Provost’s Hasty Departure Leaves Unanswered Questions

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The departure of the former Provost, Brian Chapman, has left UHD in an unsettled state, raising questions on everything from annual evaluations of faculty to the core curriculum, tenure process, and how merit raises should be determined. UHD’s new interim senior vice president for Academic Affairs and newly appointed Provost Ed Hugetz has a lot of work ahead of him considering the short time he is expected to stay in the position.

UHD began the process of revamping the curriculum to meet state guidelines under the direction of the former Provost, leaving some faculty members concerned as to whether the proposed changes were going to improve the university. Faculty also voiced concern about the former Provost’s direction of the Academic Affairs committee. As head of the Academic Affairs committee, Chapman placed faculty members as chairs on committees’ outside their field. The former Provost also became known for creating policy that did not conform to the current UHD guidelines.

The new Provost has expressed a desire to work with faculty and administrators while finding a direction for the university. Hugetz’s 34 years of experience in academic and administrative roles in the UH system speaks toward his credibility, making President Dr. Flores’s choice to appoint him as interim senior vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost a seemingly strong move.

Hugetz’s background as chair of the faculty senate and interim senior vice president and Provost at UHCL lends to his ability to manage things here at UHD. During his term at UHCL, he was in charge of the oversight of the university’s reaccreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Throughout his tenure with the UH System, he has also advanced the development and growth of off-campus and distance learning across the university system.

Hugetz briefly commented on the core curriculum during the faculty senate meeting on January 15, 2013. According to the meeting minutes, he stated, “(We are)…working on the common core. Good work, considering the short time he is expected to stay in the position.”

Proposed Firearm Ban Aimed at the Second Amendment

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The Second Amendment in the constitution states the following: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Now President Obama is pushing forth a proposal that would ban the sale, transfer, manufacturing, and importation of at least 150 specific firearms including semiautomatic rifles or pistols that can be used with a detachable or fixed ammunition magazine that hold more than 10 rounds and have specific military-style features, including pistol grips, grenade launchers or rocket launchers.

The proposal excludes firearms used for sports and assault weapons lawfully owned before the law’s enactment. The law would also require background checks for the sale or transfer of grandfathered weapons and would bar the sale or transfer of large-capacity feeding devices owned before the bill’s enactment.

The NRA has criticized this as an extreme measure and stated that instead of enforcing laws for gun control, the government should focus on prosecuting criminals and fixing the mental health system.

While the President is working towards reducing the number of guns in the hands of civilians, Texas Senator Brian Birdwell, is pushing a new gun law that would allow concealed handgun license holders to carry weapons on campus. The idea is that if an individual threatens the life of students, those other stu...
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Dr Flores: Message on Provost Search Committee

Dr Flores is the message to the Staff and Provost Search Committee, sent on Monday, January 28, 2013.

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**Bucknell University Officials Admit to Inflating SAT Scores**

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**Texas Senator Proposes Gun Bill for College Students**

Lone Star College, state Senator Brian Birdwell filed a ‘campus carry’ bill into the Texas senate to allow licensed gun owners to carry concealed weapons on Texas college campuses.

With rising conflict, the debate of gun violence remains a heated issue in the Texas legislature. Opponents of the bill feel the recent Lone Star shooting is more proof of why weapons on college campuses would be a disaster, and those in support feel the recent shooting in north Houston was another event that could have been prevented if students had the opportunity to defend themselves.

A week after Representative Birdwell’s bill was introduced, Representative Giovanni Capriglione introduced a bill also calling for the legalization of concealed handguns on campuses, saying, “It’s not going to be easy, but for the sake of our students, it needs to happen.”

Many student groups have formed to voice their opinion for the bill, such as the National Student for Concealed Carry, stating they won’t feel safe on campus until they know they have the right to defend themselves.

While guns remain a large part of Texas culture, those who remain opposed to these bills feel there isn’t much hope for their prevention of their passing. Colin Goddard, assistant director of federal legislation for the Brady Campaign Against Gun Violence, said the future does not look good. “People want to be the heroes, I understand that. They play video games and they think they understand the reality. It’s nothing like that.”

Birdwell’s bill would only allow the carrying of concealed handguns on the campus of private universities and institutions, however, Birdwell’s bill will allow carrying on “certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education”.

If passed, the bill will become effective as law September 1, 2013 just in time for the start of the 2013-2014 school year.
The story begins with Dr. King in Memphis attempting to assist the sanitation workers with a peaceful protest during their workforce strike. He is not in the best of spirits after giving a speech earlier that evening at the Mason Temple, where he spoke of “having been to the mountaintop but not actually making it to the promise land.” He meets a room attendant, Camae, played by Joaquina Kalukangos, who is an angel in disguise. She’s been sent by God “Herself” to prepare Dr. King for his journey to Heaven.

The Mountaintop, a play by Katori Hall, aims at depicting the events of the last night of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s life. What it manages to do is the influencing of the movement of mankind toward a more equal earth.
Flowers, candy and mushy cards are what Valentine’s Day is about, but do we honestly keep all those gifts? We all know that somewhere in your closet is that oversized bear from a couple of years back and that long message on a card you skimmed through and put aside for “safe keeping.” Let’s get real, people. Valentine’s Day does not have to be about spending money and getting every piece of pink and purple candy you can get. It’s about having a good time with people you love and not breaking the bank while doing it.

There are a few ways to spend this year’s Valentine’s Day without being alone or spending money at a restaurant you feel like you have to whisper in. The ideas is to make the day memorable with loved ones and friends and not try to overcompensate for the days you don’t plan something special for your significant other.

Take it from me, there are other options my husband and I have not vowed besides all out on an expensive date. Do you want to know how? I’m satisfied with the outcome of our plans and our wallets still feel heavy.

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A Sports and Fitness News:

Basketballs and Volleyballs

UHD's Sports and Fitness News:

Rosters and Statistics, Volleyball and Basketball

Amy Duncan

Sports and Fitness

During the week of January 23rd, tryouts were held for the Women's volleyball squad as well as the Men's basketball team. Richard Sebastiano, director of UHD Student Life, and Furniture, community, faculty, and debate team, which is nationally recognized.

The second CPO deliberation will be held on the campus of UHD and will include members of the SSA, community, faculty, administration, and Dr. Lawrence and Dr. David have been invited back in May to continue their research involving students and the community.

Each of the forums will be followed one week later by a "Call to Action," or brainstorming session. These sessions will aim to reach some consensus for recommendations, and to initiate a plan of action, which will be documented and included in a forum research, all to be forwarded to the Kettering Foundation in April.

On November 29-30, 2012, professors and students from around the country were assembled to participate in focus group meetings on public policy related issues, such as what shapes and reshapes the politics of student voting. The results of last semester's deliberation titled "From Uber to Uber

Stated on their website, "The UHD CPO serves as a resource to help students, teachers, and community members and facilitate thoughtful conversations around the landscape of health care, health care, education, fair wage, unemployment, food insecurity, and other issues that are relevant to Houston and the community.

According to one of the UHD students, "We are excited about taking our forum session into the Houston community and equally interested in the partnership with such an important organization on campus as the SSA."
We sent our staff photographer on the hunt for UHD’s hip & trendy crowd, to scout out where they hung out and more importantly, what they were wearing.

Here’s what we found:

Ivan Canales
Eyewear - Ray Ban Sunglasses
Shirt - Ralph Lauren
Shoes - Sperry
Shorts - Ralph Lauren

Lupita Negrete
Sweater - Forever 21
Pants - Clothes Max
Flats - Ross
Bag - JcPenney

Marlon Chapman
Blue Tie - Via Vianeto
Blue Shirt - Kalvin Klein
Jeans - Forever 21
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