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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
JANUARY 23-24, 1997**

CONVENE BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 23, 1997

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System was convened by Ms. Mary Nan West, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 1:35 p.m., on Thursday, January 23, 1997, in Room 319 (The Great Room) of the Killam Library, on the campus of Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Ms. Mary Nan West, Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Ms. Alison Brisco
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Frederick D. McClure
Mr. Don Powell
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Mr. Royce E. Wisenbaker

(Secretary's Note: Mr. O'Connor was delayed due to bad weather and joined the Committee meetings later in the day.)

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Mr. Jerry Garza, a senior majoring in political science and president of the Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) Student Government Association.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Ms. West thanked her fellow regents, past and present, for their support and cooperation during her six years of service on the Board. She thanked all of the people connected with The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) for their support and friendship and added that TAMUS is one of the finest in the country. She said all of the parts of the System, the universities and the agencies, are very important to the welfare of TAMUS. It takes everybody working together to be successful. Ms. West thanked the Board office staff:

Vickie Burt, Thelma Isenhart, Sandra Marshall and Brian Bancroft.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Ms. West called on Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor of TAMUS. He said she would be missed by the System's senior staff and wished her the very best and Godspeed in her future endeavors. He said it has been an honor to serve with her.

Dr. Thompson said he was indebted to Dr. Charles Jennett, President of TAMIU, and his staff for their hospitality. He commended the people of TAMIU for their tenacity and perseverance in following the dream to see the new campus built.

He then presented books to the regents. The first being Historic Texas, which contains a four-page TAMUS portion. The second was the new System network publication describing each of the agencies and universities. Dr. Thompson thanked Ms. Terri Parker, Director of Communications, and her staff for doing a superb job on these two publications.

REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT CHARLES JENNETT

Dr. Charles Jennett, President of TAMIU, thanked the Board and welcomed them to the university. He said the State of Texas has made a remarkable investment in South Texas, which is one of the fastest growing areas of Texas. Laredo is the second fastest growing city in the nation. Dr. Jennett said TAMIU has a theme, "nothing so close takes you so far," and they believe it to be true. He said TAMIU is at a crossroads literally between two countries, history and cultures. The world is at a crossroad between centuries. Much has changed in the last 26 years. The university was founded as Texas A&I in Laredo and the first graduating class had to drive to Kingsville to graduate.

Today TAMIU has over 6,000 graduates. It offers 23 undergraduate degrees and 21 graduate degrees. It has 117 faculty members of which 94 percent have their doctorate. Enrollment gains at 10 to 12 percent every semester. Sixty percent of the students are the first in their families to seek a university degree. Eighty-four percent rely on some form of financial aid and last year \$5 million was dispersed to 2,500 students. TAMIU has students from 30 countries. Dr. Jennett said with the Board's continued support, they will make this an international university, not only of Texas, but of The Texas A&M University System.

Phase I was completed in 34 months. Phase II will be dedicated in February and will add four additional buildings to the university skyline including the Anthony J. and Georgia A. Pellegrino Hall, which houses the

College of Business Administration; Canseco Hall which houses the College of Science and Technology and the School of Nursing; the kinesiology facility; the physical plant building; and additional infrastructure. He said a project is currently underway which will house 250 students in the fall.

Dr. Jennett said with the opening of the 75th Legislature, there are many things they would like to do, one of which is to finish the university. He said they had a major meeting with Senator Judith Zaffirini and Representative Henry Cuellar and others to talk about the direction the university should take. He said the entire community supports TAMIU. They agreed that the university needs a new library collection, a student center, a fine arts building, a center for western hemispheric trade and intramural facilities. Dr. Jennett said Laredo has already contributed \$10.7 million to support TAMIU. They received a \$5 million anonymous gift for the student center. Mr. Radcliffe Killam who gave the land for the university, also pledged \$2 million for the center for western hemispheric trade. Dr. Jennett said the Board's support is needed to finish the campus. He said TAMIU will be a star in the crown of TAMUS, Texas, the United States and Mexico.

Dr. Jennett then thanked Ms. West and Ms. Brisco for their six years of service to the Board and presented them with a framed rendering of the campus.

RECESS BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 23, 1997

Ms. West thanked Dr. Jennett and recessed the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The meetings of the Facilities Planning and Building Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee were held from 1:59 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.)

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 24, 1997

(Secretary's Note: The meeting of the Committee for Academic Campuses was held from 8:45 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.)

On Friday, January 24, 1997, at 9:06 a.m., Ms. West reconvened the meeting of the Board. The following members of the Board were present:

Ms. Mary Nan West, Chairman
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Ms. Alison Brisco
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Frederick D. McClure
Mr. Don Powell
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Royce E. Wisenbaker

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 9:07 a.m., Ms. West announced that having convened in open session, the Board would convene in a closed session, in Room 318 of the Killam Library, to consider matters as permitted by the following sections of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: Section 551.071, for consultation with System attorneys on pending and proposed litigation and matters recognized as attorney-client confidential and privileged. Section 551.074, for discussion of matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee. Ms. West said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the closed meeting would be made or taken. Ms. West asked the following members of the administration to stay for the closed session: Dr. Barry Thompson; Mr. Dick Lindsay, Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations; Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Deputy Chancellor for Academic Institutions and Agencies; Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel; and Ms. Tami Sayko, Chancellor's Chief of Staff. Ms. West announced that the following would be called on for reports during the closed session: Dr. Ray Bowen, President of Texas A&M University; Dr. Charles Hines, President of Prairie View A&M University; and Mr. Frank Clark, System Internal Auditor.

At 12:21 p.m., Ms. West reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced the Board had met in closed session from 9:10 a.m. until 12:20 p.m. She then recessed the meeting of the Board.

(Secretary's Note: The meeting of the Executive Committee was held from 12:30 p.m. to 12:35 p.m.)

At 12:36 p.m., Ms. West reconvened the meeting of the Board and called on Mr. Lindsey for the report of the Facilities Planning and Building Committee.

REPORT OF THE FACILITIES PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Lindsey, Chairman of the Facilities Planning and Building Committee, said the Committee had met on January 23 and approved Items 1-A, 1-B, 1-D, 1-E and 1-F. Action on Item 1-C was deferred. The Committee also recommended approval of the following architect/engineer selections:

- 1) Ocean Drilling Core Repository Expansion at Texas A&M University: Pierce, Goodwin, Alexander & Linville of Houston
- 2) Central Chiller Plant Improvements at Texas A&M University: Carter & Burgess, Inc. of Fort Worth

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**MINUTE ORDER 2-97 (AGENDA ITEM 1-A)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR  
THE TTI RESEARCH BUILDING,  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Powell and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Preliminary design for the Texas Transportation Institute Research Building is approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 3-97 (AGENDA ITEM 1-B)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS, APPROPRIATION  
FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER  
FOR THE OCEAN DRILLING CORE REPOSITORY EXPANSION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Powell and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The program of requirements for the Ocean Drilling Core Repository Expansion at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$15,000.00, the amount of \$205,000.00 is appropriated from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for design of the Ocean Drilling Core Repository Expansion at Texas A&M University.

The firm of Pierce, Goodwin, Alexander & Linville of Houston, Texas, is selected as the project architect/engineer for the Ocean Drilling Core Repository Expansion at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 4-97 (AGENDA ITEM 1-D)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS, APPROPRIATION  
FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER  
FOR THE CENTRAL CHILLER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Powell and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The program of requirements for the Central Chiller Plant Improvements at Texas A&M University is approved.

***(MINUTE ORDER 4-97 CONTINUED)***

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$37,000.00 the amount of \$273,000.00 is appropriated from University Utility System Revenue Fund for design of the Central Chiller Plant Improvements at Texas A&M University.

The firm of Carter & Burgess, Inc., of Fort Worth, Texas, is selected as the project architect/engineer for the Central Chiller Plant Improvements at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 5-97 (AGENDA ITEM 1-E)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR THE  
EASTERWOOD AIRPORT FIRE STATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Powell and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Preliminary design for the Easterwood Airport Fire Station at Texas A&M University is approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 6-97 (AGENDA ITEM 1-F)**

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE WEST CAMPUS STREETS  
DEVELOPMENT, PHASE II,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Powell and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Based on bids received December 10, 1996, the contract is awarded to Young Contractors, Inc. of Bryan, Texas, at \$716,438.00, the low base bid and

Alternates 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the West Campus Streets Development, Phase II at Texas A&M University.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$4,995,000.00, the amount of \$1,645,000.00 is appropriated from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for the West Campus Streets Development, Phase II at Texas A&M University.

The amount of \$490,000.00 in previous appropriations are reverted to Revenue Financing System (Parking Revenue).

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project, and all, or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

**(MINUTE ORDER 6-97 CONTINUED)**

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligations of The Texas A&M University System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Revenue Financing System and to meet all financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

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Ms. West called on Ms. Brisco for the report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ms. Brisco, Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, reported that the Committee had met and received a report from Mr. Ray Hayes, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, regarding the Management Information System (MIS) project. The Committee recommended approval of Items 2 through 8. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 7-97 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1997A,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The resolution authorizing the issuance of the Board's Revenue Financing System Refunding Bonds, Series 1997A, to refund a portion of the Board's Combined Fee and Revenue System Refunding and Improvement Bonds (Texas A&M University Project), Series 1988A in substantially the form presented to the Board is hereby adopted, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**. The refunding is being undertaken as a forward delivery refunding for debt service savings. The firm of Smith Barney & Co. Incorporated is hereby selected as the senior managing underwriter for the refunding.

***(MINUTE ORDER 7-97 CONTINUED)***

The Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations or the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Treasurer, if directed by the Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations, is hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of the resolution including those relating to the pricing, sale and delivery of the Bonds, all in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, and the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Treasurer is authorized to submit an application to the Texas Bond Review Board relating to the Revenue Financing System Refunding Bonds, Series 1997A.

**MINUTE ORDER 8-97 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM BONDS, SERIES 1997,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The resolution authorizing the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System Revenue Financing System Bonds, Series 1997 in substantially the form presented to the Board is hereby adopted, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**, and the Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations or the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Treasurer, if directed by the Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations, is hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of the resolution including those relating to the pricing, sale and

delivery of the Bonds, all in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, and the Assistant Vice Chancellor and Treasurer is authorized to submit an application to the Texas Bond Review Board relating to the Revenue Financing System Bonds.

**MINUTE ORDER 9-97 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL MINERAL FUND INCOME TO ASSIST  
WITH THE PAYMENT OF REQUIRED BENEFITS PROVIDED TO  
EMPLOYEES OF THE BAYLOR COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY FOR FY 1997,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

**(MINUTE ORDER 9-97 CONTINUED)**

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby appropriates \$1.4 million of Special Mineral Fund Income to assist with the payment of required benefits provided to the employees of the Baylor College of Dentistry (BCD) for fiscal year 1997. Requests for funds should be submitted by BCD to the Vice Chancellor for Business Services for reimbursement on a need basis. Any residual funds remaining in this appropriation at year end will be reverted to the Special Mineral Fund Income account.

**MINUTE ORDER 10-97 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CHANCELLOR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents hereby accepts the report of the Chancellor and approves, confirms, and ratifies those actions taken and recommendations made in accordance with his assigned duties and delegated authority. This minute order together with a copy of the specific language from the Chancellor's written report, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**, shall constitute complete and final authority for such action upon which any third party may reply.

**MINUTE ORDER 11-97 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND BEQUESTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents hereby accepts the gifts, grants, loans and bequests made to the Components of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Grants, Loans and Bequests List No. 96-97-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**.

**MINUTE ORDER 12-97 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**APPROVAL OF INCREASED GENERAL USE FEES EFFECTIVE  
ACADEMIC YEAR 1997-98,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen, with Mr. O'Connor voting "nay" and by a majority vote, the following minute order was adopted:

*(Secretary's Note: Mr. O'Connor said he voted "nay" on this item because he felt the increase in fees should have been split over a period of time.)*

Effective September 1, 1997, the General Use Fee for Texas A&M University will be changed from \$24 per semester credit hour to \$34 per semester credit hour.

**MINUTE ORDER 13-97 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**APPROPRIATION FROM PUF BOND PROCEEDS,  
GENERAL USE FEES AND AUXILIARY FUNDS FOR THE  
RENOVATION OF ONE RESEARCH PARK,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Brisco, seconded by Mr. Allen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Permanent University Fund (PUF) Bond proceeds in the amount of \$893,864; General Use Fees in the amount of \$425,000; and Auxiliary Funds in the amount of \$183,181 are hereby appropriated to Texas A&M University for renovation of One Research Park. Auxiliary funds in the amount of \$202,045 used to pay for the Child Care Center portion of the purchase of One Research Park; are hereby reverted to the source accounts: #0301192 for \$67,348 and #030158 for \$134,697.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System reasonably expects to incur debt in one or more obligations for this project and all or a portion of the proceeds received from the sale of such obligations is reasonably expected to be used to reimburse the account(s) for amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

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Ms. West called on Ms. Rangel for the report of the Committee for Academic Campuses.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ACADEMIC CAMPUSES

Ms. Rangel, Chairman of the Committee for Academic Campuses, said the Committee met earlier in the day and recommended approval of Items 9 through 13. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 14-97 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR  
ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION STUDIES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Center for Alcohol and Drug Education Studies is hereby established as an organizational part of Texas A&M University in the College of Education within the Department of Health and Kinesiology.

**MINUTE ORDER 15-97 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT PROPOSAL TO THE THECB INITIATING  
A NEW PROGRAM LEADING TO A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK  
WITH A MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) a proposal initiating a new program leading to a Master of Social Work with a major in Social Work.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Commerce, the need of the State of Texas for students to be trained in this field, and the cost of such training. The Board believes this request is justified and that Texas A&M University-Commerce, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to add a Master of Social Work with a major in Social Work to its degree inventory.



**MINUTE ORDER 16-97 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO ALLOW  
PLANNING AUTHORITY TO OFFER A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE  
WITH A MAJOR IN SOCIAL WORK,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Texas A&M University-Commerce requests that its Table of Programs be amended to allow the institution planning authority to offer a Master of Social Work degree with a major in Social Work. Therefore, it is requested that the Table of Programs with footnotes, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, be approved for submission to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**MINUTE ORDER 17-97 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE THECB TO  
CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK AND RENAME THE  
EXISTING DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby authorized to request approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to create the Department of Social Work and thus rename the existing department to the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, contingent upon approval by the THECB of the Master of Social Work; with major in Social Work degree program.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Commerce, the need of the State of Texas for the achievement of efficiencies in program administration, and the cost of such administrative change. The Board believes this request is justified and that Texas A&M University-Commerce, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to add the Department of Social Work; as outlined in the Executive Summary, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**, in order to achieve coherent and cost-effective expansion of its academic offerings.

**MINUTE ORDER 18-97 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE THECB  
TO DELIVER AN MBA PROGRAM AT THE DALLAS EDUCATION CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, seconded by Ms. Brisco and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The President of Texas A&M University-Commerce is authorized to present a request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) seeking approval to deliver an MBA Program as an Off-Campus Degree Program Offering to the Dallas Education Center, beginning with the Fall Semester 1997.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Commerce and the educational needs of the downtown Dallas area. The Board believes this request is justified and that Texas A&M University-Commerce, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to offer this program as an Off-Campus Degree Offering, subject to adequate demand and availability of resources.

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Ms. West presented the report of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. West, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported that the Committee had met earlier the same day and considered Items 14 through 20. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 19-97 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

**(MINUTE ORDER 19-97 CONTINUED)**

The appointments and promotions accepted and approved by the Chief Executive Officers of the respective Components of The Texas A&M University System, or their designees, as shown on Appointment List No. 96-97-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**, and Promotion List No. 96-97-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**, are hereby confirmed.

**MINUTE ORDER 20-97 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**GRANTING OF TITLES OF EMERITUS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of "Emeritus/Emerita" upon individuals as shown on Emeritus Title List No. 96-97-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 21-97 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**GRANTING OF ACADEMIC TENURE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 on academic freedom, responsibility and tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth on Tenure List 96-97-03, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.

**MINUTE ORDER 22-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR  
DR. JUN YOUNG CHO,  
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Faculty Development Leave for Dr. Jun Young Cho is hereby approved for a period of six months, starting in January 1997 and ending in July 1997, in order for Dr. Cho to study and participate in the developing field of implantology at the University of Bern, in Switzerland. The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System finds that it is in the best interest of Baylor College of Dentistry and its students and faculty for Dr. Cho to be granted Faculty Development Leave. Dr. Cho will receive 100 percent of his salary from the College during the course of his leave.

**MINUTE ORDER 23-97 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHARLES A. WILLIAMS TO THE  
BOARD OF VISITORS OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Effective immediately, Mr. Charles A. Williams' appointment to the Board of Visitors of Texas A&M University at Galveston is hereby approved for a three-year term.

**MINUTE ORDER 24-97 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COOPERATIVE EFFORTS  
WITH THE PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

Whereas, the Panama Canal, an engineering wonder of the world, has an extensive education, research and training program; and

Whereas, the Panama Canal Commission has operated for the past 82 years as a fully self-funded entity; and

**(MINUTE ORDER 24-97 CONTINUED)**

Whereas, the government of Panama has formally recognized the importance of maintaining a world-class, educated work force of more than 9,000 employees as it receives the Canal on December 31, 1999, and plans for operations well into the 21st century; and

Whereas, The Texas A&M University System, through its components, has an opportunity to develop an expanded education, research and training presence in Panama. A Panama Canal Commission-Texas A&M University System program, has the potential to be ideally situated to provide an A&M System "education and research hub" for Central and South Americans; and

Whereas, a cooperative education program in Panama will offer The Texas A&M University System's world-class, academic and research institutions the opportunity for international education, research and work experience, and utilize former U.S. military facilities in a unique, centrally located area for Central and South America; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that The Texas A&M University System, through its components, work with the Panama Canal Commission to develop mutually beneficial cooperative education programs, internships, international exchange programs, and research programs (in such fields as engineering, business and science); and be it further

Resolved, that The Texas A&M University System and the Panama Canal Commission explore the potential for a center located in Panama in support of collaborative research and education programs; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to the Panama Canal Commission and to the Archives of Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 25-97 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
SEPTEMBER 26-27, 1996, REGULAR MEETING;  
NOVEMBER 19, 1996, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING;  
DECEMBER 5-6, 1996, REGULAR MEETING; AND THE  
JANUARY 6, 1997, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on September 26-27, 1996, are hereby approved.

**(MINUTE ORDER 25-97 CONTINUED)**

The Minutes of the Special Telephonic Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on November 19, 1996, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on December 5-6, 1996, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Special Telephonic Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on January 6, 1997, are hereby approved.

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Ms. West asked if there was any new business. Mr. O'Connor presented Items 21 through 23 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 26-97 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND  
BESTOWING THE TITLE OF REGENT EMERITA UPON ALISON BRISCO,  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. McClure, with Ms. Brisco and Ms. West abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Mrs. Alison Brisco has given six years of honorable service and dedication to the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, beginning in 1991; and

Whereas, Mrs. Brisco, a Class of 1980 Spelman College graduate in Atlanta, Georgia, received her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1985; and

Whereas, she was appointed by U.S. President Bill Clinton to proudly serve on the Southern African Enterprise Development Fund Board, assuming the responsibility for the investment of \$100 million in small businesses in Southern Africa; and

Whereas, her past accolades have distinguished her as a member of Who's Who Among American Women, Who's Who Among Emerging Leaders, and the March of Dimes Working Mother of the Year in 1990; and

**(MINUTE ORDER 26-97 CONTINUED)**

Whereas, an esteemed businesswoman, Mrs. Brisco has established an exemplary commitment to her career as an investment banker and vice president with Lehman Brothers in Houston; and

Whereas, an active proponent of community service, she devotes unlimited time to various boards such as the Houston Symphony and Institute of International Education, which directs the Fulbright Scholars program; and

Whereas, Mrs. Brisco has contributed significant time serving on numerous other boards, including the March of Dimes, YMCA, American Express Foundation and the Spelman College International Affairs Center; and

Whereas, in her capacity as Regent, she diligently chaired and guided the efforts of the Finance and Audit Committee and served as a member of the Committee for Academic Campuses, the Committee for Land and Mineral Resources and a special Legislative Committee; and

Whereas, she was appointed by Governor Ann Richards in 1992 to the Educational Economic Policy Council; and

Whereas, she served as the Board's special liaison to Prairie View A&M University; and

Whereas, Mrs. Brisco has unconditionally devoted her leadership, vision, and wisdom to Texas higher education and The Texas A&M University System; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 24th day of January 1997, express our deepest heartfelt gratitude and respect for her distinguished service and unwavering commitment to The Texas A&M University System; and be it further

Resolved, that in honor of her service to the Board, we bestow the title of Regent Emerita of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, upon Mrs. Alison Brisco; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, be presented to Mrs. Brisco and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which she is held by the Board of Regents.

**MINUTE ORDER 27-97 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND BESTOWING  
THE TITLE OF CHAIRMAN EMERITA UPON MARY NAN WEST,  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. McClure, with Ms. Brisco and Ms. West abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Chairman Mary Nan West, a leader of great determination and humanity, appointed to the Board of Regents by Governor Ann Richards, has served the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System with honor for six years, from 1991 to 1997; and

Whereas, she was elected Chairman of the Board of Regents in May 1994 and was re-elected to this position in April 1995, always performing her chairmanship duties with integrity, intellect and compassion; and

Whereas, under Chairman West's leadership, The Texas A&M University System grew to ten universities and eight state agencies, providing more than 85,000 students with an opportunity for a better life and reaching out to 3.5 million Texans each year through its service mission; and

Whereas, she has been a constant champion for Texas higher education and under her leadership, the Board of Regents met at the various institutions of The Texas A&M University System, regularly interacting with the students, faculty and staff; and

Whereas, while serving on the Board of Regents, she chaired the Executive Committee and the Committee for Service Units, was vice chairman of the Facilities Planning and Building Committee and a member of the Committee for Land and Mineral Resources; and

Whereas, Chairman West served as the Board's special liaison to Texas A&M International University, the State's first institution of higher learning to be completed in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; and

Whereas, she devoted countless hours in support of The Texas A&M University System during the 1995 Texas Legislative Session; and

Whereas, Chairman West, a true Texan in every sense of the word, has strongly supported educational improvements in her native South Texas; and

Whereas, she continues to share her extensive knowledge and commitment to ranching, Texas agriculture, and youth agricultural education by serving as a member of Texas A&M University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Development Council; and



**(MINUTE ORDER 27-97 CONTINUED)**

Whereas, Chairman West established a professorial chair and an endowed scholarship in Texas A&M University's College of Agriculture; and

Whereas, through her leadership as Chairman of the Board of the San Antonio Livestock Show and Exposition, more than 261 scholarships have been awarded to deserving students; and

Whereas, she continues to be noted throughout the state as an outstanding role model for the women, men and youth of Texas; and

Whereas, The Texas A&M University System and the State of Texas acknowledge Chairman West's unselfish contributions of common-sense leadership, dedication and vision and recognize that she has touched the lives of many Texans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 24th day of January 1997, express our deepest heartfelt gratitude and respect for her distinguished service and unwavering commitment to The Texas A&M University System; and be it further

Resolved, that in honor of her service to the Board, we bestow the title of Chairman Emerita of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, upon Chairman Mary Nan West; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, be presented to Chairman West and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which she is held by the Board of Regents.

**MINUTE ORDER 28-97 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND BESTOWING  
THE TITLE OF REGENT EMERITUS UPON ROYCE E. WISENBAKER,  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. McClure, with Ms. Brisco and Ms. West abstaining, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Mr. Royce E. Wisenbaker, an independent oil and gas producer from Tyler, Texas, has served the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System with honor and distinction for three terms, originally appointed in 1979 by Governor Dolph Briscoe, reappointed in 1985 by Governor Mark White and again in 1991 by Governor Ann Richards, serving a total of 18 years on the Board; and

**(MINUTE ORDER 28-97 CONTINUED)**

Whereas, he is a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University, earning a bachelor's degree in engineering from Texas A&M University, Class of 1939, and a master's degree in engineering from the university in 1940; and

Whereas, Mr. Wisenbaker has long carried his pride, love and loyalty for his university in all his endeavors; and

Whereas, he served as president of Texas A&M University's Association of Former Students in 1966 and was instrumental in establishing the President's Endowed Scholarship Program at the university; and

Whereas, Mr. Wisenbaker also has endowed a chair and established two permanently endowed graduate fellowships for the College of Engineering at Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, during his service on the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, Mr. Wisenbaker was a strong and determined supporter of higher education in Texas; and

Whereas, he also serves as a trustee for Austin College, a member of the Chancellor's Council for The University of Texas System, and a board member of the development foundations of The University of Texas at Tyler, The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler and the Tyler Junior College Foundation; and

Whereas, Mr. Wisenbaker has received notable recognition throughout his life as a community volunteer, leader and businessman; and

Whereas, The Texas A&M University System and the State of Texas acknowledge Mr. Wisenbaker's lifetime contributions to Texas higher education, Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System, and recognize that he has touched the lives of many Texans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 24th day of January 1997, express our deepest gratitude for his distinguished service and unwavering commitment to The Texas A&M University System; and be it further

Resolved, that in honor of his service to the Board, we bestow the title of Regent Emeritus of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, upon Royce E. Wisenbaker; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, be presented to Mr. Wisenbaker and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which he is held by the Board of Regents.

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Mr. O'Connor then called on Dr. Charles Hines, President of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), for a presentation. Dr. Hines presented Ms. Brisco and Ms. West with PVAMU's highest award, the panther award, of which only six have been presented. Dr. Hines said Ms. Brisco gave him the gift of listening and thanked her for her service. He said Ms. West gave him the gift of confidence and thanked her for her service.

Mr. O'Connor then called on Dr. Ray Bowen, President of Texas A&M University (TAMU), for a presentation. Dr. Bowen said once you become a member of the Aggie family it's hard to get out of it. He said he wanted to give Ms. Brisco and Ms. West a gift from TAMU to remind them to stay a part of the family. He presented the book, The Pictorial History of Texas A&M, autographed by the first lady of Texas A&M University, Miss Reveille VI. Dr. Bowen said it was wonderful to behold the joy Ms. West receives from interacting with TAMU students and said he appreciated it. He told Ms. Brisco that he appreciated her good advice.

Ms. West thanked Dr. Hines and Dr. Bowen and said the experiences during the past six years have been rewarding. It has been challenging and has certainly been interesting. She said she has a very deep affection for everyone present because they have touched her life in so many different ways. She said she appreciated the opportunity to serve for the past six years.

Ms. Brisco said it was really hard to know what to say after all the wonderful things that had been said and the wonderful mementos and tributes. She said she came on board six years ago with somewhat of a feeling of uncertainty about what this experience would be like and how long a six-year commitment actually really turns out to be. She said she left with a warm and wonderful feeling for all of the people she had come to know and work with who had become her friends. Ms. Brisco said she was proud to have been a part of all of this and all of the System and all of the schools and all of the many, many hours spent together.

Ms. West said she wanted to particularly thank Mr. Billy Bielamowicz, Mr. Malcom Hein and Mr. Nathan Kirkland, for their wonderful service to the Board and System in arranging the sound and visual presentations for Board meetings. She said they have done it with good grace, even at times when the facility wasn't just exactly what they would like for it to be, they always got the job done.

Ms. West concluded by thanking all of the staff people who work for the System.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. West adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Vickie Burt
Executive Secretary to the Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

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