Committee Chair Comments

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Report:

1. TSTC Enrollment Reports (Oral Report)

   Jeff Kilgore
Board Meeting Date: August 11, 2016  Proposed Minute Order #: 43-16(c)

Proposed By: Jeff L. Kilgore, Vice Chancellor & Chief Marketing Officer
Subject: Renaming of the Industrial Technology Center at TSTC North Texas in Red Oak

Background: TSTC has an approved policy to honor or memorialize individuals and businesses that have made major contributions or performed outstanding service for the college by naming buildings, definable portions of buildings, geographic areas, and organizational entities for such individuals and businesses.

James R. Pitts, known to the residents of North Texas and Ellis County as Jim Pitts, represented District 10 as the elected State Representative to the Texas Legislature from 1993 to 2015. Representative Pitts was appointed by two Speakers of the Texas House to serve as chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee, serving more than eight years in total in that position. He was chairman during the 79th Legislature and, again, during the 81st, 82nd, and 83rd Legislatures.

An attorney and business owner in Waxahachie, Pitts has served on many local boards and commissions to include 14 years on the board of trustees for the Waxahachie Independent School District. In 1999, the community named him “Outstanding Citizen for the Year.”

Justification: During his last term in office, Representative Pitts was instrumental in bringing together economic development groups and school superintendents from across the region to build a TSTC campus in Red Oak. He also championed legislative funding for the campus. Renaming the Industrial Technology Center on the TSTC North Texas campus recognizes James R. Pitts’ long career as a public service and his efforts to create the campus.

This proposal to rename the Industrial Technology Center complies with System Operating Standard GA.4.7, Naming of Buildings and Other Specified Entities.

Additional Information: None
Fiscal Implications: None
Attestation: This Minute Order is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations to the best of my knowledge.
Attachment(s): None
Recommended Minute Order:

“The Board of Regents approves the renaming of the Industrial Technology Center located at TSTC North Texas in Red Oak as the Jim Pitts Industrial Technology Center.”

Recommended By:

Jeff L. Kilgore, Vice Chancellor & Chief Marketing Officer