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Memorandum

December 9, 2011

TO: Presidents and Chief Academic Officers of Texas Public Universities and Health-Related Institutions
Presidents and Chief Instructional Officers of Public Community and Technical Colleges
Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee Members

FROM: MacGregor M. Stephenson

SUBJECT: New rules regarding the Texas Core Curriculum

At their October 27, 2011 meeting, the Coordinating Board adopted revisions to Chapter 4 B of Board rules regarding the Texas Core Curriculum. The revisions are based on the recommendations of the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee's (UEAC) report *Revising the State Core Curriculum: A focus on 21st century competencies*. Coordinating Board staff considered the recommendations of the advisory committee and proposed rule revisions to the Board that reflect many of UEAC's recommendations. Further revisions were made based on public comments.

The Coordinating Board approved a 42 semester credit hour core curriculum for all undergraduate students in Texas, including a statement of purpose, six core objectives, and common component areas. The new Texas Core Curriculum will be implemented in Fall 2014. Institutions will have until November 2013 to submit their requests for the new core curriculum.

The final version of the rules, elements of the Texas Core Curriculum, a side-by-side comparison of the current and new core curricula, and frequently asked questions can be found on the Coordinating Board website: http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/corecurriculum2014.

The procedures and guidelines for approval and assessment of an institution's core curriculum will be available on the above website soon.

If you have any questions regarding the policy changes, please contact Dr. Catherine Parsoneault (catherine.parsoneault@thecb.state.tx.us or 512-427-6214) or Lucy Heston (lucy.heston@thecb.state.tx.us or 512-427-6228).