**INTERVIEW GUIDELINES -- BEATRIZ GOMEZ**

**INTRODUCTION:** Please answer each question within your own comfort level. As a reminder, you may refuse to answer any question or part of a question, and stop participating at any time. Responses will be reported in aggregate format only. Your specific answers will not be identified with you since you will be assigned a code number, and your name will not be associated with your responses.

**Demographics Data:**

1. How old are you?

2. What country do you identify as your country of origin? What is your parents' country of origin?

3. What do you consider your ethnicity to be? (Hispanic, Mexican, Anglo, bicultural, etc.)

4. What is your religious affiliation?

5. What is your marital and/or parental status?

6. What is your native language? What language do you speak at home?

7. Do you consider yourself to be low, medium, or high income person? Your parents?

8. What is your employment status? If employed, in what capacity and how many hours per week?

9. Is there any other relevant information that you would like to share?

**Background Information:**

1. Please briefly describe what brought you to TXST? For example, why did you decide to attend

college, why did you choose TXST, why are you pursuing a higher degree, how difficult was this

enrollment process, etc.

2. Please briefly explain your personal history prior to enrolling at TXST. For example, when did you

come to the U.S., how old were you, how difficult was this transition, etc.

3. Please briefly describe your parents' history. For example, do they live together, what is their

educational level, when did they come to the U.S., do they work, etc.

4. Do you consider yourself an American? Why or why not?

5. Is there other relevant background information that you would like to share that will help me to

better understand your experiences prior to becoming a student at TXST?

**Current experience at TXST:**

1. What is your academic level? Your major? What is your GPA? Expected graduation date? What do

you expect to do after you graduate?

2. What has been your overall academic experience at TXST? What is your best/worst experience?

3. Are you involved in any extracurricular activities on and/or off campus? Do you belong to any

support group(s) or networks?

4. While at TXST have you ever experienced any kind of discrimination from peers, staff or faculty?

5. Do you think TXST benefits from your attendance and pursuit of a degree? In what ways?

6. Do you think TXST does enough in providing you with the information you need to succeed and to

become familiar with its programs and opportunities?

7. Do you think there is a good relationship with undocumented students and the rest of the Texas

State community (students, faculty, and staff)?

8. What suggestions do you have for staff, faculty, and students to improve this relationship? If there

were something that could make you feel successful right now, what would that be?

**Experiences at an Undocumented Person in the US:**

9. What other suggestions do you have for the rest of the universities across the United States

regarding the relationship with undocumented students?

10. Tell me about your experience in the United States as an undocumented student.

11. What have been the challenges, the goals, the motivation or support you have had as an

undocumented person? What motivates you to persist?

12. What is your understanding of the current government position on immigration? What would you

like to happen?

13. What do you consider to be the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed Dream Act?

14. Do you think undocumented students should be given legal status? What would you say that you

or undocumented students in general have to offer to the country?

15. Is there anything else about being an undocumented student that you would like me to know?