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Lagging Male Participation, Higher Ed Gender Differences Highlight Long-Range Planning Meeting

The Texas Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee (TxHESPC) learned about cutting-edge research on gender differences in educational performance and attainment from Dr. Thomas A. DiPrete, Giddings Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality at Columbia University, during the committee's 10th meeting on Feb. 17. Dr. DiPrete's presentation included research about the gender gap in bachelor's degree completion, with more females than males completing bachelor's degrees. His research found that by looking at the higher grade point averages of eighth-grade girls when compared to those of eighth-grade boys, it was possible to gauge their future higher education participation and persistence. Discussions followed Dr. DiPrete's research findings.

Members of the TxHESPC also discussed the results of the Survey on Higher Education Strategic Plan Targets. Members completed this survey anonymously several weeks prior to the meeting. Coordinating Board staff tallied the results to help inform discussions about the targets of the next long-range plan. The TxHESPC's goal is to develop a plan that inspires and advances student success and helps position Texas as a leader in an increasingly complex world economy.

During the first half of 2015, the TxHESPC will continue to meet monthly, as required by workload and tasks. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and will feature presentations by representatives from both the Governor's Office and the Texas Senate Committee on Higher Education. The Texas Workforce Commission's offices in Austin are the tentative location for the March meeting.

Barring technical difficulties, the TxHESPC's meetings are open to the public and are broadcast live on the Coordinating Board's website. The presentations and minutes for all TxHESPC meetings are available on the [committee's website](#).

During the deliberations' process and prior to adopting the new 2016-2030 higher education strategic plan in July 2015, the Coordinating Board encourages public input via [College Town Hall-Texas](#).

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Tri-Agency Meeting Held with House Speaker Straus

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board)
Commissioner Raymund Paredes, Texas Education Agency (TEA)

Calendar

Next Texas Higher Education Strategic Planning Meeting

March 17, 2015
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Next Meeting of the Committee on Affordability, Accountability and Planning (CAAP)

March 25, 2015
9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting of the Committee on Academic and Workforce Success (CAWS)

March 25, 2015
Upon CAAP adjournment

Next Board Meeting

April 23, 2015
8:30 a.m.

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Commissioner Michael Williams, and Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar met with House Speaker Joe Straus on Feb. 16 to discuss the work done by the three agencies to better align public and higher education with the needs of business and industry to strengthen the education-to-workforce pipeline. The three leaders briefed Speaker Straus on the regional meetings they held across the state during the interim to hear directly from local elected officials, school district administrators, university and community college representatives, and employers regarding specific needs and opportunities for greater coordination.

The three leaders also discussed tri-agency recommendations for measures that would help foster greater alignment. These include funding the \$8 million exceptional item request in the Coordinating Board's Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for Advise Texas, so that students have the high-quality information required to make informed choices about endorsements and pathways in Texas public schools and postsecondary institutions. The recommendations also include efforts to maximize transfer of credit and completion for students by pursuing course alignment between high schools, community colleges, and universities. The Coordinating Board is pursuing a \$600,000 exceptional item request to help develop Fields of Study.

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Texas Core Curriculum Submission Portal Opens for Changes

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Coordinating Board) staff recently worked with its Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee (UEAC) to establish a new Texas Core Curriculum (TCC) submission and approval process. Starting with academic year 2015, each Texas public institution of higher education may submit one comprehensive request per year to change its TCC per Coordinating Board rule, Texas Administration Code 4.31. The request should cover all proposed changes to the institution's list of core courses, including the addition and deletion of courses; changes to course numbers, course titles, or course semester credit hours; re-assignment of a course from one Foundational Component Area (FCA) to another, if appropriate; and other changes, such as placement of overflow hours from courses with four semester credit hours.

The Coordinating Board's TCC system is available on an ongoing basis for institutions to submit changes to their core curriculum. The TCC submission portal is accessible at www.thecb.state.tx.us/TXcorecurriculum. Links to the TCC User Manual and a Frequently Asked Questions document also may be found on the website. In fall 2014, the TCC for institutions became available online at the [Texas General Education Core Curriculum WebCenter](#).

There is no deadline for submitting the annual change to the core. Institutions, however, should allow a 75-day period for the approval process. This period allows for a review of the requested changes by Coordinating Board staff and a response to the review by the institution.

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