireless been combined here to maximize the buying power of the institution.

Any questions related to the wireless upgrade?

Any questions?

Quickly there seems to be a gap in the funding. We have 151,000 plus we have 500,000 in funds I believe. So they will find everything in excess. Were giving the president authority to sign for 500 or more.

Yes sir, that is correct. We have the funding available. The request is due to the amount.

I see.

No further questions.

Okay. Anthony, would you like to make that proposal in the form of a mention?

I move we approve that wireless networking upgrade.

Is their second?

Second. Judy Alston.

Is there any further discussion?

All those in favor please say I'd act.

I DAC.

Anyone not approved?

That motion will carry. Agenda item 3. Temporary authority of the president to respond to COVID-19 necessity I am to respond to go visit 19 pandemic. We have discussed this at length. In the particular time were going into on March 19th 2020 the president of the United States issued a proclamation concerning the coronavirus disease outbreak. Likewise, the governor of the state of Texas declared a state of disaster in Texas due to the COVID-19. This global pandemic is significant disruptions to university operations and requires action on the part of the University to minimize the impact the University students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders. It is recommended that the Board of Regents grants the authority to submit to suspended University policy as needed and take any lawful action necessary to cope with this global emergency without the necessity of a taping [Indiscernible] board approval. The president is required to report to the board taken under this authority at regular intervals. This authority will automatically terminate once the University resumes normal operation unless terminated earlier by the board.

Madam chair?

Yes?

This is Alton. I like to recommend a change on the language. What says is the second complete sentence it's required to report the board actions under this authority. At regular intervals. I would like to after authority replace at regular intervals with this language. At the next scheduled Board of Regents meeting. Regular intervals is not defined.

Okay. Counsel, what you think?

That works. The only reason at regular intervals is in case you want to have a monthly telephone call. It would have to be a board meeting anyway for the board to have it. We can clarify that.

We will strike at regular intervals and replace it with at the next scheduled Board of Regents.

Any meeting will be a scheduled meeting.

Exactly.

Will keep the word regular out of it. Will say at the next board meeting.

That's the motion I will second.

That's not a motion.

Okay. A motion from Alton and a second from David. Any further discussion? All those in favor please say aye.

Aye.

Any opposed? The motion will carry. >> Before we go into executive sessions there's a couple things I would like to say. First and foremost, and I'm speaking strictly on my behalf. I just want to complement the staff and administration and leadership on this campus. We have been through some tough times over the last two years. We thought we had all worst of it behind us. This coronavirus has presented us with something none of us have ever seen or expected.

I cannot speak highly enough for the way the staff and administration has worked diligently to get us through this without missing a beat of board members know I made contact with you. Doctor Gordon Damon and the other BPs talked. Many times a day. We are getting update it's. I want to say thank you to everyone working so hard. I've heard wonderful things from all the staff at every level about how the leadership has stepped up and stepped in and is doing everything they can for the University. For those of you watching and listening. Any student or other faculty and staff members online listening to today's meeting thank you to you also. I want you to know every decision we make has been explored from every angle we can possibly think of to look at. It is well educated. We are getting information from experts all over the world. Not only in [Indiscernible] County is a state of Texas and federal government but other people and peer institutions all over the world. They are very well educated decisions. We pray over what were doing. These decisions have been very difficult. Our hearts go out to students, our athletes, our seniors, and we want you to know that we are doing everything we do with you in our hearts, our minds, and every decision we make to respect you and to protect you. I just want everyone to know those things and thank the people that are working so hard. We appreciate your calmness and willingness to work with us. With that being said those of you that will not be joining us at this time everyone will disconnect. We will go into executive session and everyone please hang up and the Board of Regents call back on your private line.

Thank you Bridget. >> [Captioner dialing number for next meeting/event]
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