

AGENDA ITEM VII-C

Report on the outcomes and next steps from the November 2005 Commissioner's Summit, *Ensuring Academic Excellence: Developing Strategies of Success Campus by Campus*

RECOMMENDATION: No action required

Goal(s): Success

In an ongoing effort to improve the quality of education and increase student success across institutions of higher learning, the Commissioner of Higher Education convened a statewide summit on November 15-16, 2005, to focus on student success and developmental education.

Background information:

The purpose of the Commissioner's Summit, *Ensuring Academic Excellence: Developing Strategies of Success Campus by Campus*, was to bring together Texas education stakeholders, campus leaders, and policy makers to discuss the state of developmental education and to develop strategies for improving the quality of education of underprepared students. The result was a call to action for all of higher education.

The educational leaders of Texas responded to this broadening of the Board's leadership in promoting and monitoring the quality of education for the students of Texas. Over 400 chancellors, provosts, presidents, vice presidents, and other educational leaders across Texas participated in the Summit's policy discussions.

The Summit was underwritten by the generous support of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TG), the Brazos Higher Education Services Corporation, Inc., the LoneStar Funding Group, Inc., the Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority, and the North Texas Higher Education Authority. Also, publications were donated for each participant by Drs. John E. and Suanne D. Roueche, Dr. Clifford Adelman, and the ACT Company.

This report is offered as an update on the actionable items that were generated in accordance with the Summit's three objective questions and follow-up activities. These are included as supplemental materials.

Cynthia Ferrell, Program Director for Developmental Education, will provide a brief presentation of this update.