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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
November 30, 2000**

CONVENE – NOVEMBER 30, 2000

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 8:33 a.m., on Thursday, November 30, 2000, in Room 604 of the Baylor College of Dentistry (BCD), Dallas, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman
Mr. Frederick D. McClure, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Lionel Sosa
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn (*joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.*)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Ms. Anne Armstrong

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 8:34 a.m., Mr. Powell announced that the Board would convene in closed session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: 551.071, for consultation with System attorneys on pending and proposed litigation and matters recognized as attorney/client confidential and privileged; 551.072, for discussion regarding the acquisition, lease, exchange, disposition and value of real estate including Items 14 and 15; 551.073, for discussion of negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; and 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 performance evaluations of Chief Executive Officers.

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.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:06 a.m. Mr. Powell immediately recessed the meeting.

Mr. Powell reconvened the meeting at 10:20 a.m. in Room 605 of the Baylor College of Dentistry. He said the Board met in closed session from 8:33 a.m. to 10:06 a.m.

INVOCATION

Mr. Powell called on Mr. Steve Hernandez, a BCD graduate and BCD first-year resident in Pediatric Dentistry, to present the invocation.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Mr. Howard D. Graves, Chancellor, thanked Dr. James Cole, Dean of BCD and Interim President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMUSHSC), for their hospitality and for the great work they are doing. He commended Dr. Cole for the great job at BCD and as Interim President of TAMUSHSC.

Mr. Graves said the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) has been completed. He said the College Station-based agencies, System Administrative and General Offices (SAGO) and the TAMUSHSC all exceeded their SECC goals – actually achieved 110 percent of the 2000 campaign goal which was a 24 percent increase over last years goal. Mr. Graves said that Texas A&M University (TAMU) also raised over \$250,000 and the other agencies raised \$156,000. He expressed his appreciation to all who participated.

Mr. Graves said that Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, spoke to approximately 1,000 people from across the United States and the United Kingdom in Washington, D.C., on the Regents Initiative. He said The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), through the Regents Initiative, has become a national leader in university and public school partnerships, especially in the area of teacher quality and quantity. Mr. Graves said the Regents Initiative is considered by many at the national level as the “cutting edge” model for dealing with these issues. He thanked everyone for their work and support, especially the Board.

Mr. Graves gave a report on the System Symposium. He said several Board members attended as well as state officials and approximately 500 members of the System. Mr. Graves said it was an excellent way to build a more cohesive system. He congratulated Dr. Walter Wendler, Vice Chancellor for Planning and System Integration, for organizing and planning this event. Mr. Graves said great progress has been made on the development of the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) plan statewide between the Governor of Texas and the OCR from the federal government, particularly the office in Dallas. He said the Governor and the OCR have agreed on a plan for Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) and for Texas Southern University (TSU). Mr. Graves said the System will be held accountable for the design, implementation and execution of the plan. He commended Dr. Charles Hines, President of PVAMU, for his efforts.

Mr. Graves said the 2nd Annual State of the System Meeting was held in October with the SAGO employees. He thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the System that made possible the progress that was made during the past year.

Mr. Graves said progress is being made throughout the State with the different chancellors. He said they were working together on Federal Research Initiatives, Statewide Biotechnology Initiatives, base funding, statutory tuition, deregulation on many of the programs that constrain flexibility, etc. Mr. Graves said he is continuing to meet with elected leaders. Mr. Graves referred to “Closing the Gaps” and said almost everything is aligned with the System and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). He said one area that needs to be addressed is increased costs and they are working on that.

Mr. Graves said Ms. Kathy Harris, Director of System Communications, would be relocating to Denver in January 2001. He thanked her for excellent work with the System. Mr. Graves said he would have a report at the January meeting on Ethics Fraud and Conflicts of Interest and Research. He said the report would include institutional and national mechanisms in place to enhance ethics and research on humans and other animals. Mr. Graves said he would also provide information about safeguards against fraud in research and dealing with conflicts of interest.

Mr. Powell thanked the Chancellor for his report.

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***OTHER ITEMS***

Mr. Powell presented Item 25. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 192-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 25)

**GRANTING OF DESIGNATION
OF “REGENTS PROFESSOR” AND “REGENTS FELLOW”
FOR 1999-2000,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents hereby grants the designation of: "Regents Professor" for 1999-2000 to the following eleven faculty members, effective November 30, 2000:

Dr. William T. (Tom) Pilkington, Tarleton State University
Dr. David N. McMurray, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center
Dr. Robert D. Wells, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center
Dr. Robert Strawser, Texas A&M University
Dr. Betty Unterberger, Texas A&M University
Dr. Augustine Arize, Texas A&M University-Commerce
Dr. Philip W. Rhoades, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Dr. Timothy E. Fulbright, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
Dr. Charmazel Dudt, West Texas A&M University
Dr. John B. Penson, Jr., Texas A&M University; Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
Dr. B. Don Russell, Texas A&M University; Texas Engineering Experiment Station

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents hereby grants the designation of "Regents Fellow" for 1999-2000 to the following seven agency service, extension and research professionals, effective November 30, 2000:

Dr. Darrell N. Ueckert, Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at San Angelo
Dr. F. M. Rouquette, Jr., Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton
Dr. Ernest E. Davis, Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Ms. Marilyn Sebesta, Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Mr. Edwin H. Barron, Texas Forest Service
Dr. Craig Nash Carter, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory
Mr. Michael J. Cronan, Texas Engineering Experiment Station

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Mr. Powell announced that on November 29, the Board had a special dinner honoring the nominees for this award and presented each of them with their medallions and certificates. He said that due to a scheduling conflict, Dr. Robert Wells was unable to attend the dinner. Mr. Powell then called on Mr. Graves who introduced Dr. and Mrs. Wells. Mr. McClure and Mr. Allen presented Dr. Wells with a medallion and certificate.

Mr. Powell then recognized all of the Regent Award recipients who were present.

Mr. Powell called on Dr. Ray M. Bowen, President of TAMU, to present Item 26. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 193-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 26)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
HONORING DR. A. IAN SCOTT,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Dr. A. Ian Scott, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at Texas A&M University and internationally known for his work in decoding complex molecular structures, was presented the 2000 Welch Award in Chemistry, given annually by The Welch Foundation for basic research in chemistry that contributes to the betterment of mankind; and

Whereas, Dr. Scott shares the award with Cambridge University professor Sir Alan Battersby for their lifetime achievements in biosynthesis and bioorganic chemistry, in particular their work in decoding the blueprints for the manufacture of many of nature's more beneficial products, including vitamin B12, one of its most complex structures; and

Whereas, Dr. Scott's ultimate goal in his research is to enable the production of plentiful supplies of life-enhancing compounds in the test tube, instead of depending on natural sources; for example, he hopes to understand how to duplicate nature's production of taxol, a cancer treatment now harvested from Pacific Yew trees; and

Whereas, Dr. Scott received his doctorate from Glasgow University, held chairs in organic chemistry at the University of British Columbia, the University of Sussex and Yale University, and came to Texas A&M University in 1977, and is now the Holder of the Davidson Chair in Science and the Director of the Center for Biological Nuclear Magnetic Resonance; and

Whereas, Dr. Scott has been recognized for his research with the A. C. Cope Scholar and Guenther Awards of the American Chemical Society, the Corday-Morgan and Centenary Medal of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and the *Tetrahedron* Prize for Creativity in Organic Chemistry; is a Fellow of the Royal Society, Royal Society of Edinburgh and the American Association for the Advancement of Science; and holds honorary degrees from the Universities of Coimbra and Paris; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System gratefully recognizes the outstanding contributions of Dr. Scott as a distinguished faculty member at Texas A&M University; and, most recently as recipient of the 2000 Welch Award in Chemistry; and for his internationally recognized excellence in chemical research; and, be it, further

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

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Mr. Powell asked Mr. Graves to present Items 27 through 30. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 194-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 27)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
MR. EDWARD H. HARTE,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Mr. Edward H. Harte has graciously and generously pledged \$46 million to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; and

Whereas, the formal presentation of the award by Mr. Edward H. Harte was made on the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi campus on September 22, 2000; and

Whereas, this pledge allows the opportunity for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to establish the Harte Research Center for Gulf of Mexico Studies and become the center of major research for the Gulf of Mexico; and

Whereas, the Gulf of Mexico is economically the most productive body of water managed by the United States; and

Whereas, Mr. Edward H. Harte's pledge to the university strengthens Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's ability to attract top students and faculty, expand its course offerings in this field and provide additional avenues for research collaboration; and

Whereas, Mr. Edward H. Harte has generously supported Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi with gifts toward the Harte Performing Arts Center and the unrestricted funding of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Foundation; and

Whereas, members of the Board of Regents and the administration of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi would like to express their utmost appreciation to Edward H. Harte for his commitment to the future of its students and campus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and presented to Edward H. Harte, and a copy be placed in the Archives of The Texas A&M University System.

MINUTE ORDER 195-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 28)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
IN APPRECIATION OF DR. JAY NOREN,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Dr. Jay Noren was appointed the Founding President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center on January 1, 1999, and the Health Science Center was formally established on September 1, 1999; and

Whereas, Dr. Noren presided over the coordination and consolidation of the Baylor College of Dentistry, College of Medicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Institute of Biosciences and Technology, and School of Rural Public Health into the new A&M System Health Science Center; and

Whereas, the Health Science Center has now reached an initial level of maturity, exemplified by a staffed administration and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation; and

Whereas, Dr. Noren assisted his colleagues in achieving substantial additional appropriations for the Baylor College of Dentistry in the last legislative session as well as improvements in the formula funding for other units of the Health Science Center; and

Whereas, Dr. Noren has recruited a leadership team who will take the Health Science Center to new levels of accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System recognizes the service provided by Dr. Jay Noren to The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and be presented to Dr. Noren and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a sincere expression of thank you for his efforts on behalf of the citizens of Texas and the students, faculty and staff of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center.

MINUTE ORDER 196-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 29)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
HONORING MS. VERNA DEWEES,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Verna Dewees has unselfishly devoted herself to The Texas A&M University System and its students for 20 years; and

Whereas, she has served as director of academic programs and assistant administrator of planning in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs since 1989; and

Whereas, she continues demonstrating her commitment to the students of the A&M System by acting as the system liaison to the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board, a position she has maintained since the student board's creation in 1982; and

Whereas, Ms. Dewees provides a tremendous service to all A&M System students and to the A&M System Board of Regents by monitoring and maintaining records of Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board action on program development policies, guidelines, procedures and rules and regulations; and

Whereas, in her director position, she analyzes and develops system regulations and procedures in support of board policy on academic and research programs; and

Whereas, she serves on the systemwide Bill Analysis Task Force and monitors proposed legislation on academic affairs during state legislative sessions; and

Whereas, for three years, Ms. Dewees was co-project director of a U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) grant; and

Whereas, she has unselfishly volunteered as chair of numerous A&M System task forces and committees, and was recognized with an Outstanding Service Award by the A&M System in 1988; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System with great appreciation recognizes the outstanding service provided by Ms. Verna Dewees throughout her 20 years with The Texas A&M University System, and thanks her for her commitment to and tireless efforts on behalf of students at all A&M System campuses; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and be presented to Ms. Dewees and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a sincere expression of her dedication and leadership to the citizens of Texas and to the A&M System.

MINUTE ORDER 197-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 30)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, INC.,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Texas Instruments, Inc. graciously and generously awarded the sum of \$1,630,000 over a period of two years to the Department of Electrical Engineering at Prairie View A&M University; and

Whereas, the award comes with a matching fund of \$800,000 from the university; and

Whereas, the formal presentation of the award by Texas Instruments officials was made on the Prairie View A&M campus on June 12, 2000; and

Whereas, this gift allows Prairie View A&M University to become one of the few universities nationally to be honored by Texas Instruments to develop such unique programs as the Analog and Mixed Signal Program and the DSP Solutions Program, with emphasis on engineering design and testing; and

Whereas, Texas Instruments' gift to the university strengthens Prairie View A&M's ability to attract top students and faculty, establish a new research lab, expand its course offerings in this field and provide additional avenues for research collaboration; and

Whereas, members of the Board of Regents and the administration of Prairie View A&M University would like to express their utmost appreciation to Texas Instruments for their contribution to the future of its students and campus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and presented to the leadership of Texas Instruments, Inc., and a copy be placed in the Archives of The Texas A&M University System.

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Mr. Powell then presented a framed resolution to Dr. John Beverly. The resolution was adopted by the Board at its July Board meeting conferring the title of Deputy Vice Chancellor and Deputy Director Emeritus, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station upon Dr. Beverly.

**UPDATE ON BAYLOR COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY**

Mr. Powell called on Dr. James Cole, Interim President of TAMUSHSC and Dean of BCD, to present this update. Dr. Cole welcomed the Board to the BCD and discussed the history, mission, goals, institutional profile, educational programs, clinical services elements of

distinction, community and professional services, high priority issues and prospects. Dr. Cole then introduced the several individuals who presented reports.

Dr. Stephen Parel, Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Director of the Center for Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, discussed the new Center for Maxillofacial Prosthodontics currently under construction. He said the center will be an outstanding addition to BCD, providing new technology to improve esthetics and the quality of life for many unfortunate victims of disease, trauma and birth defects. This center will also focus on educating dental post-graduate students in the fields of prosthodontics, periodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery and general dentistry along with medical residents, nurses and pharmacy students.

Dr. N. Sue Seale, Regents Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, discussed three affiliation agreements with external organizations: Children's Medical Center of Dallas; Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children; and, Dental Health Programs, Inc. Dr. Seale explained that these three agreements bring in over a half million dollars a year to BCD to help support teaching programs, but more importantly, they provide BCD with visibility in the community and the opportunity to give back to the community.

Dr. Ernestine S. Brooks, Assistant Professor, Department of Restorative Sciences and Director, Student Development and the Pre-Dental Enrichment Program, discussed the need in Texas for dentists who will serve in health professions' shortage areas. BCD, in response to this need, has designed educational outreach programs to assist in training more dentists to ensure that all Texas citizens have access to dental care.

Mr. Casey Stroud, fourth-year dental student and president of the student body, discussed his experiences at BCD.

Copies of these reports are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

**RECESS BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Powell recessed the Board meeting at 11:45 a.m.

*(Secretary's Note: A meeting of the Committee on Finance was held from 11:55 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 1:10 p.m. to 1:34 p.m. (with a lunch break from 12:15 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.). A meeting of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant was held from 1:35 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A meeting of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs was held from 3:00 p.m. to 3:09 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING**

Mr. Powell reconvened the Board meeting at 3:25 p.m.



**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. Powell called on Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Affairs, to present this report, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents. Dr. Calvert said what the System needs to get done should be done by April 1, because after that it will be tough. He said as far as the revenue forecast, there should be about \$1.5 billion carryover (unbudgeted revenues for the current biennium). Dr. Calvert said the Comptroller is being very cautious about issuing any estimates of revenue for the upcoming biennium. The estimated figure is \$4 billion more dollars in revenue to spend in the next biennium. Dr. Calvert said there are necessary shortfalls in the current biennium, primarily related to rising health costs, particularly prescription drug costs. He said there is a wide number of major functions that experience increases either because of enrollment increases or increased client loads or increased costs primarily related to health care costs. Dr. Calvert said health insurance will be an issue that cuts across all functions of state government including TAMUS. Dr. Calvert then referred to new spending requests and spoke of other State agencies that are requesting increases besides higher education. He said the biggest wild card in this session will be health insurance for public school teachers. Dr. Calvert said there seems to be consensus for a health care program for public school teachers. A state employee pay raise was proposed for state employees but not for higher education employees.

Dr. Calvert then spoke of higher education priorities. He said the six chancellors are working closely together to build stronger support for cross-cutting issues; i.e. issues which if funded will benefit all sectors of higher education and all institutions of higher education. Dr. Calvert spoke of higher education priorities and new funding items. He discussed the K-16 programs, the TEXAS Grant Program, salaries and health insurance for faculty and staff. Dr. Calvert said excellence support for mission enhancement is still being discussed by the chancellors.

Dr. Calvert said the systems are seeking to raise tuition by the \$2 increase but it may be more if the legislature approves. He said that \$3.1 billion has been requested among the institutions of higher education for tuition revenue bonds -- TAMUS' is about \$1 billion.

Mr. Powell asked Mr. Graves for any comments on the market tuition. Mr. Graves said there is a good consensus across the board on the stair-step tuition but on the other hand, there needs to be good dialogue through this session and beyond on the role of flexible tuition because there are advantages to that. Mr. Graves said the stair-step tuition increase must be continued.

Dr. Calvert then discussed TAMUS priorities. One is Texas' response to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), which affects PVAMU. Mr. Powell asked how much money was being talked about. Dr. Avilés said \$189 million for PVAMU. Mr. Graves said he had spoken to Dr. Hines about this and how fast programs can be developed and construction and still maintain an outstanding program and an excellent campus. He said the estimation is about \$25 million a session for a number of sessions and they have spoken to the THECB about this. Dr. Calvert said one point of definition – there will be other items beyond the OCR item that

PVAMU will ask for legislative approval. He said this is the item that the System and the State have committed to.

Dr. Calvert referred to the formula funding equity which deals with TAMUSHSC and BCD equity funding. He also spoke of tuition revenue bond requests and technology transfer.

Dr. Avilés asked if Dr. Calvert would prepare a booklet before the legislative session. Dr. Calvert replied in the affirmative. Mr. Graves said they are trying to create something called “mission enhancement” that would reduce the number of losses by putting in new initiatives. He said everyone should improve with this initiative and no one should lose any funding or rating of research. Mr. Graves said there should be a standard that universities must reach before federal funding for research infrastructure would be achieved, i.e. number of Ph.D.’s produced, amount of federal funds received, etc. He said the difficulty is “who’s next, how fast, how many.” Mr. Powell said this will be an important item that will have a lot of discussion in the session. He said it is very important that the TAMUS be a good statesman but it is also important that excellence at the flagship institution be maintained. He has some concern that what we have is not diluted and does not know if we will go to the next level, but it important for the Board to be of one mind as we go forth in the session. Mr. Graves said that one agreement is do not touch the PUF and AUF pot. He said other members of the System need to benefit from Proposition 17. Mr. Stevens said it is important to protect what we have and to protect it on an ongoing basis. Mr. Allen said each institution that is involved has some ambitions that do not have funding involved. Mr. Graves said their approach is not to decide in a one-session shot. Mr. Powell said that there are some principles that should not be compromised. He said this issue needs to be revisited before the session. Mr. Powell thanked Dr. Calvert for his report and for the excellent work he does in Austin.

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Mr. Powell called on Mr. Nye to present the report of the Committee on Finance.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the Committee had met earlier in the day and received reports and considered and recommended approval of Items 1 through 9. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 198-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPROPRIATION FROM PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
UNAPPROPRIATED AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND RESERVE  
FOR NEW FACULTY AND, STAFF POSITIONS, PAY EQUITY ADJUSTMENTS,  
OPERATING BUDGET SUPPLEMENT AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The amount of \$1,159,000 of Available University Funds is hereby appropriated from Prairie View A&M University’s Unappropriated AUF Reserve for the following purposes:

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| New Faculty and Staff Positions..... | \$480,000 |
| Pay Equity Adjustments .....         | \$100,000 |
| Operating Budget Supplement .....    | \$179,000 |
| Deferred Maintenance.....            | \$400,000 |

**MINUTE ORDER 199-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND  
EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR BOOKSTORE SERVICES WITH  
BARNES & NOBLE COLLEGE BOOKSTORES,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

With the approval of the Chancellor, the President of Texas A&M International University is hereby authorized to negotiate a contract with Barnes & Noble College Bookstores for bookstore services and, upon approval of the Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs and the General Counsel, the president is authorized to execute the contract with Barnes & Noble College Bookstores for a term of five (5) years, with options to extend the term for periods of two (2) years at the end of the five (5) year term.

**MINUTE ORDER 200-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE  
A 15-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
NUCENTRIX BROADBAND NETWORK,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The Board of Regents authorizes Texas A&M University-Kingsville, in accordance with System Policy, to execute a 15-year agreement for Nucentrix Broadband Network to lease air time from Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

**MINUTE ORDER 201-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**CANCELLATION OF DEBT REPAYMENT BY  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
FOR THE KELSO LAND PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENTS LOAN,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby cancels debt repayment by Texas A&M University at Galveston for the Kelso Land Purchase and Improvements Loan, thereby, nullifying the payback requirements set forth in Minute Order 355-94 and Minute Order 304-92.

**MINUTE ORDER 202-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 26.02 (APPROVAL OF STUDENT FEES),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revisions to System Policy 26.02 (Approval of Student Fees), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**, are hereby approved to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 203-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**APPROVAL OF MAJOR REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 25.06  
(PARTICIPATION BY HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The amended System Policy 25.06 (Participation by Historically Underutilized Business), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**, is approved to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 204-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**APPROVAL OF MAJOR REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 31.01 (COMPENSATION),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 31.01 (Compensation), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**, is to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 205-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, DONATIONS, GRANTS  
AND ENDOWMENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents hereby accepts the gifts, donations, grants, and endowments made to the Members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Donations, Grants, and Endowments List No. 00-01-02, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**.

**MINUTE ORDER 206-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

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

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

The following report of appropriations by the Chancellor is hereby accepted:

| <b>Member</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Project Name and Source of Funds</b>                                              |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PVAMU         | \$300,000     | Recruiting and Retention<br>Available University Fund Reserves                       |
| TSU           | \$250,000     | Rehabilitate Tarleton Agriculture Center<br>Permanent University Fund Equipment      |
| TSU           | \$150,000     | Rehabilitate Exterior Administration Building<br>Permanent University Fund Equipment |
| PVAMU         | \$300,000     | Faculty and Staff Equity/Merit Adjustments<br>Available University Fund Reserves     |

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

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Dr. Avilés, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said the Committee met earlier in the day and recommended approval of Items 10 through 15.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 207-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL TO ADJUST THE BUDGET FOR  
WELLBORN ROAD PEDESTRIAN PASSAGEWAY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The budget adjustment for the Wellborn Road Pedestrian Passageway at Texas A&M University is approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 208-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE PROJECT SCOPE AND  
ADJUST THE BUDGET FOR THE NEW STUDENT CENTER,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The proposed increase in scope for the New Student Center at Prairie View A&M University is approved.

The proposed budget adjustment for the New Student Center at Prairie View A&M University is approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 209-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**APPROVAL FOR THE ADDITION TO THE  
DAIRY PRODUCTS TEACHING AND RESEARCH LABORATORY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby authorizes Texas A&M University to submit the addition to the Dairy Products Teaching and Research Lab to The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 210-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
JACK E. BROWN ENGINEERING BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The new Chemical Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Jack E. Brown Engineering Building.”

**MINUTE ORDER 211-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF PENBERTHY BOULEVARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

West Road (west of Reed Arena and east of the Varsity Tennis Center) on the west campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named “Penberthy Boulevard,” in honor of W.L. Penberthy.

**MINUTE ORDER 212-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
BIVINS NURSING LEARNING CENTER,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Nursing Learning Center in the north end of the Engineering Technology Building on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Bivins Nursing Learning Center.”

**MINUTE ORDER 213-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THOMPSON PARK,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Women’s Residence Hall Parking Lot on the campus of Tarleton State University is hereby named “Thompson Park,” in honor of Dr. Richard L. Thompson.

**MINUTE ORDER 214-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF LAND  
CHAMBERS COUNTY, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and approval by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to sell the surface estate of three (3) tracts of land containing approximately 158.9 acres of land situated in the I.&G.N. Railroad Company Survey No. 3, Abstract No. 380, and the Benjamin W. Douthit Survey, Abstract No. 83, all in Chambers County, Texas. Consideration for this sale will be \$702 per acre, for a purchase price of \$111,547.80, less necessary closing costs.



**MINUTE ORDER 215-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE PIPELINE EASEMENT  
BURLESON COUNTY, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, after favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute a 12-inch natural gas pipeline easement to Aquila Southwestern Pipeline Corporation, or assigns. The dimensions of this easement are approximately 40 feet in width and 564.22 rods (9,309.6 feet) in length across a portion of the Texas A&M University Farm property, and is situated in the John P. Coles Survey, Abstract No. 12, Burleson County, Texas. This easement will be for a ten (10) year term with total consideration being \$56,422.00.

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Mr. Powell called on Mr. McClure, a member of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, for a report.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Mr. McClure said the Committee earlier in the day and considered and approved Items 16 through 24. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 216-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD'S PLAN:  
CLOSING THE GAPS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved its *Closing the Gaps* plan on October 26, 2000; and

Whereas, the goals of this plan involve improving Texas colleges and making them more accessible to economically disadvantaged students and minority students over the next 15 years; and

Whereas, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has spent more than a year developing *Closing the Gaps*—a process that has involved the focused efforts of a planning committee comprised of board members, business and community leaders and former higher education governing board members from around the state; and

Whereas, the development of *Closing the Gaps* also involved the input of four task forces created to address key issues; and

Whereas, *Closing the Gaps* sets out a clear plan that concentrates on the most critical goals, sets a date by which to reach these goals, and creates a means by which to measure progress toward these goals; and

Whereas, *Closing the Gaps* has been reviewed by more than 1,500 individuals and groups from governmental leaders—including the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker and comptroller—to higher education leaders to public education leaders to state and educational agencies, boards and associations; and

Whereas, *Closing the Gaps* is an important statement of goals for the State of Texas; and

Whereas, this plan complements the Regents' Initiative for Excellence in Education, the A&M System's *Integrative Plan: Promise for a New Century*, and other A&M System planning efforts; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System endorses the *Closing the Gaps* plan of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and, be it, further

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

**MINUTE ORDER 217-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED MISSION STATEMENT AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AMENDED STATEMENT  
TO THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves the amended Mission Statement for West Texas A&M University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**.

The Board also authorizes the President of West Texas A&M University to submit this amended Mission Statement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 218-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS  
LEADING TO B.A. AND B.S. DEGREES WITH MAJORS IN  
ATHLETIC TRAINING AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT  
NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Mr. McClure, 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 approves the establishment of new degree programs at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees with majors in Athletic Training.

The Board also authorizes the President to submit these new degree programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board for this proposal have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 219-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW DEGREE  
PROGRAM LEADING TO A PH.D. WITH A MAJOR  
IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT NEW DEGREE PROGRAM TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Kingsville leading to a Doctor of Philosophy with a major in Environmental Engineering. This action rescinds Minute Order 236-96.

The Board also authorizes the President to submit this new degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board for this proposal have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 220-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RICHARD M. KLEBERG II  
CENTER FOR QUAIL RESEARCH WITHIN THE  
CAESAR KLEBERG WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The Richard M. Kleberg II Center for Quail Research, as described in **Exhibit F** attached to the official minutes, is hereby established as an organizational part of Texas A&M University-Kingsville that is administered within the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, effective November 30, 2000.

**MINUTE ORDER 221-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER  
FOR THE CENTER FOR AGRIBUSINESS EXCELLENCE,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the Center for Agribusiness Excellence at Tarleton State University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 222-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER FOR THE  
CENTER OF MICROENCAPSULATION AND  
DRUG DELIVERY TECHNOLOGIES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the Center for Microencapsulation and Drug Delivery Technologies at Texas A&M University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 223-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER FOR THE INSTITUTE FOR  
PLANT GENOMICS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,  
AND TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE**

On motion of Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the Institute for Plant Genomics and Biotechnology, as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University, The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 224-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS  
ALLOWING PLANNING AUTHORITY FOR AN M.S. AND A PH.D.  
IN MARINE BIOLOGY FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AMENDED TABLE TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves the amended Table of Programs for Texas A&M University at Galveston, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.

The Board authorizes the president of Texas A&M University to submit this amended Table of Programs allowing planning authority for an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Marine Biology to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AFFAIRS

Dr. Wynn, Chairman of the Special Committee on Health Affairs, reported that the Committee had met on November 10, 2000.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Powell called on Mr. Graves to present Items 31 and 32.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 225-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**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 following faculty members as set forth on Tenure List No. 00-01-02, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**.

**MINUTE ORDER 226-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**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. 00-01-02, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

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Mr. Powell asked Mr. Allen to present Items 33, 34 and 35. Mr. Allen asked Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel, to discuss Item 34. Mr. Cain said in situations in which a tenured faculty member is being terminated for cause, there was an opportunity for a hearing and if that were to come forward to the Board there was the opportunity in System policy for the Board to consider that, as it should, but there was not an opportunity for the Board to accept the position of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the institution. If the CEO’s position differed with that of the committee, that is normally set out and tenure is generally heard. Mr. Cain said what has been done with the policy change is simply to say in 7.24, this change would permit the Board in its hearing of this matter as far as an appeal, to sustain the decision of the hearing committee, which is a committee composed of academic members or it can sustain the CEO, the president or return the matter to the hearing committee for consideration with appropriate instruction. The Board should be able to accept either of those determinations and so this simply gives the Board an additional choice when it hears these matters in its appeal process.

Mr. Nye asked if he should presume that this would be prospective in its application. Mr. Cain said they have checked with the Attorney General on that, and although they have been assured that it would not be a violation of due process to do that, it would be his recommendation that this be considered in a prospective manner and that if a person had already been involved in a hearing process, that that person be allowed to come forward under the policy that is in existence before this change. Mr. Nye said that was preferable and he would like for the record to reflect, if he was joined by the Board, that the spirit of the Board’s action in this matter, was that this change would be applied prospectively and would not apply to any action that has already been taken by a hearing committee.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 227-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 12.01  
(ACADEMIC FREEDOM, RESPONSIBILITY AND TENURE),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revision to System Policy 12.01 (Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure), as described in **Exhibit M** attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective immediately.

*(Secretary's Note: It was noted by the Board that this change would be applied prospectively and would not apply to any action that has already been taken by a hearing committee.)*

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Mr. Allen asked Mr. Cain to discuss Item 35. Mr. Cain explained that it takes away, for the most part, opportunities for conflicts between the policy and other policies in place.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 228-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**APPROVAL OF MAJOR REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 03.01  
(SYSTEM MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES AND AZIMUTHS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 03.01 (System Mission, Vision, Core Values and Azimuths), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit N**, is approved to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 229-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

**APPROVAL OF MAJOR REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 07.01 (ETHICS POLICY),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Revisions to System Policy 07.01 (Ethics Policy), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit O**, are approved to be effective immediately.

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Mr. Powell presented Item 36 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 230-2000 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2000,  
BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in Stephenville, Texas, on September 21-22, 2000, are hereby approved.

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Mr. Powell announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday and Friday, January 25-26, 2001, in Galveston, Texas, at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Mr. Nye thanked Dr. Cole and his staff for their hospitality.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mr. Powell adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 30, 2000.

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

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