

## **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

### AGENDA ITEM VIII-T (6)

Consideration of adopting on an emergency basis the Commissioner's recommendation to the Board relating to amendments to Chapter 5, Rules Applying to Public Universities and/or Health-Related Institutions of Higher Education in Texas, Subchapter C, Approval of New Academic Programs and Administrative Changes at Public Universities, Health-Related Institutions, and Review of Existing Degree Programs, Sections 5.42, 5.44 - 5.46, 5.54, 5.55, the repeal of Section 5.49, and new Section 5.56 of Board rules, concerning the approval procedures and criteria for programs (S.B. 215, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session)

Additional amendments to Chapter 5, Subchapter C, are being recommended for adoption based on an emergency basis. Stacey Silverman, Interim Assistant Commissioner will provide the background information for these additional amendments.

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5.44 Presentation of Requests and Steps for Implementation

(a) Requests for new degree programs shall be made in accordance with the following procedures.

(1) Institutions shall request new bachelor's and master's programs using the standard appropriate degree program request form.

(2) Institutions must submit documentation sufficient to establish that the new program meets all of the criteria listed in 5.45 of this section. Board staff will review all requests for new programs within five business days of receipt. If Board staff determines that the request is incomplete and additional information or documentation is needed, the institution must respond with all of the requested information or documentation within ten working days or the request will be returned to the institution. An institution may resubmit a request that was incomplete as soon as it has obtained the requested information or documentation.

~~(1)~~ (3) New bachelor's and master's programs shall be approved if all of the following conditions are met:

(A) The proposed program has institutional and governing board approval.

(B) The institution certifies compliance with the Standards for New Bachelor's and Master's Programs.

(C) The institution certifies that adequate funds are available to cover the costs of the new program.

(D) New costs during the first five years of the program would not exceed \$2 million.

(E) The proposed program is a non-engineering program (i.e., not classified under CIP code 14).

~~(F) The proposed program is not one which the institution previously offered and has been closed due to low productivity in the last 10 years.~~

~~(G)~~ (F) The proposed program would be offered by a university or health-related institution.

(2) If a proposed bachelor's or master's program meets the conditions in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the institution shall submit a request to the Assistant Commissioner of Workforce, Academic Affairs and Research to add the program. If a proposed program does not meet the conditions outlined in paragraph ~~(1)~~ (3) of this subsection, the institution must submit a proposal using the standard full degree program request form.]