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OF THE

MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF REGENTS

OF

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
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CONVENE BOARD MEETING - MARCH 26, 1997

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System was convened by Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 10:50 a.m., on Wednesday, March 26, 1997, in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Dionel Avilés
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Frederick D. McClure
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Don Powell
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

(Secretary's Note: Ms. Anne Armstrong, Dr. Dionel Avilés and Mr. Erle Nye were attending their first meeting as members of the Board of Regents. Ms. Armstrong succeeded Mr. Royce E. Wisenbaker, Dr. Dionel Avilés succeeded Ms. Alison Brisco and Mr. Erle Nye succeeded Ms. Mary Nan West. They were appointed by Governor George W. Bush on February 3, 1997; confirmed by the Texas Senate on February 24, 1997; and qualified by the administration of their oaths of office on March 26, 1997. Senator Steve Ogden administered the oath of office to Ms. Armstrong and Mr. Nye, and U.S. District Judge Manuel Leal administered the oath of office to Dr. Avilés.)

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Mr. Carl Baggett, student body president at Texas A&M University (TAMU).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. O'Connor said in accordance with the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at the first regular meeting or special meeting following the appointment, confirmation and qualification of the three new members regularly appointed in odd years, the first business in order is the election of officers. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 29-97**

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye nominated Mr. Don Powell for the position of Chairman of the Board of Regents. He said everyone knows Don Powell, he is highly regarded throughout the State, a distinguished businessman with an extensive civic record throughout the State and is well known by virtually everyone. He said Mr. Powell's service on the Board for the last two years has been outstanding and well regarded. He has the time, intellect, capability and willingness to serve the System in an excellent fashion. Mr. Nye said there are many capable people on the Board who could serve well as Chairman. He said it was his view that given the present circumstances, Don Powell is clearly the superior candidate.

Mr. McClure moved that nominations cease. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. By a show of hands, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. O'Connor declared Mr. Don Powell as Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System.

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Mr. O'Connor turned the meeting over to Mr. Powell.

Mr. Powell announced that nominations were in order for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board.

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**MINUTE ORDER 30-97**

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Nye said likewise, there are a number of very capable people on the Board who could serve as Vice Chairman. He said the Vice Chairman is an important position. He took particular note of the distinguished service of T. Michael O'Connor and said he has put his heart and soul into everything that he has done over the last two years on behalf of the Board and the System. Upon saying that, Mr. Nye nominated Mr. Fred McClure for the position of Vice Chairman, adding that it is particularly important to move the opportunity to serve around the Board. This did not reflect adversely in any respect on T. Michael O'Connor, who, Mr. Nye said, he holds in the highest personal regard. Mr. Nye said everyone knows Mr. McClure's background. He

**(MINUTE ORDER 30-97 CONTINUED)**

has served with distinction in our federal government. They know of his record as a student (at TAMU) and as an attorney. Mr. Nye said he personally knows, because of his long established relationship with Fred McClure, the high character and explicit integrity which he exemplifies. He is highly honorable and very capable for this job. Mr. Nye said he thinks it is important for the Board to indicate its commitment to diversity and inclusion. He said Mr. McClure is a highly qualified person in his own right but it is also important that as this Board moves forward, particularly in the wake of Hopwood, that it demonstrates its commitment to full diversity and inclusion. Dr. Avilés seconded the motion.

Ms. Rangel nominated Mr. T. Michael O'Connor to continue as Vice Chairman. Mr. Allen seconded the nomination. Mr. Allen said he agreed with everything Regent Nye had said. On behalf of his fellow regents, he thanked Mr. O'Connor for his dedication and the hard work that he has delivered over the past two years. He said Mr. O'Connor has carried "a lot of water" for the Board and the administration. Mr. Allen said the past two years were difficult and Mr. O'Connor was called upon to do much more than would normally be asked of the Vice Chairman. He carried out his chores and responsibilities in an extraordinary manner. Mr. Allen said in the course of this process there should be some consideration given that in any of these positions there is a certain amount of apprenticeship that is certainly desirable, if not necessary. Mr. O'Connor brings to the Board understanding and capability in areas that few former regents have had. Mr. Allen said he had in mind the agricultural side of the Board's business and all of the nuances of that which of course extends from business matters to actual agricultural performance. Mr. Allen suggested that in view of the work that Mr. O'Connor has done for the Board, and the dedication that he has shown, it would certainly be appropriate to ask him to continue in that job for the next two years.

Mr. Powell asked if there were other nominees. There being none, Mr. Powell declared that nominations were closed.

Mr. Powell called for a vote of those in favor of Mr. McClure. By a show of hands, Mr. Nye, Dr. Avilés, Ms. Armstrong and Mr. McClure voted "aye." By a show of hands, Mr. Allen, Mr. Lindsey, Ms. Rangel, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Powell voted "nay."

Mr. Nye withdrew his nomination and moved that Mr. O'Connor be elected Vice Chairman by acclamation. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. All members of the Board voted in favor of this motion and Mr. O'Connor was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Regents by acclamation.

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

Mr. Powell called on Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS). Dr. Thompson said the System has been very fortunate in recent days because of a number of positive articles that have been in the State's media, and one of the most widely read magazines, Texas Monthly, was very complimentary of TAMU. He said other articles were complimentary of different facets of the System. He then commented on an ad campaign to be run in Texas Monthly that was developed some time ago, to present some of the strengths of the System to the people of Texas. He said each part of the System will be featured in the next several years. Dr. Thompson said this is very good because one of the problems the System has is its complexity. It needs to develop public awareness of its many facets and what it does to provide basic knowledge because of the research at the flagship university, service through its county agent system and other processes and also teaching, which the smaller regional universities and flagship university take great pride in. Dr. Thompson thanked Ms. Terri Parker, Director of System Communications, and her staff for putting together a concerted effort to indicate that the System serves the people of Texas.

**RECESS BOARD MEETING - MARCH 26, 1997**

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

*(Secretary's Note: The meetings of the Facilities Planning and Building Committee, Finance and Audit Committee, Committee for Service Units and Committee for Academic Campuses were held from 11:24 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING - MARCH 26, 1997**

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

**CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

At 3:11 p.m., Mr. Powell announced that having convened in open session, the Board would convene in a closed session 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. Mr. Powell 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. Mr. Powell 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. Mr. Powell 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 5:07 p.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced the Board had met in closed session from 3:10 p.m. until 5:08 p.m. He then recessed the meeting of the Board.

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING - MARCH 27, 1997**

*(Secretary's Note: The meeting of the Executive Committee was held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.)*

On Thursday, March 27, 1997, at 12:21 p.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman  
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert H. Allen  
Ms. Anne Armstrong  
Dr. Dionel Avilés  
Mr. John H. Lindsey  
Mr. Frederick D. McClure  
Mr. Erle Nye  
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

Mr. Powell 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 March 26 and approved Items 1-A through 1-C. The Committee also recommended approval of the following architect/engineer selection:

- 1) Child Care Center at Texas A&M University: Patterson ★  
Architects of Bryan

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MINUTE ORDER 31-97 (AGENDA ITEM 1-A)

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE
RENOVATION OF NIERMAN HALL,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

Based on bids received February 6, 1997, the contract is awarded to David Van Fleet, Inc. of Kingsville, Texas, at \$1,842,000.00 the low base bid and Alternate 3 for the Renovation of Nierman Hall at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$400,000.00, the amount of \$2,641,000.00 is appropriated from Revenue Financing System (Tuition Revenue) for the Renovation of Nierman Hall at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The amount of \$400,000.00 in previous appropriations are reverted to Higher Education Assistance Fund.

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).

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.

MINUTE ORDER 32-97 (AGENDA ITEM 1-B)

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR OLSEN ROAD COMPLETION,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Based on bids received February 27, 1997, the contract is awarded to Young Contractors, Inc., of Bryan, Texas, at \$447,000.00 the low base bid and Alternates 1, 2 and 3 for Olsen Road Completion at Texas A&M University.

(MINUTE ORDER 32-97 CONTINUED)

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$53,000.00, the amount of \$519,623.86 is appropriated from Investment Earnings for Olsen Road Completion at Texas A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 33-97 (AGENDA ITEM 1-C)

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF
THE PROJECT ARCHITECT/ENGINEER
FOR THE CHILD CARE CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Allen, with Ms. Rangel voting “nay,” and by a majority vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The program of requirements for the Child Care Center at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$5,000.00, the amount of \$75,000.00 is appropriated from Child Care Facility for design of the Child Care Center at Texas A&M University.

The firm of Patterson ★ Architects of Bryan, Texas, is selected as the project architect/engineer for the Child Care Center at Texas A&M University.

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Mr. Powell called on Mr. Allen for the report of the Finance and Audit Committee.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Allen, Vice Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee, reported that the Committee had met on March 26 and considered and recommended approval of Items 2 and 3. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 34-97 (AGENDA ITEM 2)

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

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

(MINUTE ORDER 34-97 CONTINUED)

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. 96-97-04, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

MINUTE ORDER 35-97 (AGENDA ITEM 3)

**APPROVAL OF NEW FEES, INCREASED FEES,
AND DECREASED FEES, EFFECTIVE FALL 1997
AT THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The request for new fees, increased fees, and decreased fees, for Academic Institutions of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibits B and C**, is approved to be effective with the Fall 1997 semester. Fees with incremental increases and future effective dates are identified in the exhibit, as appropriate.

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Mr. Powell called on Mr. O'Connor for the report of the Committee for Service Units.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SERVICE UNITS**

Mr. O'Connor, Chairman of Committee for Service Units, reported that the Committee had met on March 26 and considered and approved Item 4. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 36-97 (AGENDA ITEM 4)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
TAMU AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND
EXTENSION CENTER AT SAN ANGELO,
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

(MINUTE ORDER 36-97 CONTINUED)

Whereas, 1997 commemorates the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo, Texas; and

Whereas, at the request of West Texas agricultural leaders, the city of San Angelo, and Angelo State University, and in response to the extensive agricultural research needs of the Edwards Plateau region, Texas A&M University agreed to establish a major agricultural research and extension center; and

Whereas, on September 10, 1969, the Board of Directors of The Texas A&M University System approved the purchase of 49.996 acres of land out of the Llano County School Land Survey in Tom Green County, Texas, for the construction of a \$280,000 agricultural research center, of which area residents contributed \$175,000; and

Whereas, prior to this time, the Sonora Research Station, which was established in 1915, was the only research facility addressing research concentrating on toxic plant problems, infectious diseases of livestock, and grazing management in the Edwards Plateau; and

Whereas, on September 1, 1972, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas A&M University, entered into an interagency agreement with Angelo State University for a 25-year lease of 1,569 acres of land, which is a part of 4,654 acres of land owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers at the O. C. Fisher Lake Area; and

Whereas, Dr. Carl Menzies was employed during the summer of 1971 as Resident Director of Research and Professor of Animal Science to supervise the construction of facilities, purchase of equipment, and develop the research programs at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo; and

Whereas, in addition to its major land acreage and research stations, the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo has developed strong partnerships to increase its research land resources to include land leases with the University of Texas Lands, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Retardation, the H. D. Winters Ranch and the Frances Hill Ranch; and

Whereas, the mission of the research and extension programs at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo are to develop and transfer technology to assist the range livestock;

industry, especially in sheep and goat management and the utilization of rangeland; and

(MINUTE ORDER 36-97 CONTINUED)

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo has a rich history of providing agricultural research and extending that practical knowledge to the farmers, ranchers and industry leaders in the Edwards Plateau region; and

Whereas, the faculty and staff of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo are credited with numerous research developments and extension programs involving, but not limited to, the development and transfer of technology involving animal management practices for optimizing lamb, kid, wool and mohair, and calf production from range sheep, goat, and cattle populations; and the development of range management practices to improve and properly utilize natural resources for the production of food, fiber and recreation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System extends its congratulations to the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo on the celebration of its 25th Anniversary; and be it further

Resolved, that the Board extends its appreciation to the Board of Regents of The Texas State University System and the administration of Angelo State University for their spirit of cooperation in forming a partnership with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo that encourages the sharing of faculty, facilities and programs to the benefit of students at Angelo State University and agricultural producers of West Texas; 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 President of Angelo State University and to the administration of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo during its 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 8, 1997, and a copy filed in the Archives of Texas A&M University.

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

Ms. Rangel, Chairman of the Committee for Academic Campuses, said the Committee met on March 26 and recommended approval of Items 5 through 12. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 37-97 (AGENDA ITEM 5)

**ENDORSEMENT OF MISSION STATEMENTS
AND TABLE OF PROGRAMS,
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE AND
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

The updated mission statements and table of programs for Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M University-Commerce, and Texas A&M University-Texarkana, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**, **Exhibit E** and **Exhibit F**, respectively, are hereby approved for submission to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

MINUTE ORDER 38-97 (AGENDA ITEM 6)

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT FOR THE
WORLD FOOD DISTRIBUTION TRAINING
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Rangel, seconded by Mr. McClure and by a unanimous vote, the Board approved the concept paper for the establishment of the World Food Distribution Training Center of Excellence, Prairie View A&M University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**. The administration is directed to proceed with the full scale development of the proposal for Board approval.

MINUTE ORDER 39-97 (AGENDA ITEM 7)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO THE THECB
INITIATING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
IN RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University is authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a proposal to combine the existing

Natural Resources Conservation option under four different departments into an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Science degree in Renewable Natural Resources.

(MINUTE ORDER 39-97 CONTINUED)

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University, 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 should be authorized to add a B.S. degree in Renewable Natural Resources to its approved degree program inventory.

MINUTE ORDER 40-97 (AGENDA ITEM 8)

**AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM
THE THECB TO CREATE A BACHELOR OF ARTS
DEGREE IN MARITIME STUDIES
AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University is authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a proposal initiating a program leading to a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Maritime Studies. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the expansion of Texas A&M University at Galveston's Table of Programs at its October 1996 meeting which gave the institution planning authority for a baccalaureate program in maritime studies.

The Board of Regents has considered this request for this authorization in light of the statutory objective of Texas A&M University at Galveston, 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 should be authorized to add a Bachelor of Arts in Maritime Studies to its degree program inventory.

MINUTE ORDER 41-97 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**APPROVAL FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON
TO ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH
BORDERING STATES TO WAIVE NONRESIDENT TUITION,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Texas A&M University at Galveston is hereby granted approval to enter into reciprocal agreements with bordering states to waive nonresident tuition for residents of adjacent counties as authorized by the Texas Education Code, Section 54.060 (f).

MINUTE ORDER 42-97 (AGENDA ITEM 10)

**AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM
THE THECB TO OFFER A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE
IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hereby authorized to request approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a new graduate program leading to the Master of Science Degree in Educational Technology.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, 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-Corpus Christi under its legal mandate should be authorized to add a Master of Science Degree in Educational Technology.

MINUTE ORDER 43-97 (AGENDA ITEM 11)

**AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM
THE THECB TO OFFER A MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE
IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY,
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of West Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to request approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a substantive graduate program addition leading to a Master of Education Degree in Instructional Technology.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of West Texas A&M University, 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 West Texas A&M

University, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to add a Master of Education Degree in Instructional Technology to its degree inventory.

MINUTE ORDER 44-97 (AGENDA ITEM 12)

**AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM
THE THECB TO OFFER A BACHELOR OF ARTS
OR SCIENCE DEGREE IN SPORTS AND EXERCISE SCIENCES,
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of West Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to request approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a nonsubstantive proposal leading to a Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree in Sports and Exercise Sciences.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of West Texas A&M University, 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 West Texas A&M University, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to add a nonsubstantive program request for a Bachelor of Arts or Science in Sports and Exercise Sciences to its degree inventory.

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Mr. Powell presented the report of the Executive Committee.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Powell reported that the Committee had met earlier the same day, received three reports and considered Items 13 through 22. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 45-97 (AGENDA ITEM 13)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
RETIREMENT OF DR. WILLIAM M. LYLE AND
CONFERRING THE TITLE OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS,
TAMU RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER AT LUBBOCK,
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

(MINUTE ORDER 45-97 CONTINUED)

Whereas, Dr. William M. (Bill) Lyle received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering from Texas Tech University and Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in Agricultural Engineering from Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, after working as a surveyor, flight instructor, self-employed farmer, Extension Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Associate Professor at Texas Tech University, he joined the Texas A&M Experiment Station in Lubbock as a Research Agricultural Engineer and Associate Professor in 1976, and was promoted to full Professor in 1980; and

Whereas, Dr. Lyle pioneered and developed the concept of low energy precision application (LEPA) of irrigation water from center pivot and traveling linear irrigation systems, making the adoption of the combination of low pressure drop nozzles, coupled with furrow dikes widespread throughout the High Plains and the term "LEPA" a household word in the irrigation industry throughout the world; and

Whereas, in recognition of his many contributions, Dr. Lyle was named Outstanding Professor in the Agricultural Engineering Department of Texas Tech University in 1971; the High Plains Research Foundation's Agricultural Research Scientist of the Year in 1981; the Vice Chancellor for Agriculture's Distinguished Performance Award for Research-Off Campus; and was named "Man of the Year" by the Irrigation Association in 1984; was awarded the Texas Association of Agricultural Consultant Public Servant of the Year Award in 1992; and received the Secretary of Agriculture Group Research and Extension Award in 1994; and

Whereas, he has served as consultant to the Congress of the United States, the City of Amarillo, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers Water Supply and Conveyance Committee, and consultant to John Deere and Company and member of the Academic Advisory Board to Deere; and

Whereas, Dr. Lyle has brought vast recognition not only to himself, but to the Lubbock Research and Extension Center and The Texas A&M University System as well; and

Whereas, Dr. Lyle, since his retirement, continues a useful association with the Lubbock Center through his writing and research contributions to agricultural engineering; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the title of Professor Emeritus is conferred upon Dr. William M. Lyle and he is granted all rights and privileges of this title effective March 27, 1997; and be it further

(MINUTE ORDER 45-97 CONTINUED)

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and copies, thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Dr. William M. Lyle and a copy filed in the Archives of Texas A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 46-97 (AGENDA ITEM 14)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
RETIREMENT OF DR. CARL S. MENZIES AND
CONFERRING THE TITLE OF RESIDENT DIRECTOR OF
RESEARCH AND PROFESSOR EMERITUS,
TAMU RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER AT SAN ANGELO,
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

Whereas, Dr. Carl S. Menzies received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Husbandry from Texas Technological College, a Master of Science Degree in Animal Science from Kansas State University, and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Ruminant Nutrition from the University of Kentucky; and

Whereas, he joined the faculty of Kansas State University holding the positions of Graduate Research Assistant to Associate Professor of Animal Science from 1954 to 1968 and held the position of Professor and Head of the Department of Animal Science at South Dakota State University from 1969 to 1971; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo was fortunate to hire Dr. Menzies as Resident Director of Research and Professor of Animal Science in 1971 where he was the first director of the newly established Center, oversaw the construction of facilities and purchase of equipment, and he assisted in developing the Center into a nationally and internationally recognized center of excellence for sheep, goats, and range research and was instrumental in the promotion of goodwill between the livestock industry and Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, Dr. Carl S. Menzies is recognized for his expertise in the number of important committee assignments related to education, agriculture and the sheep and goat industries, among these the American Sheep Industry Association Animal Health Committee, Advisory Boards for Angelo State University Agricultural Program and the USDA/ARS Sheep Experiment Station, Dubois, Idaho, the Committee to Prepare National Guidelines for Animal Care, US/AID Small Ruminant CRSP Board of Institutional Representatives, CAST Task Force for Report on Future of Sheep and Goats in the U.S. and the Sheep Task Force Committee for Southern Region Research Planning Committee, the

Editorial Review Board of SID Sheep Review Journal and was one of the founding members of the North Central Sheep Breeding Project NC-111; and

(MINUTE ORDER 46-97 CONTINUED)

Whereas, he has received numerous awards including the Danforth Leadership Award, Appreciation Award from the Kansas Purebred Sheep Breeders Association, the National Block and Bridle Club Honorary Membership, the Silver Ram Award from the National Sheep Industry, the Fred T. Earwood Award from the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, an Honorary Fellow Award from the American Society of Animal Science, and was the third recipient of the Deputy Chancellor for Agriculture of The Texas A&M University System Award for Distinguished Performance in Administration; and

Whereas, he will continue to have an impact on the industry during his retirement through his ranching endeavors and as the newly-elected second vice president of the 2,700 member Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents gratefully acknowledges the distinguished leadership, dedicated service and outstanding performance which Dr. Carl S. Menzies has provided during his 25 years of service within The Texas A&M University System; and be it further

Resolved, that in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the title of Resident Director of Research and Professor Emeritus is conferred upon Dr. Carl S. Menzies and he is granted all rights and privileges of this title effective March 27, 1997; 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 Dr. Carl S. Menzies and a copy filed in the Archives of Texas A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 47-97 (AGENDA ITEM 15)

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

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

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. 96-97-04, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**, and Promotion List No. 96-97-04 (includes recommendations for promotions effective 9-1-97), attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**, are hereby confirmed.

MINUTE ORDER 48-97 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

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

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. O'Connor 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 recommendations of the Chancellor, and confers the title of "Emeritus/Emerita" upon individuals as shown on Emeritus Title List No. 96-97-04, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 49-97 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

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

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. O'Connor 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 96-97-04, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**.

MINUTE ORDER 50-97 (AGENDA ITEM 18)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. O'Connor 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 31.03 and Section 51.101 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as set forth on Faculty Development Leave List FY 98, Texas A&M University, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**.

MINUTE ORDER 51-97 (AGENDA ITEM 19)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN
HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
TO ELIAS JAMES COREY,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree to Elias James Corey.

MINUTE ORDER 52-97 (AGENDA ITEM 20)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE
JANUARY 23-24, 1997, REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. O'Connor 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 Laredo, Texas, on January 23-24, 1997, are hereby approved.

MINUTE ORDER 53-97 (AGENDA ITEM 21)

**NAMING OF THE
DR. THOMAS MAYO - MRS. W. H. "WILLIE" THOMAS
SEMINAR ROOM,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The original periodical reading room of the Cushing Memorial Library on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the "Dr. Thomas Mayo - Mrs. W. H. 'Willie' Thomas Seminar Room."

MINUTE ORDER 54-97 (AGENDA ITEM 21)

**NAMING OF THE
SOUTHWESTERN BELL WORLD ROOM,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

(MINUTE ORDER 54-97 CONTINUED)

The World Room of the International Center of the Bush Presidential Library Complex on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the "Southwestern Bell World Room."

MINUTE ORDER 55-97 (AGENDA ITEM 22)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE TO MELVYN N. KLEIN,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree to Melvyn N. Klein.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Powell adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

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

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