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Office of the President

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Mr. Hector Mendez, Superintendent
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P.O. Box 3912
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Dear Mr. Mendez:

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) has been approved by the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) to provide select dual credit courses to "receiver" school districts. The 82nd legislature introduced changes to student funding for online courses through TxVSN. A student enrolled in a TxVSN course enables the district to earn funding under Texas Education Code Chapter 42 in the same manner as a student enrolled in a traditional classroom setting. Separate TxVSN allotment funding is no longer available to Receiver or Provider Districts.

While districts will be responsible for the course cost beginning with fall 2011, schools may use a variety of funds, such as Foundation School Program (FSP), the Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA), applicable state and federal program and grants, or local funds. Districts that enroll students as a class section may qualify for a reduced fee.

Courses available are English 1301, 1302, British Literature: English 2322, English 2327: American Literature to 1865, History 1301, 1302, Music 2310: Jazz, Pop and Rock, Sociology 1301, Psychology 1301, and Art Appreciation 1301. High school students, who participate in UTPB's dual credit program have many support services available to them:

- University Dual Credit Mentor Program
- Electronic resources, online reference service of the J. Conrad Dunagan Library;
- Smart Thinking Online Tutoring;
- Writing Center assistance and tutorials with writing assignments;
- PASS Office for ADA issues, testing services, and study skills development;
- Literacy Center for reading;
- Supplemental Instruction in selected courses;
- Academic Advising; and
- Technical Support for Blackboard users;

UTPB is focused on student success. We hope you will consider letting UTPB provide dual credit courses to your district and students. A Memorandum of Understanding and Articulation Agreement is included for your review and approval. We will provide courses to qualified students as early as fall 2011. Should you have any questions you are welcome to e-mail Rey Lascano at lascano_r@utpb.edu or call at 432-770-7565 or Dr. Bill Fannin, Provost, at fannin_w@utpb.edu, 432-552-2110. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


W. David Watts
President