Special Called Telephonic Board of Regents Meeting

April 21, 2022

Texas State University System Administration
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Thursday, April 21, 2022 - 4:00 PM  
Telephonic

AGENDA

1. Logistical Agenda  
2. TSUS: Appointment of Dr. Kelly Damphousse as President of Texas State University  
3. TSUS: Authority to Execute Renewal of Barnes and Noble Agreement with LU, LSCO, and LSCPA
Logistical Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Action Items
   A. TSUS: Appointment of Dr. Kelly Damphousse as President of Texas State University
   B. TSUS: Authority to Execute Renewal of Barnes and Noble Agreement with LU, LSCO, and LSCPA

3. Adjourn
Upon motion of Regent ______________, seconded by Regent ______________, and upon the recommendation of Dr. Brian McCall, Chancellor, it was ordered that:

Dr. Kelly Damphousse be appointed as president of Texas State University, with tenure as a full professor in the Department of Sociology, with a start date of no later than July 1, 2022.

Explanation

Dr. Damphousse was selected following a six-month national search, chaired by Regent Flores, with active participation by Regents Amato, Crain and Harle. He is currently Chancellor and CEO of Arkansas State University, with campuses in Jonesboro, Arkansas and Queretaro, Mexico.

Previously, Dr. Damphousse served as Associate Dean, Interim Dean, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oklahoma (OU), from 2004 to 2017. He also served as OU’s faculty athletics representative, providing oversight on NCAA and Big 12 compliance issues.

An accomplished scholar, Dr. Damphousse has conducted extensive research on terrorism and substance abuse, rising through the faculty ranks to become a tenured Presidential Professor of Sociology. He began his academic career as an assistant professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and at Sam Houston State University, before joining the OU faculty in 1997.

Dr. Damphousse, a native of Canada, is familiar with Texas and the Texas State University System, having earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University and a master's degree and Ph.D. in Sociology from Texas A&M University. He also holds an associate degree in law enforcement from Lethbridge College, a community college in Alberta, Canada.

Dr. Damphousse has received numerous awards and honors during his career, including being named among the “12 Who Make a Difference” by the Jonesboro Sun, “Public Servant of the Year” by the National Association of Social Workers-Oklahoma Chapter, “Outstanding Mentor” by the University of Oklahoma and “Best OU Professor” by OU students in an online poll.
TSUS: Authority to Execute Renewal of Barnes and Noble Agreement with LU, LSCO, and LSCPA

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

The Chancellor be authorized to execute up to five (5) one-year renewals of the agreement between Barnes and Noble College Bookstore, LLB and Lamar University, Lamar State College Orange, and Lamar State College Port Arthur for Bookstore Services with the term beginning May 1, 2012.

Explanation

In November 2011, the Board approved a new 10-year contract with Barnes and Noble for bookstore services at Lamar University, Lamar State College Orange, and Lamar State College Port Arthur (Lamars). The original term of that agreement was 10 years, expiring April 2022. The signed agreement by the respective Presidents includes the 10-year term but also includes on-going annual renewals. It is not clear that the Board affirmatively authorized perpetual annual renewals of the existing agreement. This motion clarifies that the Chancellor is authorized to execute up to five (5) one-year renewals of the existing agreement between Barnes and Noble and the Lamars.