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The Texas Legislature has completed another biennial legislative session in which state funds were again appropriated for operation of the various units, agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions of state government. Passage of Senate Bill 179 during the Regular Session of the 68th Texas Legislature provided funding for the two-year period beginning September 1, 1983. In addition to passage of the General Appropriations Act (SB 179), the legislature considered 3,891 bills and 2,006 resolutions during the 140-day session.

This special edition of *Perspectives* is designed to provide a report on enactments of the 68th Texas Legislature directly related to the University of Houston System. Included are data on appropriations and on specific bills.

Appropriations to public senior colleges and universities in Texas are made in three major categories: (1) Educational and General Elements of Cost which provide funding for general operations of the institutions of higher education; (2) Special Items which are specific programs or projects not funded through the elements of cost; and (3) Major Repairs and Rehabilitation and New Construction of Facilities. Within the first category are formula and non-formula elements of cost.

Formula elements of cost are funded on the basis of student enrollment, semester credit hour production, number of employees, types of physical facilities, size of campus, and other standardized factors in order to make an equitable distribution of state dollars among all senior colleges and universities. The elements of cost which are formula funded include:

- General Administration and Student Services;
- General Institutional Expense;
- Staff Benefits;
- Faculty Salaries;
- Departmental Operating Expense;
- Instructional Administration;
- Library;
- Organized Research;

- Plant Support Services;
- Campus Security;
- Building Maintenance;
- Custodial Services; and
- Grounds Maintenance.

Non-formula elements of cost are generally funded by providing salary increases in line with general state salary policy guidelines established by the legislature and inflationary increases for maintenance and operation costs. These elements include:

- Organized Activities;
- Vocational Teacher Training;
- Extension and Public Service; and
- Utilities.

Formula appropriations for the 1984-1985 biennium were based on increases over the formula appropriated rates for fiscal year 1983. The formula elements were adjusted to provide a 3% annual increase in maintenance and operation costs and a 4% salary increase in the first year of the biennium. In the second year the formula rates were increased by 2% for salaries even though the legislature requires most state employees to receive a 3% increase in salaries in the 1985 fiscal year. One exception to the overall formula guidelines was in the area of Departmental Operating Expense where the legislature adjusted the 1983 appropriated rates by 9% in addition to the salary and maintenance and operation percentage increases above.

The tables which follow illustrate appropriations for the upcoming biennium in comparison with the current biennium: Table I shows a Comparison of Total Biennial Appropriations by UHS Component, and Table II shows a Comparison of 1982-1983 Appropriations with 1984-1985 Appropriations by Element of Cost by UHS Component. Table III provides a Summary of Appropriations for Special Items and for Major Repair and Rehabilitation and New Construction for the 1984-1985 biennium.

Table I  
Comparison of Total Biennial Appropriations  
by UH System Component

UHS COMPONENT	APPROPRIATED		APPROPRIATED		%BIENNIAL CHANGE
	1982	1983	1984	1985	
System Offices	\$ 2,108,915	\$ 2,330,698	\$ 2,513,560	\$ 2,574,192	14.6%
UH-University Park	85,537,020	115,704,392	118,003,854	107,215,610	11.9
UH-Clear Lake	12,332,280	13,261,272	16,091,371	16,810,024	28.8
UH-Downtown	14,367,025	8,581,919	13,561,061	11,390,458	8.7
UH-Victoria	2,381,813	2,386,602	2,867,003	2,814,941	19.2
System Subtotals	\$116,727,053	\$142,264,883	\$153,036,849	\$140,805,225	13.5%
Less Governor's Vetoes	-0-	-0-	- 100,000	- 100,000	
SYSTEM TOTALS	\$116,727,053	\$142,264,883	\$152,936,849	\$140,705,225	13.4%

## Table II

### Comparison of 1982-1983 Appropriations with 1984-1985 Appropriations by Element of Cost by UH System Component

UH-UNIVERSITY PARK	APPROPRIATED		APPROPRIATED	
	1982	1983	1984	1985
General Administration	\$ 4,644,549	\$ 4,946,988	\$ 5,522,316	\$ 5,622,758
General Institutional Expense	943,047	996,994	1,082,780	1,109,408
Staff Benefits	2,019,400	2,439,040	3,816,700	4,650,960
Faculty Salaries	38,198,632	41,521,913	46,649,414	47,581,571
Departmental Operating Expense	8,511,690	8,906,748	11,487,275	11,763,384
Instructional Administration	2,317,840	2,519,493	2,617,400	2,672,706
Organized Activities	765,000	765,000	800,000	800,000
Vocational Teacher Training	114,764	125,837	128,479	130,197
Library	4,472,393	5,036,869	5,500,246	5,632,221
Organized Research	1,120,647	1,120,647	1,160,766	1,188,857
Extension and Public Service	728,146	767,053	700,000	675,000
Plant Support Services	1,389,569	1,509,262	1,583,294	1,618,760
Campus Security	1,150,587	1,250,479	1,421,263	1,450,683
Building Maintenance	2,815,186	3,060,107	3,198,607	3,274,414
Custodial Services	2,101,005	2,348,002	2,416,440	2,470,742
Grounds Maintenance	723,244	785,542	802,738	820,479
Purchased Utilities	9,369,390	10,774,799	12,793,600	14,754,400
All Other Utility Expenses	460,902	501,940	520,377	531,049
Special Items	647,679	647,649	1,202,159	478,021
Major Repairs/New Construction	3,043,350	25,680,000	14,600,000	U.B. †
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 85,537,020</b>	<b>\$115,704,392</b>	<b>\$118,003,854</b>	<b>\$107,215,610</b>
Less Estimated Other Educational and General Income	7,557,974	7,594,097	8,364,881	8,345,667
<b>NET GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 77,979,046</b>	<b>\$108,110,295</b>	<b>\$109,638,973</b>	<b>\$ 98,869,943</b>

†Unexpended Balance

UH-CLEAR LAKE	APPROPRIATED		APPROPRIATED	
	1982	1983	1984	1985
General Administration	\$ 966,167	\$ 1,077,548	\$ 1,255,290	\$ 1,282,156
General Institutional Expense	147,000	147,000	160,800	164,500
Staff Benefits	226,028	270,188	393,280	486,840
Faculty Salaries	5,779,668	6,282,499	7,760,332	7,915,373
Departmental Operating Expense	934,074	977,408	1,369,362	1,402,214
Instructional Administration	312,380	339,557	352,752	360,206
Library	546,222	615,093	713,380	730,452
Organized Research	90,448	90,448	93,686	95,953
Plant Support Services	245,075	266,185	287,815	294,262
Campus Security	227,434	247,179	313,070	319,551
Building Maintenance	511,636	555,351	577,565	591,253
Custodial Services	347,119	367,647	387,748	396,461
Grounds Maintenance	207,963	225,877	252,505	258,085
Purchased Utilities	1,469,184	1,763,021	1,827,713	2,325,279
All Other Utility Expenses	23,882	26,271	26,823	27,439
Special Items	10,000	10,000	309,250	160,000
Major Repairs/New Construction	248,000	U.B.	-0-	-0-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,332,280</b>	<b>\$ 13,261,272</b>	<b>\$ 16,091,371</b>	<b>\$ 16,810,024</b>
Less Estimated Other Educational and General Income	124,000	124,000	656,384	672,114
<b>NET GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 12,208,280</b>	<b>\$ 13,137,272</b>	<b>\$ 15,434,987</b>	<b>\$ 16,137,910</b>

UH-DOWNTOWN	APPROPRIATED		APPROPRIATED	
	1982	1983	1984	1985
General Administration	\$ 900,655	\$ 966,511	\$ 1,208,868	\$ 1,234,965
General Institutional Expense	147,000	147,000	183,392	187,624
Staff Benefits	185,920	223,320	276,600	335,300
Faculty Salaries	3,306,362	3,594,015	4,868,214	4,965,203
Departmental Operating Expense	540,000	540,000	749,865	767,884
Instructional Administration	143,825	156,338	162,413	165,552
Library	540,000	540,000	663,034	678,552
Organized Research	10,321	10,321	10,690	10,949
Extension and Public Service	300,000	300,000	350,000	350,000
Plant Support Services	241,128	261,898	288,926	295,398
Campus Security	223,162	242,537	327,725	334,508
Building Maintenance	538,365	585,203	608,611	623,035
Custodial Services	243,122	269,865	328,481	335,863
Grounds Maintenance	21,764	23,639	35,832	36,624
Purchased Utilities	433,926	520,711	697,367	941,446
All Other Utility Expenses	35,475	38,561	40,104	40,906
Special Items	320,000	162,000	146,356	86,356
Major Repairs/New Construction	6,236,000	U.B.	2,614,583	U.B.
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,367,025</b>	<b>\$ 8,581,919</b>	<b>\$ 13,561,061</b>	<b>\$ 11,390,458</b>
Less Estimated Other Educational and General Income	573,810	614,588	1,447,894	1,401,402
<b>NET GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 13,793,215</b>	<b>\$ 7,967,331</b>	<b>\$ 12,113,167</b>	<b>\$ 9,989,056</b>

UH-VICTORIA	APPROPRIATED		APPROPRIATED	
	1982	1983	1984	1985
General Administration	\$ 448,200	\$ 448,000	\$ 467,300	\$ 477,400
General Institutional Expense	147,000	147,000	160,800	164,500
Staff Benefits	40,896	49,416	69,920	84,440
Faculty Salaries	782,657	850,748	931,765	950,358
Departmental Operating Expense	166,520	181,006	195,671	199,575
Instructional Administration	44,739	48,631	50,521	51,588
Library	270,000	270,000	314,750	322,500
Organized Research	6,801	6,801	7,044	7,215
Lease of Facilities	365,000	375,000	484,394	547,365
Special Items	110,000	10,000	184,838	10,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,381,813	\$ 2,386,602	\$ 2,867,003	\$ 2,814,941
Less Estimated Other Educational and General Income	4,150	4,150	44,150	44,150
NET GENERAL REVENUE	\$ 2,377,663	\$ 2,382,452	\$ 2,822,853	\$ 2,770,791

UH-SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	APPROPRIATED		APPROPRIATED	
	1982	1983	1984	1985
President	\$ 51,600	\$ 56,100	\$ 58,300	\$ 59,400
All Other Administration	2,057,315	2,274,598	2,355,260	2,414,692
Special Items	-0-	-0-	100,000*	100,000*
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,108,915	\$ 2,330,698	\$ 2,513,560	\$ 2,574,192

\*Vetoed

## UH Receives Increased Special Appropriations Funding

Special Item, Major Repair and Rehabilitation, and New Construction appropriations made during the 68th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, were difficult to obtain due to a decrease in the amount of revenue estimated to come into the state treasury during the next biennium. In fact, the legislature actually appropriated nearly one billion dollars less than the Legislative Budget Board had recommended. The University of Houston System was fortunate to obtain special funding in all three categories for several much-needed activities.

Funding was continued at University Park for the Energy Lab and an additional \$729,500 was appropriated for acquisition of new engineering equipment. Clear Lake received funding of \$150,000 each year for the High Technology Lab and a special appropriation for instructional equipment. The Basic Skills Lab will receive \$75,000 each year at UH-Downtown, and the Downtown library collection will be enhanced by \$60,000. A new Math and Science Comprehensive Project at UH-Victoria was funded

at \$140,000, while the campus received almost \$35,000 to improve its library collection.

In addition to the above Special Items, UH-University Park and UH-Downtown received appropriations for new construction and major repairs and rehabilitation. \$14.6 million will be available in the next two years for the University Park campus to construct the new Architecture Building and to complete much-needed major repair projects. UH-Downtown will have over \$2.6 million for Fire and Life Safety projects associated with elevators, stairs, and other access and escape safety aspects, as well as funding for repairs to the roof.

Appropriations to components of the University of Houston System for all areas increased by 13.4% during the 1984-1985 biennium over the amounts appropriated for 1982-1983. By comparison, appropriations for the same purposes to all state senior colleges and universities will rise by only 10.6% over the next two years.

**Table III**  
**Summary of Appropriations for Special Items and for Major Repair and Rehabilitation and New Construction**

UH COMPONENT	SPECIAL ITEM	APPROPRIATED		MAJOR REPAIR/CONSTRUCTION	APPROPRIATED	
		1984	1985		1984	1985
UNIVERSITY PARK	1. Energy Lab	\$ 428,123	\$ 433,123	New Construction of Architecture Building and Repairs to Law Center and Roof Repair	\$14,600,000	\$ U.B.
	2. Engineering Equipment	729,500	U.B.			
	3. Scholarships	44,536	44,536			
CLEAR LAKE	1. High Technologies Lab	150,000	150,000			
	2. Scholarships	10,000	10,000			
	3. Instructional Equipment	149,250	U.B.			
DOWNTOWN	1. Basic Skills Lab	75,000	75,000	1. Fire and Life Safety	2,300,000	U.B.
	2. Library Collection	60,000	U.B.	2. Roof Repairs	314,583	U.B.
	3. Scholarships	11,356	11,356			
VICTORIA	1. Math and Science Comprehensive Project	140,000	U.B.			
	2. Scholarships	10,000	10,000			
	3. Library Collection	34,838	U.B.			

## Other Legislative Matters Affecting UH

Perhaps the most important piece of legislation to pass during the Regular Session of the 68th Texas Legislature was House Joint Resolution 19, which proposes a constitutional amendment to provide funds for the support of higher education and to restructure the Permanent University Fund. The measure will appear on the ballot for voter consideration at the statewide general election to be held on November 6, 1984. If approved by the voters the provisions of this resolution will restructure the Permanent University Fund (PUF) to include all components of The University of Texas System and the Texas A&M University System in the benefits of the PUF. Additionally, and of significance to the University of Houston System, is the provision that will guarantee \$100 million per year from the general revenue fund for support of state senior colleges and universities which are not in either of the above systems.

The \$100 million per year would be allocated to all other higher education institutions for the purposes of acquiring land, constructing and equipping new facilities, major repair and rehabilitation of existing facilities, and acquisition of capital equipment, library books and library materials. All components of the University of Houston System would benefit from adoption of this proposed amendment to the Constitution of Texas.

Other bills enacted by the 68th Texas Legislature and which became law having importance to the University of Houston include:

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| <p>SB 235 Provides statutory authorization for the University of Houston-Victoria; removes restrictions on acquisition of land by the board of regents of the University of Houston System; and provides uniformity of names of the component campuses of the System by citing each as follows:<br/>             University of Houston-University Park<br/>             University of Houston-Clear Lake<br/>             University of Houston-Downtown<br/>             University of Houston-Victoria.</p> <p>HB 1704 Permits the board of regents of the University of Houston System to levy a fee for the financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving of facilities for university center activities at the University of Houston-Downtown.</p> <p>SB 567 Provides rates of contribution to the Teacher Retirement System and Optional Retirement Program for the 1984-1985 biennium. Members contributions will be 6% for TRS and 6.65% for ORP and the state's contributions will be 7.1% and 8.5% respectively.</p> <p>HB 842 Increases the amount of coverage for a spouse or child under group term life insurance to one-half the amount of coverage for the insured.</p> <p>HB 2174 Requires institutions of higher education to select and contract for services performed by health maintenance organizations to offer health-care services to eligible employees and retirees.</p> <p>HB 2196 Permits state agencies, including higher education institutions, to use state facilities and expend state funds for health fitness education and activities.</p> <p>SB 230 Redefines "employment," under provisions of the unemployment compensation program, to exempt students as well as service performed in an apprenticeship program and service performed by a teaching assistant.</p> | <p>SB 255 Includes Doctor in Psychology in list of recognized practitioners of the healing arts under provisions of the Texas Insurance Code.</p> <p>SB 812 Includes audiologists and speech-language pathologists in list of recognized practitioners of the healing arts under the Texas Insurance Code.</p> <p>SB 799 Increases the maximum allowable rate for student services fees at institutions of higher education from \$60 to \$90 per student per semester or summer term.</p> <p>SB 1227 Exempts serial and journal subscriptions for higher education libraries from the requirement that the State Purchasing and General Services Commission acquire supplies, materials, services, and equipment for all state agencies.</p> <p>HB 1550 Permits higher education institutions to request criminal history record information on applicants for employment for a security-sensitive position. Such positions are defined to include the handling of currency, access to a computer terminal, access to a master key, or work in an area of the institution which has been determined as a security-sensitive area. Additionally, institutions may request a complete set of fingerprints from such applicants and may deny employment to any applicant failing to comply with the request.</p> <p>HB 1708 Permits noncommissioned security guards at institutions of higher education to carry a nightstick after completion of required training.</p> <p>SB 572 Establishes a Texas Eminent Scholars Program, and provides for state appropriations to match private endowment donations which are made for the purpose of endowing an academic position.</p> <p>SB 161 Exempts oral history interviews obtained by institutions of higher education from public disclosure.</p> <p>SB 813 Establishes the State Committee of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology within the Texas Department of Health, and provides for the licensing and regulation of speech pathologists and audiologists.</p> <p>SB 1181 Establishes a special fund in the state treasury known as the Engineering Excellence Fund, and provides for state funds to be used to match private donations for the purpose of acquiring capital equipment for engineering at the University of Houston and other senior colleges and universities which offer instruction in engineering.</p> |
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