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CONVENE BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System was convened by Mr. Don Powell, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 9:46 a.m., on Thursday, March 26, 1998, 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. Don Powell, Chairman
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Frederick D. McClure
Mr. Erle Nye
Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

(Secretary's Note: The Meeting of the Committee on Finance was convened at 9:15 a.m. and recessed at 9:45 a.m.)

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Mr. Kyle Bryant, a senior from College Station, Texas, majoring in Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. Mr. Powell said Mr. Bryant just completed his fourth season as the Aggies' placekicker. He is the 1996 Lou Groza Award semifinalist and ranks as one of the top kickers in nation.

**PUBLIC HEARING(S) REGARDING
INCREASES IN BOARD-AUTHORIZED TUITION AT
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI,
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, AND
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY**

Mr. Powell called for a public hearing, as required by Section 54.0513, Paragraph (f) of the Texas Education Code, to receive input from presidents and students regarding proposed increases in Board-authorized tuition for Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C), Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), and Baylor College of Dentistry (BCD).

There was a general discussion of Board-authorized tuition. Mr. Dick Lindsay, Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations, explained that Board-authorized tuition was previously called General Use Fee (GUF). It is basically a matching program whereby the State sets statutory tuition and the Board has the discretion to match, dollar for dollar, that statutory semester credit hour (SCH) of tuition. Statutory tuition goes up by \$2.00 per year which allows the Board to match that up to the maximum. Mr. Lindsay explained that none of the System's schools, effective fall of 1998, will be at the maximum, which is \$36.00/SCH. Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), explained that in his judgment the Board has to look at these increases on an institutional basis, rather than an across-the-board, systematic approach. Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel, explained that state statute requires the Board to have a public hearing for these types of fee increases. Board policy requires that institutions have hearings, on campus, prior to the Board's hearing.

Dr. J. Charles Jennett, President of TAMIU, said TAMIU was requesting an increase from \$18.00/SCH (1998) to \$20.00/SCH (1999). In response to a question by Mr. O'Connor, Dr. Jennett explained that the increase would be used to support start-up of the new facilities constructed by Phase II and to supplement computer support and utilities. Phase III will begin with the construction of the new intramural complex which will also require additional equipment and supplies. The student housing shortfall will also be budgeted from these fees. Mr. Powell asked if there were comments from the public or students. There were none.

Dr. Keith McFarland, Interim President of TAMU-C, explained that TAMU-C was requesting an increase from \$24.00/SCH (1998) to \$28.00/SCH (1999). They did not have an increase last year. He said there was an open publicized hearing on campus, with minimal turnout. No concerns were expressed about the proposed increase. Dr. McFarland said the purpose of the increase was to provide additional sources of revenue to continue university services at current levels. There were no questions from the students or the public.

Dr. Robert Furgason, President of TAMU-CC, said TAMU-CC was requesting an increase from \$22.00/SCH (1998) to \$25.00/SCH (1999). One dollar would go into need-based student aid and \$2.00 would go into employee compensation. This was widely publicized around campus. There were no questions from the students or the public.

Dr. Russell Long, President of WTAMU, said they were proposing an increase from \$20.00/SCH (1998) to \$20.50/SCH (1999). This fee request was initiated by the students to create a quasi-endowment to be used for scholarships and internships for future students. This was widely publicized and widely discussed on the campus. There was a public hearing. Dr. Long said he requested a student referendum on this and 77 percent of the students who voted in that referendum supported this fee increase. The students proposed that there would be a \$.50 per hour fee for three years. It would then

go to \$.75 for two years, then go to \$1.00, and after one year at the \$1.00, it would go back to the students in a referendum to see whether or not they wanted to continue the fee. They have predicated this request on the projection that at that point there would be over \$2,000,000 in the quasi-endowment to be used and at that point the students in the future would have the opportunity to decide whether they want to continue this or not. Dr. Long said he highly recommends this request. He said he was very impressed with the students who proposed this idea. Mr. McClure commended the students for this unique approach. There were no comments from the public or students. Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel, said he had some concerns in connection with taking this fee and putting it into this kind of endowment. There are restrictions on endowment funds. He said he checked with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the legislative aide who was involved with the drafting of the statute. He said other people had a little bit of a concern because this is not a voluntary fee and the students are taking money and putting it into an account. No one could find a legal objection to doing it. In response to a question by Mr. Allen, Dr. Long explained that a five-person committee will administer the endowment fund (two faculty members, one person from student services and two students).

Dr. Richard Buchanan, Interim Vice President and Dean of BCD, said they are proposing an increase from \$20.00/quarter credit hour (QCH) (1998) to \$24.00/QCH (1999). These funds will be used for retirement and replacement activities associated with maintaining and improving the college infrastructure. There were no questions from the public or students.

RECESS

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The meeting of the Committee on Finance was reconvened at 10:35 a.m. and adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Meetings of the Committee on Audit and Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant were held from 11:01 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. The meeting of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs was convened at 12:21 p.m. and recessed at 12:30 p.m., it reconvened at 1:48 p.m. and recessed at 3:32 p.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board of Regents at 3:33 p.m. and announced that the Board would consider Item 41 (*Action to Limit Review of Recommendation of Dismissal of Texas A&M International University Faculty Member to a Review of the Record of the Hearing Committee*). Mr. Powell called on Mr. Cain to present this item.

Mr. Cain explained that Item 41 was the first step of two items that the Board would consider in the dismissal of a tenured professor for cause. He explained the materials that the Board had received prior to this meeting

(including materials presented to the hearing committee, materials from the professor and a transcript of the hearing). He said according to System Policy 12.01, the process for dismissal for cause starts at the institution. A faculty committee was appointed by the president to review the matter and to make a recommendation whether there was good cause for dismissal. The hearing committee met and made its recommendation. It then went to the president and the president agreed with the recommendation of the hearing committee. Mr. Cain said pursuant to System policy, if the recommendation of the president and the hearing committee are in accord, as in this case, then the Board may choose to limit its review to a review of the record of the hearing. The second step is for the Board to either sustain the decision of the hearing committee or return the matter to the hearing committee for consideration with appropriate instructions. Mr. Cain said this agenda item is the first step -- for the Board is to decide whether or not it will limit its review to the record of the hearing.

In response to a question by Mr. Allen, Mr. Cain said System Policy 12.01 (Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure) was approved by the Board on February 27, 1995, and revised July 26, 1996. Mr. Cain said the Office of General Counsel (OGC) has reviewed the materials submitted by the professor. OGC looked at the material with the eye of trying to determine if these matters were adequately covered in the original hearing. Mr. Cain said it was OGC's determination that all of the items raised in the materials sent by the professor were adequately covered in the original hearing. Therefore, Mr. Cain said he was asking the Board to limit its review only to the transcript and to the documents that were submitted in the hearing.

Mr. Powell called for a motion.

Mr. Nye made a motion that the Board review strictly on the record. In support of that motion, he pointed out that due process is critical in matters of this degree of importance and the Board fully intends to give due process in all respects. Mr. Nye said looking at the practices in both the civil and common law in this state, and in the federal judiciary system, it is more customary not to review the underlying facts at the appellate level and it is more customary to act upon the record which is in place as a result of various underlying forums which are duly constituted and appropriately authorized under law. Mr. Nye said the Board would run a risk if it seeks to substitute judgments of non-academic people, who are outside the process, for those who are in the process and are duly constituted. Mr. Nye said he strongly urged the Board to exhibit due process in this matter by having reviewed the record and by acting upon its review of that record after discussion.

In response to a question by Mr. Allen, Mr. Cain said this is the first stage. There will be another agenda item in which the Board will make its actual determination.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 33-98 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

**ACTION TO LIMIT  
REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATION OF  
DISMISSAL OF TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY MEMBER TO A  
REVIEW OF THE RECORD OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents shall limit its review of the recommendation of dismissal of Dr. Henry Crowson to a review of the record of the hearing committee.

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CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 3:45 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 551.072, for discussion regarding the acquisition, lease, exchange, disposition and value of real estate, including Item 9; 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, including Items 26, 28, 42, 43 and 45.

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 B. Thompson, Chancellor; Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Deputy Chancellor for Academic Institutions and Agencies; Mr. Dick Lindsay, Deputy Chancellor for Finance and Operations; 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. Charles Hines, President of PVAMU; Dr. Ray Bowen, President of TAMU; Dr. Charles Jennett, President of TAMIU; Dr. Robert Furgason, President of TAMU-CC; and Mr. Frank Clark, System Director of Internal Audit.

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING IN OPEN SESSION AND RECESS

At 6:34 p.m., Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting of the Board in open session and announced that the Board had met in closed session from 3:45 p.m. until 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 6:34 p.m., and announced that the Board would reconvene its meeting at 9:00 a.m., the next morning, Friday, March 27, 1998.

RECONVENE - MARCH 27, 1998

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting on Friday, March 27, 1998, at 9:08 a.m. He asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Tim Donathen, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction, who had undergone surgery the day before and was in critical condition.

Mr. Powell welcomed Dr. Wallace "Sandy" Lowry, president of the Scott and White Clinic; and Dr. John Roberts, president of the Scott Sherwood and Brindley Foundation.

Mr. Powell introduced Senator Phil Gramm. Senator Gramm thanked the Board, President Bowen and the academic leadership for the great improvements seen at Texas A&M. He said in running a great institution there is a fine point of trying to determine that which is important, permanent and ought to be preserved and that which can be improved upon by change. He said the hallmark of Texas A&M, in his lifetime affiliation, has been making those wise choices.

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The meeting of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs reconvened and met from 9:11 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.)

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Powell asked Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for State and Public Affairs, to present this report.

Dr. Calvert referred to a report entitled "The 76th Legislature Landscape Issues," a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents. He first discussed statewide issues that are looming that have the potential to become dominant in the next session. They are public education, taxes and school financing, rewriting of the State Constitution, utility deregulation and the \$15.3 billion tobacco settlement. He said the public education policy is always an important topic and one of the more controversial issues on Governor Bush's agenda for the next session as he is proposing an end to "social promotion." Dr. Calvert said another central issue could be teacher's pay and the nature of teacher preparation. In the last session, the House passed a major tax reform

bill that addressed the issue of funding for public schools; however, the bill failed to pass the Senate. There is latent interest in tax reform and Dr. Calvert said it could come up again. Speaker Pete Laney reappointed Rep. Paul Sadler, who led the tax-reform movement during the 75th Session, to head the interim committee on this issue. Dr. Calvert said another issue is utility deregulation -- once again on the legislative horizon. He said Rep. Rob Junell and Sen. Bill Ratliff are looking at drafting a new state constitution. The state constitution is very long, detail oriented, and often labeled archaic. It has been amended 548 times since its inception. In addition to other things, the constitution establishes and authorizes the distribution of funds of the Permanent University Fund (PUF) and the Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF). Dr. Calvert said any proposed re-write of these sections will generate a great deal of interest both within and outside the legislature.

Dr. Calvert then discussed interim charges of interest to TAMUS. He said the Senate Interim Committee on Funding Issues in Education is headed up by Sen. Teel Bivins and Sen. Bill Ratliff. That committee is analyzing expenditures of the PUF-related institutions, the HEAF-related institutions and the tuition revenue bond program to try to put together a composite picture of capital funds available for all institutions of higher education in Texas, broken down by institution. Dr. Calvert said Sen. Ratliff wants to get a handle on the extent to which institutions have been treated equitably and fairly with respect to available capital resources. One of the key points raised during the last session, mounted by the higher education community, is that Texas lags in higher education enrollment and graduation rates (lagging in reference to the nation as a whole and in reference to the top 10 populated states). He said those lead to questions regarding "the pipeline," coming all the way from the lower grades of public schools to graduation at the baccalaureate degree level. Dr. Calvert said there is intense focus being applied as to why Texas is not enrolling the same level of students in higher education as other states and why they do not graduate. In particular, there is interest being placed on the success of the outreach efforts of Texas A&M and the University of Texas. The committee is also reviewing retention programs and trying to determine what programs work best. Another topic of the committee is higher education cost and financial assistance. Over the last 10 years, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has reported that the cost of tuition and fees to Texas students has risen from approximately 1.5 percent of the medium household income to more than 4.5 percent, basically by a factor of 3. Financial assistance has remained fairly constant. Dr. Calvert said the big public policy issue is the balance between need-based and merit-based.

Dr. Calvert said the House Committee on Higher Education is reviewing the effects of the Hopwood decision and the responses to professional schools. House Bill 588, the top 10 percent automatic admissions bill, will be followed by another bill applied to professional and graduate schools. There will be a number of other bills designed to encourage institutions of higher education to broaden their efforts to recruit the whole range of students throughout Texas that are graduating and to accomplish this in a race-neutral way.

Another interim committee is the Senate Interim Committee on Public Information. Dr. Calvert said a bill that passed in the Senate in the last two sessions but failed in the House, would preclude any further briefings or one way informational briefings on the part of staff to governing boards and any other public bodies in a closed session.

Dr. Calvert said the changes to the general academic formula last session by Sen. Ratliff are under review by the THECB Formula Advisory Committee and are not likely to change significantly. In addition, he said Sen. Ratliff developed a draft proposal to distribute appropriations for health related institutions and health science centers by a formula similar to the general academics. This may cause a redistribution of the current medical school allocation and thus emerge as a major funding issue next session. With or without such a formula, the level of funding for TAMUS health related institutions will be a major issue.

The Senate Finance Committee staff, along with the Legislative Budget Board staff, is reviewing all special items appropriated to higher education institutions, said Dr. Calvert. He explained that higher education financing is basically broken down in two broad fashions -- formula-based and special items. Formula-based funding is for the major ongoing recurring operations. Special items are by nature supplemental to the operations of an institution that are otherwise funded by formula. Such things as program enhancement items, which are a large share of the special items through the state, are drawing special scrutiny. Dr. Calvert said Sen. Ratliff would like to see special items that are supplemental to formula-funded operations, put in one pool and re-divided by a formula. An analysis has been done of the difference of what the component institutions of TAMUS currently receives based on a special item appropriation basis, and what they would receive if the same total dollars were reappropriated through the formula. There is a wide divergence between funding through a special item process and how they would be funded through a formula process. The state appropriates about \$130 million a year, \$260 million a biennium, to special items. The TAMUS institutions receive approximately \$40 million per year, \$80 million per biennium, in special items.

Dr. Calvert said during the interim, a great amount of time and effort has been expended in addressing the appropriations bill rider calling for a study of the A&M agencies' infrastructure needs. Progress has been made with the THECB staff and the Finance Committee staff to produce a formula to fund agency infrastructure and recurring operations needs. Dr. Calvert said there is now an infrastructure model in place that adequately projects the space needs of the agencies and appears to be rational and work across the board.

Dr. Calvert then discussed appropriation prospects. The state's economy is expected to expand at a healthy pace and the demand for mandated state government services is not anticipated to be relatively greater than in the previous session. Dr. Calvert said the climate looks favorable for higher education if the System can succeed in proposing responses or solutions to

statewide problems. He said the key to a successful joining of efforts between the legislature and higher education is that funds, once appropriated, be allocated through formula, because it is an agreed upon equitable way of distribution. Dr. Calvert said if those two are kept in balance, the group effort on the proposal and a formula method of appropriation, then there is a good basis for seeking higher appropriations for the public higher education sector and having it distributed in a way that is favorable and equitable to all System institutions.

The last item Dr. Calvert discussed was the makeup of the House and Senate and possible leadership changes.

REPORT ON TAMU RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Mr. Powell asked Ms. Jo Ann Treat, President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas A&M Research Foundation (TAMRF), to present this report, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Ms. Treat said TAMRF is a separate, 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, which puts it outside of the state. TAMU has no liability for TAMRF employees and their activities. However, Ms. Treat stressed that TAMRF is very aware that it operates as a service organization to TAMU and its actions can be viewed as a university action. TAMRF, a service organization that is focused on sponsored projects, is available for the benefit of all System operations. It is a part of a group of organizations across the nation called University Connected Research Foundations. TAMRF was established at the end of World War II for the purpose of developing research efforts with industry. As the federal government began to put money into research at universities, the foundation did the same, and is now the major funding source for research at TAMU and at most campuses.

Ms. Treat said TAMRF has developed a good working relationship with the federal agencies over the years and that is a tribute to TAMU. The foundation is strongly focused on customer service. She explained the key benefits are expertise, flexibility and "one-stop" operation dedicated to sponsored research. The key function of the foundation is project administration and the key focus is TAMUS researchers and administration.

The mission statement of TAMRF has three major components said Ms. Treat. First, its focus is to facilitate research and development within TAMUS. Second, it is dedicated to providing a cooperative environment that is challenging, teamwork-oriented, and fosters creativity and initiative for all employees. Third, that professionalism, integrity, and the highest ethical standards are paramount.

Ms. Treat explained that the foundation is governed by a group of councilors, patterned after the Purdue Research Foundation. There are five groups of councilors with as many as twenty councilors in each group. The councilor groups are divided into TAMUS, industry, alumni, agriculture and

public. The board of trustees, the main governing body of the foundation, consists of five members from each councilor group, the president and CEO and the regent liaison, currently Dr. Avilés.

Ms. Treat discussed the TAMUS/TAMRF agreement. The System's responsibilities include conducting the research, technical liaison with the sponsor, technical personnel, space and cost-sharing. The foundation's responsibilities include administering business affairs, contractual liaison with sponsors, finance and business records/reporting, monitoring compliance, providing insurance, legal reviews, purchasing, making disbursements and collections and working with auditors.

Ms. Treat then explained the master agreement with TAMU. Its purpose is to formalize and authorize the relationships, establish obligations and responsibilities, protect the interests of TAMUS, provide documentary evidence to interested outside parties of the nature of the relationship for cooperative research, and eliminate individual agreements for each project. The topics that are addressed include the allocation of responsibilities and obligations, stewardship of assets, legal accountability, organizational conduct and integrity, contractual relationships with outside parties and the framework for organizational points of contact and distribution of information.

The foundation has offices on the campuses of TAMU, PVAMU, TAMU-CC and BCD. The project administration is responsible for program development, proposals, negotiation and award processing, post-award administration and support operations. Ms. Treat said program development includes up-to-date information on funding sources obtained through sponsor contacts, publications and on-line services; dissemination of information to departments and researchers based upon faculty profile data; regularly published funding bulletin; assistance in contacting funding organizations; limited financial support for program development travel; and assistance with multi-institutional and multi-sponsor programs. She said proposal services includes preparation and processing services including format, budget, and routing for proper approval; copying, binding and mailing; and coordination of pre-award audits and proposal monitoring. Ms. Treat said it is a rather significant effort for a researcher to put together a proposal. There are a lot of things to do besides putting together research proposals and having administrative support is a well-received benefit and service and encourages researchers to submit proposals. The foundation has a great deal of involvement in negotiation and award processing. This assures that the terms and conditions are acceptable to both the foundation as a separate corporation and to the institution. Ms. Treat said a research administrator is assigned to each of the projects, which is day-to-day contact for the researcher. In the post-award administration, TAMRF is the liaison with sponsors for administrative matters. She said the foundation prepares and negotiates subcontracts and other agreements, monitors financial status for compliance, guides researchers through "red tape," and coordinates account closing and post-award audits. Ms. Treat said support operations provide complete accounting services, completion and submission of all federal administrative

reports, travel advances, charge account privileges, purchasing services, maintenance of sponsor-approved property records, assistance in obtaining excess property from federal sources, provision of liability and specialty insurance, and security services.

Ms. Treat said the "bread and butter" research on a university campus is a \$50,000 to \$250,000 project. The foundation also provides special services which include research vessel operations for the R/V *Gyre* and the R/V *Powell*; multi-institutional research which include the Integrated Pest Management Program; large specialty operations which include the Ocean Drilling Program; facilitating private ventures like the Institute of Nautical Archaeology; multi-campus operations; accommodating institution identity; real estate; and equipment.

Ms. Treat explained that the funding of TAMRF services is administrative costs recovered from indirect cost, no state appropriations. The determination of what share of the indirect costs TAMRF receives is done through a retention agreement, percent of indirect cost recovery on each project. Indirect cost recovery varies from full recovery to no recovery.

Ms. Treat said two recent legislative actions directly impacted TAMRF. The first was the change in indirect cost formulation. This resulted in a loss of revenue to TAMU. She said TAMRF and TAMU are working closely together to assure a cost-effective relationship. She said the second was the change in auditing authority. There was a provision that brought some non-profit organizations into a position where the state auditor would, in essence, have control of the audit of a separate non-profit organization outside of a state organization. She said the research foundation has modified its bylaws.

Ms. Treat said the key benefits the foundation provides to TAMUS and its researchers are expertise, flexibility, full service provided to researchers and administrators, and one central office focused entirely on sponsored programs.

Mr. Allen asked how the foundation, as a 501(c)3 corporation, addresses the question of open records requests. Ms. Treat said there is a fine line in terms of what the foundation legally has to comply with and its position is that any question that relates to research activities will be referred to the institution to take whatever action it deems is appropriate. Mr. Allen asked if the state has taken the position that the foundation is subject to open records. Ms. Treat replied in the negative. Mr. Allen asked about state auditors. She said under certain conditions state auditors can come in and look at the books. State auditors receive a copy of the foundation's audit report.

Ms. Rangel asked if the foundation has its own budget. Ms. Treat said the annual budget is approximately \$5 million and is used to pay the foundation's operating costs. She explained that about 70 percent is personnel. Another significant cost is computers and computer operations. Ms. Rangel asked how many employees are in the foundation. Ms. Treat said 105 full-time

equivalent (FTE) positions and about 20 employees that are directly paid from the Ocean Drilling Program. Ms. Treat explained that none are state employees.

Mr. Powell recessed the meeting at 10:27 a.m. Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Mr. Powell presented a framed resolution to Dan Campbell and Coach R. C. Slocum.

Mr. Powell presented a framed resolution (Recognizing the 1998 SWAC Basketball Champions from PVAMU) to Dr. Hines, Coach Elwood Plummer and MVP Tamarron Sharpe.

Mr. Powell presented a framed resolution (Recognizing the 1998 SWAC Indoor Track Champions from Prairie View A&M University) to Dr. Hines, Athletic Director Clifton Gilliard, Head Track Coach Hoover Wright and members of the track team.

Mr. Powell called on Mr. Nye for the report of the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the Committee discussed its items the previous day, Thursday, March 26. He said the Committee received an excellent report from Dr. Charles Lee concerning the status of the strategic planning process and there was a constructive discussion concerning faculty and staff compensation. He said the Committee adjourned to allow a public hearing by the Board concerning increases in Board-authorized tuition, and upon the completion of that public hearing, the Committee reconvened and reviewed the activities of the recent programmatic review of the budget and the background of the budget which took a couple of days and was very beneficial. Mr. Nye said the Committee then discussed, and approved for recommendation, Items 1, 2, 3-A, 4, 5 and 23 (*Item 3-B was withdrawn prior to the meeting*). Mr. Nye said there was a question on Item 2 so he proposed approval of Items 1, 3-A, 4, 5, and 23. The Board took action as set forth below:

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#### **MINUTE ORDER 34-98 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

#### **APPROPRIATION OF BOND PROCEEDS FOR CLASSROOM RENOVATION, PHASE II, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Permanent University Fund bond proceeds in the amount of \$2,000,000 and Revenue Financing System bond proceeds in the amount of \$1,500,000 are

hereby appropriated to Texas A&M University for the Classroom Renovation Program-Phase II.

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 35-98 (AGENDA ITEM 3-A)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR LIMITED EXEMPTION  
FROM SYSTEM POLICY 25.07 (CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION)  
REGARDING THE EXECUTION OF PUBLISHING CONTRACTS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Texas A&M University is hereby exempted from System Policy 25.07, Paragraph 4(2), in regard to the execution of publishing contracts with term limits of more than five (5) years.

**MINUTE ORDER 36-98 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

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

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

The following report of appropriations by the Chancellor, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**, is hereby accepted.

**MINUTE ORDER 37-98 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. O'Connor 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 Members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Grants, Loans and Bequests Lists No. 97-98-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**.

**MINUTE ORDER 38-98 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE FEED INSPECTION FEE,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is hereby authorized to increase the fee levied on each ton of feed declared on or after May 1, 1998, to \$0.17 per ton, subject to the Texas Commercial Feed Law. Such action is taken pursuant to §141.071(b), Agriculture Code, the Texas Commercial Feed Act.

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Mr. Nye said there was a public hearing on Item 2 the day before, March 26, and a fair amount of discussion. He said he wanted to provide an opportunity for further discussion of this item. Mr. Nye moved that Item 2, as proposed by the System staff, be adopted. Mr. Allen seconded the motion.

Dr. Avilés asked Dr. Furgason to explain the athletic program for TAMU-CC based on the increase of student fees and why he is recommending that it be a Division I program.

Dr. Furgason said about a year ago, he presented Phase I, which was the appointment of an athletic director. They have also hired an assistant athletic director and a compliance officer. He said they have been putting together a plan of action, looking at the requirements for NCAA membership, and looking at the sports that would be developed and are being developed at TAMU-CC. Dr. Furgason said they have now come to Phase II, the implementation phase. He said obviously they have to have coaches before they can have student athletes and before they can have programs. So in that regard, they are no different than any other startup business. Dr. Furgason said the funding has to be up front and then develop the structure and programmatic activities. The programs being developed include women's golf, for the fall of 1998; women's tennis, for the fall of 1998; men's tennis, for the fall of 1998; and in the fall of 1999, initiate men and women's basketball, softball and baseball. In the years 2000 and 2001, TAMU-CC will move into the track and field events. He said their intent is to develop 14 sports, which is the minimum required for NCAA Division I, eight of these will be women's sports and six will be men's sports. He said they have eliminated football as a sport in this particular development plan because it complicates Title IX requirements as well as being a very expensive venture. Dr. Furgason said basketball will be the revenue producing sport and one in which they expect to develop. NCAA active membership, they are now in provisional membership, is not possible until the year 2002. So they have to look forward and they are already at 6,000 students. He said they certainly will be at 8,000 students, or more, by the year 2002 at current growth rates.

Dr. Furgason said the issue then becomes one of funding. That is the reason the agenda item was written the way it was so that the Board would know the underpinning of the funding for this particular program. Part of it deals with a student service fee that goes into the intercollegiate athletic program. They also provided the approximate proportion from the student service fee that goes into intercollegiate athletics. He said that proportion is zero at TAMU but goes as high as 55 percent. The average is about 40 percent for the rest of the institutions. TAMU-CC's proposal for that proportion is 32 percent. After that, revenues that come into the program will be generated by the combination of donations through the Tarpon Foundation, which has already been established in revenues.

Dr. Furgason then addressed the Division I status. He said without a football team, there is not a large difference. You do not have to worry about which part of Division I you are playing when you have a football team. The one difference is the number of sports required for NCAA membership which is 14. He said they are going to have a basketball team under every circumstance because it is the only revenue sport that they will have available. Baseball might break even but nothing else will make any dollars.

Mr. Nye said eliminating the startup years, what was the cost difference between Division I and Division II. Dr. Furgason said probably \$1,000,000 per year and about \$3,000,000 going to Division I; \$2,000,000 would be the budget under Division II. However, revenue potential is greater under Division I than it is under Division II because of who you are playing. Dr. Furgason said he believes that the immediate community, about 350,000, is easily supportable for a Division I. The real decisions are in the year 2002 because that is when NCAA says whether or not they will accept TAMU-CC as a Division I. The other element is the league and that will also be established after status is reached with the NCAA. Dr. Furgason pledged that as with all programs, they will do it right, do it well, or will change it.

Dr. Avilés asked about facilities and the firm hired to do a sports complex master plan. Dr. Furgason said his first attempt at looking at facilities was to join in with a sales tax issue in the city to have a joint facility on the campus. That did not develop so they are now regrouping. He said the plan with regard to facilities is essentially a dual approach. They will develop facilities on campus for recreation and for kinesiology purposes. They will work with the city to get the larger venues. He said they have no competition in terms of other sports activities beyond high school with the exception of an announced hockey team. Initially, the basketball teams will play in the Memorial Coliseum. It is small and will not be the long-term solution. He said the long-term solution is to work with the city to have either an expansion of that facility or a new one. He said they have worked out an arrangement with the school district to use their baseball facilities. He said their intent is to develop recreation and kinesiology facilities and not a major arena on campus.

Mr. Allen asked the capacity of Memorial Coliseum. Dr. Furgason said it is about 3,700 for a basketball game.

Mr. O'Connor asked the average student age. Dr. Furgason said it is about 30 and projected to be 28 at the year 2002. Mr. O'Connor said he was concerned about support, cash flow and revenues. He said most of the students are family age and asked if they would have the time to come to a sporting event, as well as are there going to be conflicts with high school games, YMCA games, etc. Dr. Furgason said it is certainly one of the issues that they need to watch very carefully. They have to establish the tradition in the community. He said he believes it is timely from the development of TAMU-CC. They have polled students asking why they did not come to TAMU-CC and the one answer with the largest frequency is the lack of any sports programs whatsoever. Even though there are intramurals, potential students are interested in sports programs. Dr. Furgason said objectives and aspirations have to be set in motion.

Mr. O'Connor asked if the NCAA requires a projected balance sheet, projected cash flow, and potential attendance. Dr. Furgason replied in the affirmative. Ms. Rangel said there is community support for a sports complex and relayed the story of a recent high school playoff game with over 1,000 people turned away, because there simply was not enough room. Dr. Furgason said he views these fee increases as investments.

Mr. Nye said he is prepared to go forward with this, provided that Dr. Furgason would give him some sort of assurance that he is not unalterably committed to this no matter what the cost, and that he will measure this as he goes along and as he gets closer to these big money decisions, that he will measure the cost and justify the cost. On that basis, Mr. Nye said he was certainly prepared to go forward on what has been approved by the student body by a fairly substantial majority, providing that Dr. Furgason assured them that he was prepared to take major steps. Dr. Furgason said he was prepared to provide that assurance and if it looks like they are missing the target, they will regroup, they will do what is necessary. He said he does not anticipate it, but he would even "pull the plug" if that was the final answer. He said the Board would be kept abreast of this progression and he would work with the Chancellor. Dr. Avilés agreed with Mr. Nye. He said he did not want another deal like the baseball stadium coming up. Dr. Furgason agreed that would not happen. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 39-98 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW FEES, INCREASED FEES AND  
DECREASED FEES FOR THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

In accordance with Section 54.0513, Texas Education Code, and System Policy 26.02, public hearings were held at each campus regarding recommended increases in Board Authorized Tuition. The Board has received input from students and the presidents of the institutions concerning such proposed increases, and has received input from students and the presidents of the institutions in accordance with the requirements of Section 54.0513(f), Texas Education Code.

All hearings and recommendations required by law for increases in other student fees have been properly conducted and reported to the Board in accordance with the Texas Education Code.

The request for new fees, increased fees, and decreased fees for Academic Institutions of the A&M System, as shown on **Exhibits C and D**, is approved to

be effective with the Fall 1998 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. McClure for the report of the Committee on Audit.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Mr. McClure, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said during a meeting of the Committee in January, the System Director of Internal Audit, pursuant to System Policy 21.03, presented the long-range audit plan and the annual audit plan for the Committee's consideration. Copies of both documents were provided to each member of the Board. Mr. McClure said Item 6 includes a minute order recommending adoption of the System Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 1999. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 40-98 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**APPROVAL OF  
SYSTEM INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR FY 1999,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The System Internal Audit Plan for FY 1999, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, is hereby approved. The System Director of Internal Audit will accomplish audits in accordance with these plans and provide the Board of Regents with reports in accordance with System Policy 21.03, Internal Audits.

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Mr. McClure said pursuant to the Chairman's earlier directive and request, the Committee on Audit has been engaged in the process of reviewing the internal audit function of TAMUS, including organizational structure. He said they have been assisted in this effort by outside consultants and it was his understanding that they will soon be receiving the results of this analysis. Mr. McClure said it is his intention for the members of the Committee to be briefed once they have received these recommendations and then meet and prepare recommendations for the Board's consideration. Mr. Powell said he hopes this can be accomplished by the Board's May meeting.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Avilés for the report of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT**

Dr. Avilés, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said the Committee held a meeting in College Station on March 26, 1998, and reconvened on March 27, 1998. The Committee recommended approval of Items 8 through 10 pertaining to real estate and Items 11 through 17 pertaining to facilities (*Item 7 was withdrawn prior to the meeting*). In addition, Dr. Avilés said the Committee recommended approval of the following architect/engineer design teams: Water System Improvement at PVAMU: O'Malley Engineers of Brenham, Texas; and Western Hemispheric Trade Center at TAMU: Garza/Bomberger & Associates of San Antonio, Texas. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 41-98 (AGENDA ITEM 8)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
CONDITIONAL ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT AND
NECESSARY TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS TO THE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BURLESON COUNTY,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute any and all documents required to grant a conditional road right-of-way easement and necessary temporary construction easements to the Texas Department of Transportation for the purpose of widening FM-60 west of the Brazos River in Burleson County, Texas.

MINUTE ORDER 42-98 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**AUTHORIZATION TO
NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS
REQUIRED TO ACQUIRE LAND, GALVESTON COUNTY,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and to execute all

documents required to acquire, on a value for value basis, land from Mitchell Resorts, Inc., and to convey to Mitchell Resorts, Inc., a tract of land containing no more than 3.90 acres, all tracts being out of the Eneas Smith Survey, Abstract 190, of Pelican Island, City of Galveston, Galveston County, Texas.

MINUTE ORDER 43-98 (AGENDA ITEM 10)

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND
EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO GRANT
A RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT,
AND NECESSARY TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS
TO THE CITY OF LUBBOCK, LUBBOCK COUNTY,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and execute all documents required to grant a railroad right-of-way easement, and necessary temporary construction easements, to the City of Lubbock and to enter into a lease or interlocal agreement with the City of Lubbock for purposes of providing water to the Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock County, Texas. The railroad right-of-way easement and interlocal agreement will each be for a term of ten (10) years.

MINUTE ORDER 44-98 (AGENDA ITEM 11)

**ACTION ON BIDS
FOR THE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH BUILDING,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, TEMPLE,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Based on bids received February 24, 1998, the contract is awarded to BFW Construction Co., Inc. of Temple, Texas, at \$9,811,000.00, the low base bid, and Alternates 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for the Education and Research Building, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, Temple.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$590,000.00, the amount of \$4,910,000.00 is appropriated from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds, the amount of \$5,500,000.00 is appropriated from Private Grant and the amount of \$1,040,000.00 is appropriated from Revenue Financing System (Tuition Revenue) for the Education and Research Building, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, Temple.

This award and appropriation action is contingent and effective upon the closing as described in a Memorandum of Agreement between Texas A&M University and the Scott and White Memorial Hospital and the Scott, Sherwood and Brindley Foundation dated August 1, 1996.

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 45-98 (AGENDA ITEM 12)

**APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND
APPROPRIATION FOR DETAILED DESIGN
FOR THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Preliminary design for the New Science Building at Tarleton State University is approved.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$660,000.00, the amount of \$1,150,000.00 is appropriated from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for detailed design for the New Science Building at Tarleton State University.

MINUTE ORDER 46-98 (AGENDA ITEM 13)

**APPROVAL OF THE
PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION
OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM
FOR THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Water System Improvements at Prairie View A&M University is approved.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$45,000.00, the amount of \$140,000.00 is appropriated from Unappropriated Available University Fund for design for the Water System Improvements at Prairie View A&M University.

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).

The firm of O'Malley Engineers of Brenham, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Water System Improvements at Prairie View A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 47-98 (AGENDA ITEM 14)

**APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY DESIGN
AND APPROPRIATION FOR DETAILED DESIGN
FOR THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Preliminary design for the New Science Building at Prairie View A&M University is approved.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$635,000.00, the amount of \$1,140,000.00 is appropriated from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for detailed design for the New Science Building at Prairie View A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 48-98 (AGENDA ITEM 15)

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE STUDENT PARK PROJECT,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Based on bids received November 17, 1997, the contract is awarded to Quad-Tex Construction, Incorporated, of College Station, Texas, at \$293,360.00, the low base bid, and Alternate 2 for the Student Park at Prairie View A&M University.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$49,000.00, the amount of \$305,425.00 is appropriated from Student Service Fee Proceeds for the Student Park at Prairie View A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 49-98 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY DESIGN
FOR THE INTRAMURAL COMPLEX,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

Preliminary design for the Intramural Complex at Texas A&M International University is approved.

MINUTE ORDER 50-98 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION
OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM
FOR THE WESTERN HEMISPHERIC TRADE CENTER,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Western Hemispheric Trade Center at Texas A&M International University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$10,000.00, the amount of \$630,000.00 is appropriated from Gift Funds for design for the Western Hemispheric Trade Center at Texas A&M International University.

The firm of Garza/Bomberger & Associates of San Antonio, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Western Hemispheric Trade Center at Texas A&M International University.

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Mr. Powell called on Ms. Rangel for the report of the Committee on Academic and Students Affairs.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Ms. Rangel, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, said the Committee met on March 26 and 27, 1998. She said the Committee would continue to work closely with Dr. Sayavedra on the issue of Internet degrees. She said they did not get to the annual report on small classes, but that would be forwarded, in writing, to each regent. The Committee recommended approval of Items 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 25. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 51-98 (AGENDA ITEM 19)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP
FOR PRIMARY CARE BETWEEN THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND
THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective immediately, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the establishment of The Texas A&M University System Partnership for Primary Care. The program will be limited to The Texas A&M University System institutions, and will be directed by the Dean of Medicine, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, College of Medicine. The program is limited to about two to five students per year from each Texas A&M University System institution and a total of 16 students overall. Thus, at most, 25 percent of an incoming class will be admitted through this program.

MINUTE ORDER 52-98 (AGENDA ITEM 20)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT
PROPOSAL TO THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
REQUESTING A NEW PROGRAM LEADING TO A
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, BASIC (GENERIC) TRACK,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M International University is hereby authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a proposal initiating a new program leading to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Basic (Generic) Track.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M International 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 International University, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to add a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Basic (Generic) to its degree inventory.

MINUTE ORDER 53-98 (AGENDA ITEM 21)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT PROPOSAL TO
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
INITIATING A NEW PROGRAM LEADING TO A
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
AND TO EXPAND TABLE OF PROGRAMS,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M International University is hereby authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a proposal initiating a new program leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science and to request authority to expand its Table of Programs to offer this program.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M International 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 International University, under the legal mandate, should be authorized to add a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Design to its degree inventory.

MINUTE ORDER 54-98 (AGENDA ITEM 22)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT PROPOSAL TO
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
INITIATING A NEW PROGRAM LEADING TO A
MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK AND
TO EXPAND TABLE OF PROGRAMS,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M International University is hereby authorized to present to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a proposal initiating a new program leading to a Master of Social Work and to request authority to expand its Table of Programs to offer this program.

The Board of Regents has considered the request for this authorization in light of the statutory objectives of Texas A&M International 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 International University, under its legal mandate, should be authorized to add a Master of Social Work to its degree inventory.

MINUTE ORDER 55-98 (AGENDA ITEM 24)

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER FOR
THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN
TRANSPORTATION COMPUTATIONAL MECHANICS,
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Dr. Avilés and by a unanimous vote, the Board approved the concept paper for the establishment of the Center of Excellence in Transportation Computational Mechanics, Texas Transportation Institute, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**. The administration is directed to proceed with the full scale development of the proposal for Board approval.

MINUTE ORDER 56-98 (AGENDA ITEM 25)

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER FOR
THE NATIONAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER
FOR THE TRAVEL MODEL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM,
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Dr. Avilés and by a unanimous vote, the Board approved the concept paper for the establishment of the National Training Technical Assistance Center for the Travel Model Improvement Program, Texas Transportation Institute, 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.

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**OTHER ITEMS**

Mr. Powell called on Dr. Hines to present Items 26 and 27. Dr. Hines said Item 27 requested approval of the awarding of the Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree to the Honorable George Herbert Walker Bush, 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States. He said President Bush will be the commencement orator at PVAMU on May 9, 1998. He indicated that this will be President Bush's third formal presentation at PVAMU, twice as a private citizen, he was a guest speaker at PVAMU's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He is a frequent visitor to and supporter of PVAMU. He has been very powerful and instrumental in the education of the African-American in the United States. In the 1940s he led the fund-raising campaign for the United Negro College Fund at Yale. He was instrumental in establishing the Naval ROTC detachment at PVAMU, the last one established at any Historically Black College/University (HBCU) in this country. Dr. Hines said it was President Bush who appointed Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell, Deputy Commander of Desert Storm Calvin Waller (a PVAMU graduate), and President Bush's Points of Light Foundation head Robert Goodwin (a former PVAMU staff employee). He holds 65 honorary degrees, five from HBCUs. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 57-98 (AGENDA ITEM 27)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE
HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS (LITT D) DEGREE
TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Prairie View A&M University is hereby authorized to award the honorary Doctor of Letters (Litt D) degree to The Honorable George Herbert Walker Bush.

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Mr. Nye added that President Bush has supported, on an annual basis, the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) for 53 years. Dr. Hines commented that he supported the UNCF in 1940, when it was not popular.

Dr. Hines presented Item 26, which was considered in closed session. He said Dr. Ikhlas Sabouni has established a national record of excellence in design and education. She was recently selected as the educator of the year by the American Institute of Architecture, winner of a national achievement award and most importantly, the students that she is training are entering into competitions in the State of Texas with the major universities and these students are achieving first place status in all of these competitions. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 58-98 (AGENDA ITEM 26)

**APPOINTMENT OF
DR. IKHLAS SABOUNI
AS DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Dr. Ikhlas Sabouni is hereby appointed Dean of the School of Architecture at Prairie View A&M University, effective March 27, 1998.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Bowen to present Item 28. Dr. Bowen said this item was considered in closed session. It is the appointment of Dr. Henry Richard Adams as Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Professor with Tenure in the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology at Texas A&M University, effective May 1, 1998. Dr. Adams is currently the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has been in that position since 1993. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 59-98 (AGENDA ITEM 28)

**APPOINTMENT OF
DR. HENRY RICHARD ADAMS
AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted:

Dr. Henry Richard Adams is hereby appointed Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Professor with tenure in the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology at Texas A&M University, effective May 1, 1998.

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Dr. Bowen called on Dr. Adams to be recognized by the Board.

Mr. Powell called on Dr. Russell Long, President of WTAMU, to present Item 30. Dr. Long requested Board approval to award an honorary Doctor of Arts Degree to Mr. William A. Moore, a long-time faculty member at WTAMU. He came to the university shortly following World War II, and remained there until his retirement in 1977. Since 1977, he has continued to be very active in his support of the university. He created the Theater Department at WTAMU. He was the moving force in the creation of the musical drama "Texas," which to this point has been seen by over 3,000,000 people and he continues to be very active in that production. He has contributed enormously to the student body at WTAMU, to the state of the arts in the Texas Panhandle, in the entire southwest and indeed "Texas" is consistently recognized as the leading outdoor drama in the United States. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 60-98 (AGENDA ITEM 30)

**AUTHORIZATION TO
AWARD HONORARY DOCTOR OF ARTS DEGREE TO
WILLIAM A. MOORE,
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

West Texas A&M University is authorized to award an honorary Doctor of Arts degree to William A. Moore, who exemplifies the mission and scope of the University for his meritorious and outstanding service, and by serving as an example of West Texas A&M University's aspirations for students.

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Mr. Powell called on Mr. Lindsay who presented Items 31 and 32. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 61-98 (AGENDA ITEM 31-REVISED EXHIBIT)

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR AN EXCEPTION
TO THE FTE LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN
HOUSE BILL 1, 75TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves the request by the Members listed in **Exhibit H**, attached to the official minutes, for an exception to the FTE limitations specified in House Bill 1, 75th Texas Legislature.

MINUTE ORDER 62-98 (AGENDA ITEM 32)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR
CAR ALLOWANCE PERQUISITE FOR
THE PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The President of Texas A&M University shall be granted a car allowance perquisite from Texas A&M University funding sources of \$800/month, effective immediately.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Bowen to present part of Item 33. Dr. Bowen said he is recommending Board approval to name the Petroleum Engineering Department the "Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering." He said Harold Vance was the head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering for many years. He said this recommendation comes to the Board as a consequence of the generosity of Mr. James Nelson '49. Mr. Nelson has pledged \$10,000,000 for the benefit of the Department of Petroleum Engineering, \$2,000,000 of which has already been received. Dr. Bowen said in the university's efforts to recognize his generosity, he asked TAMU to honor his professor, his department head, Harold Vance. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 63-98 (AGENDA ITEM 33)

**NAMING OF THE
"HAROLD VANCE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERING,"
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Petroleum Engineering Department at Texas A&M University is hereby named "The Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering."

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Hines to present his part of Item 33. Dr. Hines said he is asking Board approval to name the International Dairy Goat Research Center the "E. (Kika) de la Garza International Goat Research Center." He said Congressman de la Garza has worked very hard for PVAMU and the Goat Center. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 64-98 (AGENDA ITEM 33)

**NAMING OF THE
"E. (KIKA) DE LA GARZA INTERNATIONAL GOAT RESEARCH CENTER,"
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The International Dairy Goat Research Center, on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, is hereby named the "E. (Kika) de la Garza International Goat Research Center."

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Thompson who presented Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 65-98 (AGENDA ITEM 34)

**APPROVAL OF SMOKING RULES,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Texas A&M University System component smoking rules, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**, are hereby approved.

MINUTE ORDER 66-98 (AGENDA ITEM 35)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
REGENTS FELLOW SERVICE AWARD,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby establishes the Regents Fellow Service Award which will honor service, extension, and research professionals within the agricultural and engineering agencies who have provided exemplary professional service to society that has created large and lasting benefits to Texas and beyond, as designated in **Exhibit J**, to be effective with the 1997-98 Academic Year.

MINUTE ORDER 67-98 (AGENDA ITEM 36-REVISED EXHIBIT)

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Avilés, 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 faculty members as set forth on Tenure List 97-98-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**.

MINUTE ORDER 68-98 (AGENDA ITEM 37)

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Avilés, 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. 97-98-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 69-98 (AGENDA ITEM 38)

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Avilés, 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 FY99, Texas A&M University, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit M**.

MINUTE ORDER 70-98 (AGENDA ITEM 39)

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Avilés, 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. 97-98-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit N**, Promotion List No. 97-98-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit O**, and Dismissal List No. 97-98-01, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit P**, are hereby confirmed.

MINUTE ORDER 71-98 (AGENDA ITEM 40)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 20, 1997, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING AND
DECEMBER 4, 1997, REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

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 20, 1997, 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 4, 1997, are hereby approved.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Jennett to present Item 42. Dr. Jennett said this item was considered in closed session. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 72-98 (AGENDA ITEM 42)

**APPOINTMENT OF
MICHELLE A. ALEXANDER
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

Michelle A. Alexander, is hereby appointed Vice President for Advancement and External Affairs at Texas A&M International University, effective March 18, 1998.

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Mr. Nye moved approval of Item 43 (*Recommendation for Dismissal*) as stated in the agenda item. He said the Board takes this sort of matter very seriously, and inquired substantially into the procedural due process of this matter, in the closed session. He said the Board received substantial materials from all aspects of this particular matter. He said he proposed that the Board act in accordance with the recommendation and act to confirm the dismissal of Dr. Henry Crowson. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 73-98 (AGENDA ITEM 43)

**ACTION TO SUSTAIN THE DECISION OF
FACULTY HEARING COMMITTEE AND
THE PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
REGARDING THE IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF
FACULTY MEMBER FOR CAUSE,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents hereby sustains the decision of the Texas A&M International University faculty hearing committee and the President of Texas A&M International University that Dr. Henry Crowson be dismissed for cause, such termination shall be effective immediately.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Bowen to present Item 44. Dr. Bowen called the Board's attention to the exhibit of this agenda item, a table of programs. He said the item being proposed is to request that the table of programs be expanded to allow TAMU to have the planning authority to offer programs in law and legal studies. That phraseology is an official category within the THECB classification list. These are programs at the professional level. He requested that the table of programs, which is illustrated in the exhibit which shows planning authority for a law and legal studies program, be approved for subsequent submission to the THECB. He said this is not a request to offer a degree, it is simply a small but significant step in the long process necessary to be able to offer a law degree from TAMU. THECB will consider this action on its schedule. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 74-98 (AGENDA ITEM 44)

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT REQUEST TO
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
TO EXPAND TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO HAVE
PLANNING AUTHORITY TO OFFER PROGRAMS IN
LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES, CATEGORY 22,
AT THE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Texas A&M University requests that its Table of Programs be expanded to allow the institution to have planning authority to offer programs in Law and Legal Studies, Category 22, at the professional level. Therefore, the Table of Programs, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit Q**, showing Planning Authority in Law and Legal Studies, is approved for submission to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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Mr. Powell called on Dr. Furgason to present Item 45. Dr. Furgason said Dr. Sandra Harper is currently the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Oklahoma City University. She is a native Texan and has degrees from several Texas universities. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 75-98 (AGENDA ITEM 45)

**APPOINTMENT OF
DR. SANDRA S. HARPER
AS PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Dr. Sandra S. Harper is hereby appointed as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Communications with tenure, effective no later than June 1, 1998.

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Mr. Powell called for a vote on Items 18, 29-A, 29-B and 29-C. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 76-98 (AGENDA ITEM 18)

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND
ACHIEVEMENTS TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION OF
NANCY WILSON DICKEY, M.D.,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Nancy Wilson Dickey, M.D., joined the faculty of the Texas A&M University Health Science Center, College of Medicine in 1996; and

Whereas, Dr. Dickey has exhibited remarkable leadership and vision in advancing the goals and objectives of medical education and in achieving nationwide recognition for her commitment to the medical profession; and

Whereas, Dr. Dickey is the founding director of the family practice residency of the Brazos Valley, a Texas A&M University/Community partnership; and

Whereas, Dr. Dickey has shown tremendous dedication and tireless devotion to ensuring the successful education of our medical students and the residents in her charge; and

Whereas, Dr. Dickey has presented frequent testimony to the Congress of the United States; and

Whereas, Dr. Dickey has successfully balanced the demands of her profession with those of her family and home life, setting a positive example for all professionals; and

Whereas, Dr. Dickey has served with distinction in many American Medical Association positions and chaired the Committee on Medical Ethics; and

Whereas, Dr. Dickey has been elected President of the American Medical Association, the most prestigious medical organization in the United States, and will become the first woman ever to serve in this distinguished capacity; and

Whereas, Dr. Dickey has achieved national and international prominence in her profession and brought credit to the College of Medicine, Texas A&M University, The Texas A&M University System, and the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System proudly and gratefully recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of Dr. Nancy Wilson Dickey on the occasion of her ascendancy to the Presidency of the American Medical Association; 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. Dickey and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as an expression of her leadership and commitment to her family, her profession, medical education, Texas A&M University, The Texas A&M University System, the State of Texas, and mankind.

MINUTE ORDER 77-98 (AGENDA ITEM 29-A)

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE 1997 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 1997 Texas A&M University Football Team distinguished itself by compiling a 9-4 won-loss record overall, including a 6-2 record in Big 12 Conference competition; and

Whereas, the team won the Big 12 Conference's South Division title and earned the right to compete in the Big 12 Conference championship game in San Antonio and, subsequently, was selected to play in the 1998 Southwestern Bell Cotton Bowl Classic in Dallas; and

Whereas, the team compiled this outstanding record with only eleven seniors on the roster; and

Whereas, Coach R. C. Slocum is to be commended for his inspired leadership in guiding the young team in its accomplishments; and

Whereas, ten members of the team received special individual recognition, including: Dat Nguyen, who distinguished himself by earning "Defensive Most Valuable Player" honors at the Cotton Bowl game, was a Butkus Award semifinalist, was named "Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year" by one publication, and was a consensus selection as "All-Big 12" first-team linebacker; Shane Lechler, who was named "All-America" second-team by The Sporting News and was a finalist for "Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Player of the Year" as well as a consensus Big 12 first-team selection as a punter; Steve McKinney, who earned consensus "All-Big 12" first-team honors and was selected to play in the Senior Bowl All-Star Game; Dante Hall, Kyle Bryant, Warrick Holdman, and Derrick Spiller, all of whom earned "All-Big 12" second-team honors; Sirr Parker, who was a Doak Walker Award nominee and earned the "AT&T Long Distance Award" for his 80-yard run against Iowa State University; Branndon Stewart, who earned "Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week" honors for his play against Oklahoma State University; and, D'Andre "Tiki" Hardeman, who earned ABC's "Player of the Game" honors for his performance against The University of Texas; and

Whereas, other members of the team, all of whom also displayed a high dedication and proficiency and spent countless hours in training, include: Cornelius Anthony, Eric Bernard, Rocky Bernard, Keesey Boyd, Roylin Bradley, Jason Bragg, Drew Bridges, Darren Brinkley, Jay Brooks, RoDerrick Broughton, Quinton Brown, Marc Broyles, Joel Bryan, Russell Bynum, Matt Bumgardner, Daniel Campbell, Kyle Caskey, Kevin Chadwick, Rich Coady, Chris Cole, Sean Coryatt, Mark Crockett, Brad Crowley, Jacob Crowley, Sedrick Curry, Michael Denbow, Trent Driver, Spencer Earl, Ronald Edwards, Justin Ferrell, Ronald Flemons, Chad Frantzen, Antoine Gandy, Chad Gary, Michael Gauthier, Jason Glenn, Koby Hackradt, Thadd Hargett, Marcus Heard, Semisi Heimuli, Clay Hicks, Leroy Hodge, Shea Holder, Shun Horn, Brandon Houston, Michael Jameson, Brandon Jennings, Eric Jennings, Michael Jennings, Bill Johnston, Toya Jones, Mike Kazmierski, Terence Kitchens, Greg Knutson, Jean LeCompte, Kyle Lednicky, R. J. Lynn, Lonnie Madison, Matt Mahone, Ry Marek, Matt Mathrop, Toby McCarthy, Tango McCauley, Randy McCown, Seth McKinney, Phillip Meyers, Matt Moore, David Morris, Terry Nichols, Aaron Oliver, Ronald Patton, Chris Pawlak, Evan Perroni, Craig Phelps, Ryan Pillans, Clay Reinarz, Burnest Rhodes, James Ritch, Harold Robertson, Christian Rodriguez, Zerick Rollins, Chris Ruhman, Matt Schobel, Matt Schwab, Ryan Schwab, Jon-Stephen Scott, Amon Simon, Will Simpson, Cameron Spikes, Chris Taylor, Chris Thierry, Tyrone Thompson, David Trotter, Rex Tucker, Moses Vakalahi, Chris Valletta, Kevin Vestal, Andy Vincent, Kenn Walsh, Jason Webster, Brian Wesley, Jay Williams, Michael Williams, Jeff Wilson, Delvin Wright, Stephen Young, and Greg Yount; and

Whereas, Coach Slocum and the team received valuable support from Tim Cassidy, Mike Hankwitz, Steve Marshall, Ray Dorr, Tam Hollingshead, Bill Johnson, Steve Kragthorpe, Ken Rucker, Shawn Slocum, Larry Slade, and Dr. Rick Rigsby; and

Whereas, others providing valuable support were Athletic Department administrators: Wally Groff, Lynn Hickey, Penny King, Dr. Karl Mooney, Billy Pickard, Mike Caruso, Dave South, John Thornton, John David Crow, Mike Clark, Rob Graf, Allen Kinley, Karl Kapchinski, Mike Ricke, David Weir, Danny Kniffin, Dr. J. P. Bramhall, Dr. Richard Herron, Dr. Jesse Parr, Dr. Steve Crews, Carol Reep, Dr. David Wentling, Shane Hudson, Nel Jennings, Nancy Maly, Jennifer Bunner, Tedi Ellison, David Batson, Julie Corbett, Lou Medlin, Kirk Parrish, Jim Kotch, Sheryl Whatley, Patty Allison, Donna Vanduyn, Aurelia Samonte, Lavern Idlebird, Jennifer Bohac, Sylvester Calhoun, Matt Watson, Jim Ogle, Andy Richardson, James Duncan, Greg Smith, Todd Moore, Ron Robertson, Elmer Schneider, Mike Ragan, Dave Elmendorf, Ronnie Arnold, Alan Cannon, Colin Killian, Lee Wheeler, Debbie Darrah, Steve Miller, Brad Marquardt, Cyndi Mousner, Leo Goertz and Craig Potts; and

Whereas, other valuable support was provided by graduate assistants Dennis Allen and Jeff Grimes; video graduate assistants Eric Washington and Jim Watson; student trainers Matt Axcell, Hollie Bailey, Adam Brown, Delbert Graves, Eddie Palomarez, Brook Rollins, Denise Schoonover and Kelly Vos; student managers John Bickham, B. J. Carreiro, B. R. Dieterich, Wesley Hunter, Kevin Lemmons, Calab Rackley, Brian Restivo, Brian Roome and Anthony Whistler; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 27th day of March 1998, congratulates Coach R. C. Slocum and all the players and others associated with the team for their contributions to Texas A&M University; 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 Coach Slocum, to the assistant coaches and other staff members, and to each member of the team, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

MINUTE ORDER 78-98 (AGENDA ITEM 29-B)

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE 1998 SWAC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Prairie View A&M University Men's Basketball Team won the 1998 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Men's Basketball Tournament Championship; and

Whereas, in accomplishing this feat, the Prairie View A&M University Men's Basketball Team defeated three teams that were seeded higher than it in the tournament, including the number two and number one seeded teams; and

Whereas, in winning the SWAC Men's Basketball Tournament Championship, the Prairie View A&M University Men's Basketball Team earned an automatic berth in the 1998 NCAA Men's Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament; and

Whereas, at the conclusion of the SWAC Men's Basketball Tournament, Tamarron Sharpe, a guard on the Prairie View A&M University team, was voted the tournament's most valuable player; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 27th day of March, express our heartfelt congratulations to Coach Elwood Plummer, Tamarron Sharpe, and to all the other coaches and players of the Prairie View A&M University Men's Basketball Team for the honor and recognition this feat contributes to Prairie View A&M University; 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 coaches and to each member of the team and to the Archives of Prairie View A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

MINUTE ORDER 79-98 (AGENDA ITEM 29-C)

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE 1998 INDOOR TRACK SWAC CHAMPIONS,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Prairie View A&M University Men's Indoor Track Team won the 1998 Southwestern Athletic Conference Men's Indoor Track Championship; and

Whereas, this was the first SWAC Men's Indoor Track Championship ever won by a Prairie View A&M University team; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 27th day of March express our heartfelt congratulations to Coaches Hoover Wright and Clifton Gilliard and all of the members of the Prairie View A&M University Men's Indoor Track Team for the honor and recognition that this championship contributes to Prairie View A&M University; 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 coaches and to each member of the team and to the Archives of Prairie View A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Powell adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 27, 1998.

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

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