CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of this Organization shall be the P-16 Advisory Council

ARTICLE 11 – PURPOSE

The basic purpose of the P-16 Advisory Council is to bring together representatives of the Houston area school districts, professional organizations and community representatives in a collaborative relationship with persons who are involved in teacher education program development at Texas Southern University. Primarily, their role is to assist, advise and recommend programs and activities concerning pre-service and in-service teacher preparation. More specifically, the council will support the following goals:

I. Curricular Focus:

Serve as a mechanism for accelerating curriculum change, based on assessed needs to:

A. Reflect the characteristics of student populations, and societal conditions.

B. Foster professional accountability in keeping with professional trends.

C. Study and make recommendations for program planning, development and evaluation.

II. Public School/Community Initiatives

Foster a relationship between the public school communities and the university in initiating research directed toward the improvement of educational programs by:

A. Studying emerging roles and responsibilities of teachers and other personnel.
B. Serving as a catalytic agent in the delivery of needed services to the various participants.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

Section I – Membership

The total membership shall consist of representatives from:

A. Interested Area School Districts  (Administrators and Teachers)
B. Texas Southern University (Representative from each unit with teacher education students)
C. Professional Organizations
D. Educational Service Center
E. Community (Civic, Business, Industry, and Alumni)

Section II – Membership selection

A. Local School District  Superintendents or their designees are to be contacted by the Coordinator for the council each fall for the names of representatives to the Teacher Center.
B. Texas Southern University- Texas Southern University representatives will be selected by the Dean of the College of Education or designee.
C. Professional Organizations  The University Director of Field Services will contact the area teacher organization officers for the name of representatives to the Council.
D. Community- Community representative shall be recommended by the Dean of the College Education.
E. Educational Service Centers- Representative(s) will be selected by the Executive Director of the Educational Service Center.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section I- Elected Officers

A. The elected officers shall be: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.
B. Officers shall serve for a period of two years, and shall be elected at the spring general meeting by voice vote.

Section II- Duties of Officers

A. General Chairperson- Provides overall leadership and is chairperson of the Steering Committee.

B. Vice-Chairperson Presides in the absence of the Chairperson and is responsible for the general session program.

C. Recording Secretary Records and submits minutes of meetings.

D. Corresponding Secretary Notifies members of meetings.

Section III- Vacancies

A. In case of a vacancy in the office of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall succeed to the chair.

B. All other vacancies shall be appointed by the Steering Committee.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

Section I- Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will attend to on-going operational activities. Membership on the Steering Committee will consist of officers of the organization, the Director of Field Services, a teacher representative and a community representative.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section I- General Meetings
The organization will meet twice per year—fall and spring. The date and place of the meeting shall be designated by the Steering Committee prior to the first general meeting in the fall.

Section II- Meetings of the Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will meet prior to the two general meetings.

Section III- Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chairperson.

ARTICLE VII- AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at any general meeting of the Center by two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposed change has been presented in writing prior to the general meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern in all questions involving parliamentary procedures not covered by this Constitution.