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**MINUTES OF THE
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CONVENE BOARD MEETING – JULY 26, 2001

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System was convened by Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 9:05 a.m., on Thursday, July 26, 2001, in the New Science Building, Room 124, on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Lionel Sosa
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. L. Lowry Mays

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 9:07 a.m., Mr. Nye 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 11 through 13; 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.

Mr. Nye 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. Nye reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:30 a.m., in Room 101A of the New Science Building, on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas.

Mr. Nye reported the Board met in closed session on Thursday, July 26, from 9:05 to 10:55 a.m., and would reconvene in closed session on Friday, July 27, at 9:00 a.m., to continue with the closed session agenda.

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Mr. Ronnie Davis, Jr., Student Government Association President and a senior at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), majoring in criminal justice.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Nye expressed appreciation to Dr. Charles Hines, President of PVAMU, his faculty, staff and administration for hosting the Board meeting. He commented that it was particularly impressive to be meeting in the new science building. Mr. Nye recognized the Board's disappointment with the fact that the Supreme Court chose not to review the Hopwood case, which leaves the State of Texas and The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) in a continuing stress between its obligation and commitment to conform entirely with the law, and on the alternative side, its expectation, hope and desire to attract more traditionally underserved students to TAMUS. Mr. Nye emphasized that the Board fully intended to comply with the law, but that in complying with the law there is a great deal that the System can, should and must do to make the campuses, programs and facilities more attractive to minority students. He stated that the numbers at some of the System universities are not what we would want, and that within the law, he called upon everyone to try to ensure that the System reaches out to students, and also ensure that a diversity exists on the campuses that is healthy, constructive and appropriate. He said there is latitude within the Hopwood limitations to make inroads and progress. Mr. Nye commended all of the universities for what they have done and for the efforts they have made, but cautioned them not to be satisfied with the results. Mr. Nye encouraged everyone to commit to what he regarded as the System's three-fold responsibility -- excellence, efficiency and outreach to traditionally underserved students.

Mr. Nye recognized that Mr. Howard Graves, Chancellor, had been designated a distinguished graduate of West Point. He stated that the designation itself was very notable but added that Mr. Graves is the youngest person to be designated in that capacity. Mr. Nye then called on Mr. Graves for remarks.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Mr. Graves thanked Mr. Nye for his recognition, and then began his comments by thanking everyone in the room for the outstanding job that they continue to do. He said they had been through the legislative session and a lot of other challenges. He noted that TAMUS came through the session better than anyone else in the higher education community. He said that it deserved to be noted because a lot of people were working very hard. He thanked Dr. Hines and PVAMU for hosting the meeting.

Next, Mr. Graves recognized the governmental relations team. He said the group had made strong contributions to the System's success this session. The group consisted of the following individuals: Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Affairs; Ms. Courtney Trolinger, External Relations Coordinator, representing the agriculture program; Dr. Jim Butler, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences; Ms. Lauri DeViney, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations; Mr. Greg Garcia, Assistant Vice Chancellor; Mr. Frank Jackson and Mr. Adrian Collins, representing PVAMU's interests; Ms. Ellyn Perrone, representing Texas A&M University (TAMU), TAMU's College of Veterinary Medicine and Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG); Mr. Mike O'Quinn, representing The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMUSHSC);

Ms. Cathy Reiley, representing the engineering program, Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and Texas Transportation Institute (TTI); and Mr. David Rejino, representing Tarleton State University (TSU), West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C) and Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T).

Mr. Graves then referred to the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board (CSAB) and said it is made up of the student body leaders from campuses around the System. He recognized several members who were present: Ms. Bridget Dew of PVAMU; Mr. Anthony Hawkins of PVAMU; Mr. Ronnie Davis of PVAMU; Mr. Brent Burgess, Chair of CSAB from WTAMU; and Ms. Natasha Croom from Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K). He said that the entire group would bring a report to the Board at the September meeting.

Mr. Graves recognized two System agencies that excelled in crisis management on June 9th and 10th, the weekend of the Houston flood. He said TEEX's Task Force One Water Rescue and Strike Team arrived in Houston on the morning of Saturday, June 9. During the following 22 hours, Task Force One was directly responsible for rescuing over 1,100 victims. Mr. Graves said they were joined by the Texas Forest Service (TFS), which sent 30 employees to aid in the rescue and cleanup efforts, primarily providing vital communications capabilities around the Texas Medical Center. Mr. Graves commended both agencies on a great job.

Mr. Graves mentioned that implementation efforts were underway for the "System Integrative Plan." He said there had already been one good meeting and by December he expected some great initiatives to come forth.

Lastly, Mr. Graves said that for some time the System has wanted to have some kind of activity that recognized the support received from key members of the legislature. He said that initiative is beginning to be implemented. Information will be provided about how the System has benefited, advances that have been made in planning and within the System, how we have benefited from the support of the legislature, and recognize specific members of the legislature for providing that support. The first event will begin on August 16th in College Station to recognize Sen. Steve Ogden, Rep. Fred Brown and Rep. Lois W. Kolkhorst for their great support during the session.

Mr. Nye thanked Mr. Graves for his report and added his congratulations to the legislative efforts. He said that the governmental relations team is doing a great job keeping the System as well covered as possible. However, Mr. Nye said he was persuaded, and thought Dr. Calvert was too, that given the quality of TAMUS and given the great benefit that TAMUS confers upon Texas, there is more support that we are due, and more support that we want to achieve. Mr. Nye said that a lot of that had to do with "shoe leather" and getting out and working with friends in the legislature. He added that one of the new Board committees appointed for this term is a public policy and planning committee headed by Mr. Lowry Mays. He added that Mr. Mays had agreed that as a board, they would be aggressive in trying to make contacts with the legislature. Mr. Nye added that it was not appropriate to lobby, but very appropriate to communicate what is regarded as the benefits that the System confers upon Texas, how the System can do more for Texas, how we can better leverage the great and substantial resources that are available and express our appreciation for the folks that work so hard in the legislature.

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Hines to present an update on PVAMU.

UPDATE ON PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Dr. Hines recognized that this would be the last Board meeting for Dr. Charles Jennett, President of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), and Gen. Marc Cisneros, President of TAMU-K. He presented each with a PVAMU panther and said it had been an honor and privilege to serve with each of them.

Next, Dr. Hines introduced members of the surrounding communities and said they are the ones involved in building and nourishing the community. The following individuals were introduced: Mr. Daniel Hernandez, Associate Vice Chancellor for Community Development; Mr. Reginald Lillie, Reginald Lillie Insurance Service; Dr. Joni Baker, Manager for Community Development; Ms. Mildred Edwards, Grimes County Progressive Association; Dr. Freddie Richards, Professor and Director of the Institute for International Agribusiness Studies; Mr. Charles McClelland, Director of Development, Assistant to the Dean of the School of Architecture and new Athletic Director; Ms. Terri McMahan of Hockley, Texas, also a PVAMU student; Ms. Amparo Navarrete, Program Coordinator for Special Populations; Dr. Iklhas Sabouni, Dean of the School of Architecture, Community Development Person and Facilities Coordinator; Dr. Hortense Kilpatrick, Director of Alumni Affairs; Dr. James Kirkwood, Prairie View Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Marshall Brown, School of Architecture; Dr. Robert Carruthers, Superintendent of Waller ISD; Mr. Gabriel Darby, 1st Vice President of the Prairie View Chamber of Commerce; Ms. Margaret Babin, Pharmacist at the Cy-Fair Hospital; and Dr. Jim Griffin, Visiting Professor, School of Architecture. Dr. Hines thanked them all for helping him to do community outreach, and doing what is really important.

Dr. Hines continued his presentation discussing the latest developments from the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) settlement. A copy of Dr. Hines slide presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents. He said in the OCR settlement, the restructuring of the mission changed PVAMU's focus to diversity. Dr. Hines said they were attempting to improve the diversity of PVAMU to become a great university, both regionally and nationally. Dr. Hines said PVAMU was talked about in the Texas Constitution as a "university of the first-class," along with TAMU and the University of Texas (UT). He said with the help of the Board, the System and the Legislature, PVAMU is turning the corner toward achieving that excellence. He continued his presentation by stating that the only reason universities exist is to produce outstanding graduates ready for the world of work.

Dr. Hines said enrollment at PVAMU is growing. The university's profile includes 6,609 students (1,309 graduate and 5,300 undergraduate). Dr. Hines explained that 43 percent of the family incomes of PVAMU students are under \$20,000 per year. He described the Access Program and the University College (2,827 students have gone through those programs). Dr. Hines discussed the semester credit hour profile and said that as a general trend, the semester credit hours continue to climb. He presented a slide that showed PVAMU with 375 faculty members (181 tenured and tenure track, 194 non-tenured). Dr. Hines said that based on increased revenue and support from the Board and the Legislature, competitive salaries will be available for faculty.

Dr. Hines said the total endowment dipped a little bit, as the total stock market did, but with the infusion of the OCR settlement, the endowment will climb to over \$32 million in the new fiscal year, when the endowed monies for scholarships and endowed chairs are placed into the endowment pool. He said the total for all funding, from all sources, for this biennium is \$229,728,683. He thanked the Board for the excellence initiative of \$2 million for the next biennium that will allow for faculty merit pay and faculty development merit scholarships, and

\$2 million for the next biennium as well. Dr. Hines said the OCR settlement gave the university \$15 million for master plan renovations. In 2001, \$3.5 million will be spent on deferred maintenance.

Dr. Hines said the federal student loan default rate went from 24 percent in 1995 to 7 percent in 2001 (one of the lowest in the U.S.). He mentioned that privatized housing is paying very large dividends in regard to retention advising and morale.

Next, Dr. Hines discussed new facilities (present and planned) including the community center and student park; the new science center; the memorial student center; the cultural center, which will be part of the new architecture and arts building; and a nursing facility. He also mentioned that as the City of Houston moves closer to Prairie View, and Prairie View becomes a suburb of Houston, both promises and perils will come. As such, they are taking steps to protect their environment. He mentioned a victim assistance program (on and off campus), and enhanced training for police officers. He said PVAMU is nationally recognized as a leader in alcohol and drug abuse prevention. He said they have had a 300 percent reduction from 1996 in violent crimes and they continue a zero tolerance policy on illegal drug use, alcohol abuse and violence.

Dr. Hines mentioned new technology and the desire to make PVAMU a very modern campus. For example, one of the things they are working hard on is record preservation. Additionally, Lockheed-Martin is establishing a storefront at PVAMU. Students will work under their supervision and NASA and they will be doing software engineering under their mentorship. He said this will allow students to get into the software engineering business. Dr. Hines said there are only seven Historically Black College and University (HBCU) architecture programs in the U.S. and only one percent of the registered architects in the nation are African-American. He said students in PVAMU's School of Architecture are winning or placing in state and national competitions.

Dr. Hines then discussed the establishment of America's School of Promise, as provided by rider in Senate Bill 1. He said this is Colin Powell's America's School of Promise initiative. He said PVAMU has a school, the Jones School (K-4) that they are going to make into an America's School of Promise. He said every child that enters will have an adult mentor, a safe place in a structured environment and a healthy start with volunteers from the medical and dental community. He said all of this is based on the premise of early intervention being the most powerful tool to saving kids. It will be an \$8.5 million project. Dr. Hines said that General Electric has agreed to be a corporate sponsor. The university will be involved and the five surrounding counties are very excited.

Dr. Hines briefly mentioned a few other highlights of the university including the Center for Applied Radiation Research, PVAMU's ranking in producing certified school administrators and certified school counselors, their progress in becoming a laptop university and pre-college programs sponsored by the College of Engineering. He said the Agriculture and Human Sciences program just received ten-year accreditation for nutrition and dietetics and the technology camp for kids (K-9) is in its fourth year and continues to grow.

Dr. Hines reiterated the importance of Texas' commitment for the OCR Priority Plan. He said it is very important for the System, the university and the leadership at the national level. He said it is one of the few agreements where the governor who signed the agreement is now in charge of enforcing it. Dr. Hines said the OCR within Texas had programmed them with \$16 million to be used for the academic programs and PVAMU negotiated for \$25 million. He added that if PVAMU can demonstrate excellence in all that it does, there is a good possibility

that the money will be available through 2009. Closing his presentation, Dr. Hines discussed the OCR Priority Plan items. He committed excellence -- excellence in civility to one another, excellence in academic programs and excellence in how students are treated.

Mr. Nye thanked Dr. Hines for his report and said it was very impressive. He then inquired what role research has in Dr. Hines' vision for PVAMU. Dr. Hines responded that research is one of the university's performance measures. Although they have not achieved that performance measure, they are second in the System in sponsored programs and research. He said they are at about \$8.9 million, and their performance measure is about \$10 million. He said research carried with it lots of responsibilities. They have established and are actively engaged with civilian corporations, the military and bringing on computer programs and translating technical documents for the military into graphics and computer applications.

Mr. Nye acknowledged Commissioner John Issom, of Waller County, and thanked the other community leaders for being present.

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to present the next report.

REPORT ON TEACHER RECRUITMENT

Dr. Sayavedra said that it was a pleasure to be able to brag about the many things that TAMUS is doing to improve education in Texas. He said he wished to highlight one dimension of the initiative, called the Regent's Initiative, which no other system, no other state, has approached in the same manner. He said the numbers in the past 18 months were not increasing to the degree that they had hoped. They have met with presidents and vice presidents and are assured that by the time the program really gets up and going they will be able to achieve their goal. Dr. Sayavedra said Dr. Bill Reaves was not present because he was making a presentation at the education trust. Dr. Sayavedra then introduced Mr. Eric Wilson, Coordinator of Applied Technology. He said he is a young man working really hard in making the project not only exemplary, but indeed a model for the country. Dr. Sayavedra said Mr. Wilson will be talking about efforts in trying to recruit more and better qualified teachers.

Mr. Wilson began his presentation on the TexasTEACH Partnership, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents, by stating that it was the newest innovation at the Institute for School University Partnerships. He discussed the proportions of the teacher shortage in Texas. In the 2000-2001 school year, Texas school districts reported an anticipated need of nearly 40,000 teachers, and those were in the high need fields of elementary bilingual/ESL, secondary math and special education, elementary special education, secondary science and foreign language. He said of the teachers hired last year, nearly 25 percent were less than fully certified in the areas that they were hired to teach. Those areas were in the areas of elementary and secondary bilingual/ESL, secondary foreign language, technology, special education and science.

Mr. Wilson then explained that in an effort to remedy teacher shortage, in 1999, the Board of Regents adopted the Regent's Initiative for Excellence in Education and with that came a set of objectives that basically said that TAMUS schools would endeavor to improve the quality and quantity of teachers that come out of the institutions. He said several different strategies are being used to approach that endeavor.

Mr. Wilson then discussed building teacher recruitment programs through teacher scholarships, what he termed the TexasTEACH model. In order to achieve the objectives of the Regent's Initiative the TAMUS schools have established five-year productivity targets. System-wide, the goal is to increase the number of teachers that are produced by 33 percent, with Hispanic teacher rates going up by 64 percent and African-American teacher rates going up by 90 percent. Similarly, in the high-need fields, the goal is to increase the number of technology teachers by 282 percent, math teachers by 257 percent, science by 252 percent, foreign language by 252 percent, special education by 172 percent and bilingual/ESL by 171 percent. Mr. Wilson admitted that these are very aggressive goals, which they have been trying to accomplish in the past 18 months, but have not been terribly successful. He said they have learned a few lessons -- the need for a team approach, clarified roles, targeted efforts, ongoing partnerships and good operating tools.

Mr. Wilson said TexasTEACH is a systematic recruiting approach that brings together the best teams, tools, information and partners to successfully recruit and retain the teachers. It is based on recruiting partnerships involving institutional commitment to each other and their students, formal agreements and measured results. He said the benefits to students include providing a mechanism for identifying talented students, increasing communication with university personnel and staff and increasing scholarship opportunities for talented students. The benefits to high schools include an increase in the teacher supply, early recruiting opportunities and an increase in professional development opportunities. The benefits to universities include providing stronger relationships with customers/suppliers, increasing university enrollment and increasing the teacher education pipeline. In order to achieve all of these goals, Mr. Wilson said that they have set forth a set of commitments for all partnering entities. These commitments include establishing a rapid response team and fast track admissions approach, broadening financial assistance opportunities for future teachers, hosting a summer cap, hosting a discover teaching day and offering a partners schools job fair. The high school commitments include establishing a campus recruitment team, participating in TexasTEACH meetings and professional development activities, offering either a high school teacher preparation course or future teacher clubs and agreeing to administer the TeachersCOUNT survey.

Mr. Wilson then explained the Institute for School-University Partnerships commitments where they will provide a statewide support team (Mr. Wilson's team). They will be charged with managing the day-to-day operations of TexasTEACH. There will also be a marketing team. The support team has created and will maintain a presence on the world wide web. He said it is a web portal that provides information on what it takes to become a teacher and why students might be interested in teaching. The website will also host an online resume program. The commitments also include making the TeachersCOUNT survey system available for use by its partners, individualized teacher supply and demand reports by district, soliciting media promotion for partners; hosting regional teacher rallies; hosting an annual partnership conference; disseminating promotional materials and distributing information related to state educational issues. Mr. Wilson concluded his report expressing hope that TexasTEACH would turn around recruiting efforts and provide the numbers needed to make them successful.

Mr. Sosa commented that TexasTEACH was a wonderful program and complimented Mr. Wilson. He then asked if this project would be monitored on a yearly basis to see if we are reaching our goals each year. Dr. Sayavedra answered in the affirmative. He clarified that at the beginning of the presentation it was mentioned that the project had been going for 18 months and they have not yet reached their goal. He said part of that is because some of the people to fulfill those numbers are still in the pipeline. However, Dr. Sayavedra said he anticipated that once the year was out, those results would begin to be realized. He also said that they do measure in terms

of where they are year by year. They made that commitment to the people that are funding the activities, and they also made that commitment to the Board of Regents.

Mr. Sosa said that he thought it would be good to look at where teachers are coming from and where they are needed. He also inquired as to whether or not any research has been done in terms of how long a teacher stays, how long a good teacher stays, why a teacher leaves and why a good teacher leaves? He said this would be a way to be sure that improvements to the actual experience of teaching can be made. He commented that many people that started out really charged up and sometimes after a few years lose interest. Dr. Sayavedra said that was correct. A lot of good teachers leave in the first two to three years of their service. He said they are looking at ways to address those kinds of issues. He said very often people think that compensation is the one thing that really encourages people to quit the profession, but that is not really true. There are many other things that impact that decision. One of the things they have found is that schools where they have strong leadership, for example, a good principal, in most instances, seems to be a key element in the process.

Mr. Sosa said that he noticed the sub-heading that said increased salaries, and it looked like the salaries were slowly creeping up and being more competitive. Dr. Sayavedra said that the other thing that is happening is salaries are not consistent across the state. He said that one of the things they are trying to do is provide accurate information so that people know what is expected of them once they go into the teaching profession. He said one of the exciting things about their system is the fact that they have created the Academy of Educator Preparation People. He said they currently have inducted 215 academy members. These are professors appointed by vice presidents, deans and presidents that come from colleges other than colleges of education. Dr. Sayavedra said he was optimistic that not only are they going to reach their goals, but they are going to surpass them. He added that all of the funding that is being used to implement and to carry out the initiative is external funding. As of yet, the State of Texas has not seen fit to institutionalize the program and as a consequence they have obtained \$25 million from external sources -- the Houston Endowment being one of those. He said that funding will carry them for the next two or three years, and the hope is that during that timeframe they will be able to convince the State to institutionalize some of the things that they are doing.

Dr. Avilés asked if the presentation had been presented to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). Dr. Sayavedra answered that it had. Dr. Avilés then asked if it was this exact presentation. Dr. Sayavedra said not precisely like this, but that he had visited with them on a number of occasions about the issues that they are addressing. Dr. Avilés suggested that he present it to the THECB -- he thought this probably would fit into one of their goals for "Closing the Gaps." Dr. Sayavedra said that he would raise the question with Dr. Don Brown, Commissioner of THECB, on this issue.

Ms. Armstrong said that she would like to commend both Dr. Sayavedra and Mr. Wilson for an excellent report on a fine program that evidently will have some exciting new aspects to it.

Mr. Nye asked if it would be appropriate at some point for the Board to express its appreciation to the Houston Endowment. Dr. Sayavedra said absolutely. He added that it was a very unique award that they made, and the money is to be used to link the community colleges to system institutions. He said that is the real key because many of the individuals that choose teaching as a profession transfer from community colleges to universities, and that is the link that the System is missing in the initiative. He said the Houston Endowment felt that was a good enterprise, and thus were very kind in providing that funding. There were no further questions.

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting of the Board at 1:45 p.m. He recognized Dr. Bob Strawser, a distinguished professor from TAMU, holder of the Arthur Andersen Former Students Chair in Accounting and Former Speaker of the Faculty Senate. He said Dr. Strawser had also agreed to serve on the search committee for the TAMU presidency.

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 1:50 p.m. and adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The Committee on Finance convened at 3:08 p.m. and adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 3:45 p.m. and adjourned at 4:29 p.m. The Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee convened at 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 4:40 p.m.)

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 4:43 p.m., and reminded those present that the meeting would be reconvened in closed session at 9:00 a.m., Friday, July 27, to complete its closed session agenda. The Board was scheduled to reconvene in open session at 11:00 a.m.

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING – JULY 27, 2001

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:05 a.m., in Room 101A of the New Science Building, on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Lionel Sosa
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

The following members of the Board were not present:

Ms. Anne Armstrong
Mr. L. Lowry Mays

Mr. Nye said the Board met in closed session on Friday, July 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Nye again expressed appreciation to Dr. Hines and Ms. Carol Campbell for making their visit pleasant. He then called on Dr. Ray Bowen, President of TAMU, for several introductions.

Dr. Bowen said he was pleased to introduce three new deans at TAMU. He introduced Dr. Charles A. Johnson, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Jerry Strawser, Dean of the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business; and Mr. Richard A. Chilcoat, Dean of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service. Mr. Nye welcomed the new deans and each made comments.

Mr. Nye then asked Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of TSU, to comment on the retirement of Dr. B.J. Alexander. Dr. McCabe said that Dr. Alexander had served TSU very well for 30 years as Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs and as an academic leader on campus. He said Dr. Alexander was stepping down on the first of September, but would be back in January to do some teaching.

Mr. Nye then called on Dr. Calvert to present a report on the 77th Legislative Session.

REPORT ON THE 77TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Dr. Calvert called the Board's attention to two documents, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents. One contained copies of the slides he would use in his presentation. The second was the "Cumulative End of Session Report." Dr. Calvert said he would address several fundamental issues that relate to higher education budgeting. First, he said, salaries and salary increases are always one of the biggest issues in any legislative session. In the upcoming biennium there is a 4 percent increase for non-faculty staff that has been approved. None was approved directly for the faculty. He said that was a problem of its own. Even when salary increases are approved, there is always the lingering burden of what is referred to in the legislative environment as proportionality funding. He said that they would focus their attention on the general revenues (GR) that flow to the institutions, and the increase in GR. He said every salary is proportionalized as to the portion that is funded through GR, direct appropriations, tax funds, etcetera, and the portion of the salary and benefits that are funded from other sources. He said when there is a 4 percent raise granted, for example, that is referring to the GR portion. The other portion of salaries is not funded by the legislature. That is why it becomes so important for things like tuition and fee increase bills to be authorized at the same time and that is why it is a burden to the institutions to figure out how to accommodate a salary increase. Dr. Calvert said that issue is compounded in this upcoming biennium further, by the fact that the limitation on the GR portion of funding for salaries is at 50 percent. So of all the salaries that are paid from funds in the treasury, only one-half will be covered by GR. The other half will have to be found by the institutions, and that is for salaries paid with funds in the treasury. Meanwhile, there are others not in the treasury and that is .1 percent. He said that was rather elaborated, but a fundamental point, relating to the complexities of receiving a good gesture of support from the legislature and then having to figure out how to handle it. The second issue he mentioned was that faculty salaries, per se, were not directed to be funded for an increase in the first year of the biennium at least and the second year is just staff again. He said faculty received no direct pay increases. The institutions are expected to find a way to cover faculty salary increases.

Next, Dr. Calvert moved to the General Appropriations Act. He provided a slide that showed how the three major sectors fared in the last session (general academics, health relateds and agencies). The second slide shown was additional funding increases for all of higher education. Dr. Calvert said the gross amounts shown were significant increases in funding. Not wanting to belabor the point, but wanting to get his message across, Dr. Calvert mentioned the \$300 million. He said that as big a number as that is, it is 12+ percent every year of the biennium to cover increases and insurance premiums. He mentioned that the Texas grants were shown

simply because at the same time the System asked for increases in tuition and fees, they also sought, and the legislature granted, a significant increase in Texas grants.

The next slide showed System comparisons by academics. Dr. Calvert said in terms of comparative treatment related to other institutions, when all was said and done, the System came out pretty well and the legislature treated TAMUS fairly.

He then moved on to general academics funding. The key increases included 96.3 percent in net formula funding, 47.0 percent in new/enhanced special items and 192.1 percent in mission enhancement funding. Dr. Calvert explained that until the last session, there were two primary components of funding. The first is formula funding, which funds the base operations of every institution. Dr. Calvert said special items are endemic to the political process. They have primarily been allocated based upon an institution's good fortune at having a member who was highly placed in the leadership structure who served on the conference committee or one of the finance or appropriations committees. Dr. Calvert said it has gone beyond that this time. Special items have become a major means of distributing funds.

Dr. Calvert explained what happened with the mission enhancement funding and that it did not include TAMU or UT Austin. Under mission enhancement, the legislature provided \$192 million in new funds through four separate yet inter-related strategies of new enhancement dollars: research excellence/HB 1839 (\$67.5 million); institutional enhancement (\$58 million); Tuition Revenue Bonds (TRB) (debt service) (\$54 million); and capital equity (\$12.5 million). He said new TRBs statewide were \$1.1 billion (\$241 million for TAMUS institutions). An important qualifying note about the TRB funding was that there is a reciprocal relationship between the research excellence funding and the TRB funding. He said the research excellence funding goes primarily to the eight institutions that were deemed to be further along in research. They got \$67 million. They got about \$60 million of that \$67 million in research; however, those institutions did not get the institutional enhancement, and notably and importantly to this discussion, in the TRBs, the A&M System academics got 88 percent of what the THECB considered to be the typical cost for the first priority projects. Dr. Calvert concluded that in this session, the System fared okay in the midst of some very complicated issues. He said this was not the way to steadily and regularly fund institutions of higher education in a dependable fashion. He said that the legislature needs to get back to the formulas.

Dr. Calvert then turned to the OCR concerns. He called the Board's attention to two riders. They are accountability and reporting requirements for PVAMU and Texas Southern University (TSU). He said that the System and PVAMU should work to together on that, and then work with THECB, the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor's Office. He said the legislative intent is that these are multi-year commitments. Mr. Nye asked if Dr. Hines had any comment on that particular matter. Dr. Hines said that he did not.

Dr. Calvert then moved on to the TAMUSHSC. He said a lot of progress has been made, but the goal set at the beginning had not quite been reached. He said there was a significant increase in funding for Baylor College of Dentistry (BCD) (about \$9 million). Headway was made in getting formula equity. Dr. Calvert said it seems so fundamental that when formulas were created that all the dental schools would be funded at the same level, but not so. He said there is history there and the System is trying to overcome it. They are still 9 percent short. Dr. Calvert said this is an ongoing issue and they would keep working on it. Mr. Nye asked if Dr. Richard Cole, Interim President of TAMUSHSC, had any comment about this. Dr. Cole said he thought Dr. Calvert covered it well and he thanked the Board and the Chancellor for their

efforts. Mr. Nye asked how much the 9 percent represents. Dr. Cole answered that it was just under \$2 million.

Research and service agencies were Dr. Calvert's next topic. He said there is a new element of funding for the agencies this time that they have worked hard for. They have asked for in the past, but this is the first time that they have received it. It is not nearly enough, but there is \$6 million for program enhancement for all agencies. Dr. Calvert said this was the first time in quite a while that they received some base funding. That represents a 5 percent increase for each agency if it is GR funding. He said the agencies received \$5.5 million for new initiatives. He called the Board's attention to the \$33.5 million for new legislative responsibilities, the lion's share of which is in the TFS. That is to be funded out of insurance premium fees, on the one hand and fireworks fee on the second, and it is intended to strengthen the volunteer fire departments all across the state, and TFS has the responsibility for leading that effort.

Dr. Calvert addressed a variety of issues dealing with riders. He said riders do not appropriate funds, but they do have a lot to do with how they get spent, and whether or not an institution is in position next time to receive them again.

Next, Dr. Calvert discussed key higher education legislation. He addressed the issue of stair step tuition increase (HB 2531). He said they fought hard to get that immediate effect. That makes it possible to cover salary increases in part. He said there were several fee bills that relate to the System and thanks to Sen. Ogden and Rep. Brown, they got every one of those funded. He said that Senate Bill (SB) 1818 was a bill of importance to the Board as it gives them the authority to acquire and dispose of property all over the state, not just adjacent to campuses.

Mr. Nye asked if Dr. Calvert could comment on the post-Hopwood bills (HB 1641 and SB 940). He said HB 1641 is really the son/daughter of HB 588 of the 1997 session applied to graduate and professional school programs. The important language is that it is permissive language. It provides a long list of criteria to be considered in making admissions decisions -- standardized tests, a lot of socioeconomic type issues -- but it is permissive. He said that the system is directed to use them, but is not required to admit on any particular formula or particular weighting that would be applied by the legislature. Mr. Nye then asked if it was suggestive language. Dr. Calvert answered that it was. He said SB 940 is medically related. It is basically a method of reaching down to high schools and universities, creating alliances that will lead to more students of the under-represented categories getting into medical school.

The last part of Dr. Calvert's presentation addressed potential issues for the 78th legislative session. These include a tight budget; public school finance structure; fixing research excellence so there is one fund and common criteria for all; and returning to emphasis on formula funding and support for the flagships (TAMU and UT).

Mr. Graves said formula funding has to be addressed. Dr. Bowen then said that in the years that he has participated in the legislative process, it is clear within the diverse set of organizations, there are some people that do well, and some people that don't do well. He said fortunately TAMU usually does well – but did not this time. He said TAMU did extremely badly this time. He said when the budget summary is presented on August 28, they will be describing a very difficult situation for TAMU. The good news, he said, is that TAMUG did get some TRBs and that is extremely helpful. He said the salaries that were mandated must be funded, but TAMU also needs to fund salaries that were given one year ago, two years ago that were not funded on a recurring basis. Dr. Bowen said the net effect is there is very little money except the

money that comes in tuition increases, and the money that comes from the fees that the Board authorizes. He said he would be talking to the Board about some options ranging from a downsizing of their activity in some components, which they don't want to do. He said another option is a fairly aggressive suggestion about some fee increases that relate to similar strategies from UT.

Mr. Nye said the trends in the legislative process support of higher education generally, and then support of what he regarded as the flagship institutions specifically, are simply not good. He asked how the System can break through that not only as a system, but also as a populace. Dr. Bowen answered that he thought the pendulum swings. A sad part, he thought, is that there is a perception among some of the universities in Texas that aspire to the Tier One stature, is that all they need to do is be funded as well as TAMU. He cautioned that there is a need to look nationally and do some national benchmarking. He said the state itself needs to do that.

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Stevens to present the report from the Committee on Finance.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the Committee had met the previous day, received a report from Mr. David Stein of Fund Evaluation Group, concerning fund performance for the past year. Additionally they received reports from the presidents of the various universities relating to fee adjustments at their universities and student input concerning these fee increases. He said the Committee also considered and approved Items 1 through 10. He said Item 11 (relating to the modification to the System Investment Policy) was considered by the Committee and was referred to the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee for approval. The Board took action as set forth below:



106-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 1)

**APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE
IN CONTRACT CAP FOR THE PATENT LAW FIRM OF
BAKER BOTTS, LLP AND AUTHORIZATION TO
EXPEND UP TO \$600,000, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System requests the Attorney General of Texas to amend the contract with the law firm of Baker Botts, LLP from the current cap amount of \$300,000 to a proposed cap of \$600,000 to provide patent prosecution legal services to the Texas Engineering Experiment Station for Fiscal Year 2001; and

The Board of Regents, subject to approval by the Attorney General of Texas, authorizes the Texas Engineering Experiment Station to expend up to \$600,000 with the law firm of Baker and Botts, LLP in exchange for legal services in the area of patent prosecution for Fiscal Year 2001.

107-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 2)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR NEW FACILITY ACQUISITION AND
LABORATORY RENOVATIONS, PURSUANT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT
OF THE 77TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE,
TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY**

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

Pursuant to the Appropriations Act of the 77th Texas Legislature, the Executive Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) is authorized to establish a new poultry diagnostic lab in Center, Texas, construct a new temperature controlled area at the existing laboratory in College Station, and install a new air conditioning unit at the TVMDL Amarillo facility. Such acquisition and upgrade expenditures will occur under the authority of the Texas Building and Procurement Commission of the State of Texas. Unexpended balances may be utilized by TVMDL in Fiscal Year 2003 for infrastructure support and maintenance.

The Executive Director or his designee, is authorized to perform all acts necessary to complete the acquisition and renovations.

108-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 3)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH
CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE RADIO BROADCAST
OF CERTAIN VARSITY ATHLETIC EVENTS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants authority to the President of Texas A&M University or his designee to execute a contract with Clear Channel Communications for the radio broadcast of certain varsity athletic events, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

(Secretary's Note: Mr. L. Lowry Mays, Chairman and CEO of Clear Channel Communications, Inc., was not present for the discussion and vote on this item.)

109-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 4)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE BOOKSTORE CONTRACT
WITH BARNES & NOBLE COLLEGE BOOKSTORES, INC.,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants authority to the President of Texas A&M University or his designee to amend the Bookstore Contract between Texas A&M University and Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc., to include funding and depreciation issues entailed with the refurbishment of the Texas A&M University Bookstore as specified in **Exhibit B**, attached to the official minutes.

110-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 5)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH FOUR NEW
QUASI-ENDOWED ACCOUNTS AND CONTINUE FUNDING 12 ACCOUNTS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to allocate \$627,715.71, from the Texas A&M University Bookstore Quasi-Endowment (076032) to establish four new quasi-endowed accounts and continue funding twelve accounts established in 1998, 1999 and 2000 to match gifts received at the Texas A&M Foundation.

111-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 6)

**APPROVAL OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME FOR THE
CALENDAR YEAR 2000 FROM THE ESTATE OF ARDELLA R. HELM,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Distribution of the available income for Calendar Year 2000 from the Estate of Ardella R. Helm to Texas A&M University (\$79,792.57), Abilene Christian University (\$39,896.28), and Texas Women’s University (\$39,896.28) is approved.

112-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 7)

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

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

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

Member	Amount	Project Name & Source of Funds
SAGO	\$9,000.00	Equipment and Renovations at Hirshfeld-Moore House Permanent University Fund Equipment Funds
SAGO	\$300,000.00	Earnest Money for Proposed Purchase of Viatel Building Permanent University Fund Notes Series C

113-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 8)

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

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Sosa and by unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System 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. 00-01-06, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**.

114-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE GRANT APPLICATIONS
TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE
BOARD AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANTS FROM THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Sosa and by unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the Chief Executive Officer of each component university and his designee to execute grant applications to the Telecommunications Infrastructure Board under Telecommunications Infrastructure Boards Request For Proposals numbered 367-01-HE3 and 367-01-LB8 and to make the assurances contained in Form 3 to each such grant application, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**; and

Each component university is authorized to accept grants from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Board for technology advancements to both its libraries and other campus infrastructure.

115-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 10)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR REVOLVING FUND BANK ACCOUNTS
DESIGNATING REVOLVING FUND LIMITS, SOURCES
OF FUNDS, DEPOSITORY BANKS AND EMPLOYEES
AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CHECKS FOR WITHDRAWAL,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Under the authority of the General Appropriations Act and effective for the biennium beginning September 1, 2001, each of the following Members of The Texas A&M University System is authorized to maintain a centralized Revolving Fund Bank Account in the banks and within the limits indicated below. Such accounts will be used to facilitate the payment of nominal expenses and payrolls. In addition, the accounts will be used to pay bills within cash discount periods, when the disbursements are reimbursable from funds held in the State Treasury. The employees named below, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized to sign checks for the withdrawal of such funds according to law, provided that each check shall be signed by one of the authorized persons.

1. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL OFFICES

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$6,000,000 (Operating and Debt Service)

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Tom D. Kale, Vice Chancellor for Business Services

B.J. Crain, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budgets and Accounting

Sandy Brown, Comptroller

Janet S. Guillory, Director of Accounting

Andrew J. Startz, Jr., Senior Accountant

2. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,000,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

President (Vacant)

James S. Cole, Interim President

Barry C. Nelson, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Rayellen Milburn, Controller

Jeffrey T. Burton, Assistant Director for Finance

Juanna Moore, Associate Dean for Business Services, College of Dentistry

Marty Baylor, Director of Financial Services, College of Dentistry

Eddie Victorino, Assistant Director of Financial Services, College of Dentistry

3. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Willie Tempton, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Robby DeWitt, Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration

Rod Mireles, Controller

Betty Ricks, Assistant Controller/Manager of Budgets and Payroll

4. TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

J.W. Graham, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Mary F. Howard, Senior Staff Accountant

Michael J. Moser, Associate Vice President for Business Affairs

Mike Tate, Controller

Naseer Bajwa, Director of Accounting

5. **TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$750,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Jose Garcia, Vice President for Finance and Administration

Ron Eichorst, Comptroller

Maria Elena Hernandez, Accounting Manager

Melissa Padilla, Senior Staff Accountant

6. **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY**

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$22,000,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

William B. Krumm, Vice President for Finance and Controller

Marilyn Maynard, Assistant Vice President and Director of Financial Management Services

Rosalie Nickles, Assistant Director, Financial Management Services

Carolyn Record, Assistant Director, Financial Management Services

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$750,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N. A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

William B. Krumm, Vice President for Finance and Controller

W. Michael Kemp, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer

Teresa Lovell, Manager of Financial Services

Marilyn Maynard, Assistant Vice President and Director of Financial Management Services

William Hearn, Executive Associate Campus Dean

Jim McCloy, Associate Vice President for Research and Academic Affairs

7. **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$2,000,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Keith McFarland, President

John Harper, Vice President for Business and Administration

Mitzi Money, Assistant Vice President for Business and Administration

Rex Giddens, Comptroller

Dan Davis, Accounts Manager

Alicia Currin, Director of Financial Reporting and Risk Management

8. **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**
Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,600,000
Source of Funds - Local Funds
Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.
Employees authorized to sign checks:
 - Robert R. Furgason, President
 - C. Ray Hayes, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration
 - Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Assistant Vice President and Comptroller
 - Larry Barton, Assistant Vice President for University Services
 - Rebecca Torres, Interim Assistant Comptroller

9. **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**
Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,800,000
Source of Funds - Local Funds
Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.
Employees authorized to sign checks:
 - Marc Cisneros, President
 - Steven H. Crandall, Vice President for Finance and Administration
 - J.W. Puig, Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration
 - Gertrud K. Moreno, Comptroller
 - Armandina Lorenzi, Bursar
 - Paula Hanson, Chief Accountant
 - Carroll Kelly, Staff Accountant
 - Patricia Hayes, Manager, Business Services
 - Claudia Conard, Accounting Assistant III

10. **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**
Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$400,000
Source of Funds - Local Funds
Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.
Employees authorized to sign checks:
 - Stephen R. Hensley, President
 - John P. Johnson, Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - Joan C. Beckham, Vice President for Finance and Administration
 - Jo Ellen Sutton, Business Manager

11. **WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**
Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,400,000
Source of Funds - Local Funds
Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.
Employees authorized to sign checks:
 - Gary Barnes, Vice President for Business and Finance
 - Leonida Cleveland, Controller
 - Randy Rikel, Director of Accounting
 - Dana Thomas, Assistant to the Controller

12. TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$3,000,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Edward A. Hiler, Vice Chancellor and Director

Johnny Fazzino, Associate Director

Wayne Williams, Coordinator of Management Information

R.W. Jackson, Assistant Director

Michael E. McCasland, Assistant Director

Deanie Dudley, Senior Academic Business Administrator

Shiao-Yen Ko, Manager of Accounting Services

Kim Payne, Supervisory Staff Accountant

**13. TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE AND
TEXAS WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$4,800,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Edward A. Hiler, Vice Chancellor and Director

Johnny Fazzino, Associate Director

Wayne Williams, Coordinator of Management Information

R.W. Jackson, Assistant Director

Michael E. McCasland, Assistant Director

Deanie Dudley, Senior Academic Business Administrator

Shiao-Yen Ko, Manager of Accounting Services

Kim Payne, Supervisory Staff Accountant

14. TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,500,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

C. Roland Haden, Director

Carol J. Cantrell, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Associate Agency Director

Carol G. Huff, Controller

Charlotte A. Mikulec, Assistant Controller

Marsa McKee, Financial Manager

Edna Berdine, Staff Accountant

Karen Zuberer, Staff Accountant

15. TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE

Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$350,000

Source of Funds - Local Funds

Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Arturo Alonzo, Associate Agency Director

John Skrabanek, Controller

Carolyn Abt, Staff Accountant

Dianne Smith, Accounting Manager

16. **TEXAS FOREST SERVICE**
Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$1,000,000
Source of Funds - Local Funds
Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.
Employees authorized to sign checks:
James B. Hull, Director
Tom G. Boggus, Associate Director
James D. Puckett, III, Business Office Manager
Janelle Overhouse, Administrative Assistant
Dolores S. Stephens, Assistant to the Director
Bill Fox, Fiscal Officer

17. **TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**
Revolving Fund portion not to exceed \$500,000
Source of Funds - Local Funds
Depository Bank - Bank of America, N.A.
Employees authorized to sign checks:
Don Bugh, Executive Associate Director
Marie Schoeneman, Fiscal Officer
Susan Massey, Supervisory Staff Accountant
Marie Ethridge, Chief Accountant
Tracy Picha, Senior Staff Accountant



Mr. Nye called on Dr. Avilés to present the report from 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 the previous day and recommended Items 12, 13, 14 and 15 pertaining to construction, Item 17 pertaining to the naming of facilities, and Items 18, 19 and 20 pertaining to real estate were approved.

(Secretary's Note: Item 16 was withdrawn by the Chancellor.)

Dr. Avilés said the following Architect/Engineer Design Team selection was recommended by the Committee:

- Design of the YMCA Building Renovation at Texas A&M University to the firm of Vidaud + Associates, Inc., of Dallas, Texas

Dr. Avilés said the following actions were taken by the Chancellor, pursuant to System Policy 51.04 on construction projects since the last regular meeting of the Board of Regents.

- 1) Moveable furnishings contract award for the Western Hemispheric Trade Center at Texas A&M International University to Jones Office Supply d.b.a. Jones & Cook Stationers of McAllen, Texas, in the amount of \$57,010.59

- 2) Moveable furnishings contract award for the Science and Technology Building of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to Jones Office Supply d.b.a. Jones & Cook Stationers of McAllen, Texas, in the amount \$25,849.00
- 3) Movable furnishings contract award for the Science and Technology Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to Rockford Business Interiors of Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$156,470.42.

The Board took action as set forth below:



116-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 12)

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR
THE YMCA BUILDING RENOVATION,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the YMCA Building Renovation at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$15,000.00, the amount of \$556,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 02-085008 Designated Tuition for design of the YMCA Building Renovation at Texas A&M University.

The firm of Vidaud + Associates, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the YMCA Building Renovation.

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 debt is issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

117-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 13)

**ACTION ON BIDS FOR THE WEST CAMPUS PARKING GARAGE
AND THE WELLBORN ROAD PEDESTRIAN PASSAGEWAY,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Based on proposals received April 17, 2001, the contract is awarded to Vaughn Construction Company of Houston, Texas, at \$39,946,676.00 for the West Campus Parking Garage and the Wellborn Road Pedestrian Passageway at Texas A&M University.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$1,606,000.00, the amount of \$31,653,000.00 is appropriated from Account No.085260 Revenue Financing System (Parking Revenue) for the West Campus Parking Garage at Texas A&M University.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$743,338.00, the amount of \$14,775,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 085260 Revenue Financing System (Parking Revenue) for the Wellborn Road Pedestrian Passageway at Texas A&M University.

The budget adjustments for the West Campus Parking Garage and the Wellborn Road Pedestrian Passageway at Texas A&M University are approved.

For Project No. 2-2776, the amount of \$1,156,000.00 of previous appropriations from Account No. 02-030054 is reverted to that source account and the amount of \$450,000.00 of previous appropriations from Account No. 02-030054 is reverted to that source account.

For Project No. 2-2814, the amount of \$10,000.00 of previous appropriations from Account No. 02-030139 is reverted to that source account and the amount of previous appropriations of \$733,338.00 is reverted to that source account.

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 obligation 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 issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

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).

118-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 14)

**ACTION ON BIDS
TO REPLACE BOILER NO. 8, CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Based on bids received June 5, 2001, the contract is awarded to Har-Con Corporation of Houston, Texas, at \$4,656,000.00 to Replace Boiler No. 8, Central Utility Plant at Texas A&M University.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$395,000.00, the amount of \$5,750,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 083536 Revenue Financing System (Utility System Revenue) to Replace Boiler No. 8, Central Utility Plant at Texas A&M University.

The budget adjustment to \$5,750,000.00 to Replace Boiler No. 8, Central Utility Plant at Texas A&M University is approved.

The amount of \$395,000.00 of previous appropriations from Account No. 02-270160 is reverted to that source account.

As required by Section 5(a) of the Master Resolution of the Revenue Financing System, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby determines that it will have sufficient funds to meet the financial obligation 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 issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

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).

119-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 15)

**APPROVAL OF THE EXTENSION OF THE MULTI-YEAR
CONTRACT WITH KSA ENGINEERS, INC. OF
LONGVIEW, TEXAS, FOR EASTERWOOD AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The extension of the multi-year contract with KSA Engineers, Inc. of Longview, Texas, for an additional two years is approved.

120-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
DR. LAMAR JOHANSON CONFERENCE ROOM,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The conference room in the office suite of the Dean of the College of Science and Technology in the New Science Building (Room 119D), located on the campus of Tarleton State University, is hereby named the “Dr. Lamar Johanson Conference Room.”

121-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
DOROTHY G. WHITLEY LEGACY OF LEARNING SUITE,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Recognition Suite in the renovated Sterling C. Evans Library, located on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the “Dorothy G. Whitley Legacy of Learning Suite.”

122-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
WADE G. BIRCH ACADEMIC AND CAREER RESOURCE CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Academic and Career Resource Center in Henderson Hall, located on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the “Wade G. Birch Academic and Career Resource Center.”

123-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
MURRAY H. MILFORD TEACHING AUDITORIUM,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The teaching auditorium located in Room 101 of the Heep Center, located on the West Campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the “Murray H. Milford Teaching Auditorium.”

124-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
JERRY AND KAY COX GRADUATE BUSINESS CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The new wing of the E.L. Wehner Building, currently being finalized for construction, on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the “Jerry and Kay Cox Graduate Business Center.”

125-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 18)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND,
ERATH COUNTY,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute all documents necessary to purchase the land and improvements located at 1495 West Jones Street, described as the West ½ of Lots 2 and 3, and a portion of the West ½ of Lot 1, Block 5, College Heights Addition, City of Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, according to King’s 1956 Map of the City recorded in Volume 381, Page 105, Deed Records of Erath County, Texas. The purchase price of \$150,000, plus closing costs, is appropriated from Account No. 023001, styled “Designated Tuition” to Account No. 818300, styled “Land Acquisition - Local Fund” for payment.

By approval of this minute order, the Board certifies the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules have been met and authorizes the Chancellor, or his designee, to take all steps necessary to communicate this certification to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

126-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 19)

**ACCEPTANCE OF A DEVISE OF REAL PROPERTY
SITUATED IN ORANGE COUNTY AND
AUTHORIZATION TO SELL THE PROPERTY,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System accepts for Texas A&M University a devise of real property described as 0.923 acres in the T.&N.O. RR Survey No. 38, Abstract No. 444, Orange County, Texas.

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute all documents necessary to sell the 0.923 acre tract described above for not less than \$6,000. One-half (1/2) of the net sales proceeds of such sale are to be deposited into the William Otho and Montine P. Head Memorial Engineering Research Fund at Texas A&M University, and the remaining half will go to Texas A&M University to support medical research for respiratory disease.

127-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 20)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF AN
OIL, GAS AND SULPHUR LEASE TO
HOLLIS R. SULLIVAN, INC., DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

A satisfactory bid has been received for the lease of oil, gas and sulphur in 169.57 mineral acres of land, more or less. The lease is awarded to Hollis R. Sullivan, Inc., the highest bidder at the auction sale held in Room 524, John B. Connally Building, College Station, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., May 15, 2001. The winning bid consisted of a total bonus of \$25,435.50, amounting to \$150.00 per mineral acre and 25% royalty of the subject property. The land leased is described as:

An undivided 50% interest in the mineral estate of a 330.70 acre tract of land, more or less, and a 100% interest in the mineral estate of a 4.22 acre tract of land, more or less, both of which are situated in the Robert Whitlock Survey, Abstract No. 1403, Denton County, Texas.

Upon receipt of one hundred percent (100%) of the bonus payment by Hollis R. Sullivan, Inc., in the form of a cashier's check, and pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, is authorized to execute an Oil, Gas and Sulphur Lease and to perform other acts necessary in connection with the lease as required by law and Board policy.



Mr. Nye then called on Dr. Wynn to present the report of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Wynn, a member of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, stated that the Committee had met the previous day and approved eighteen items to be submitted to the Board for approval. She said these included four new degree programs, the creation of seven centers and institutes, five reorganizations, a new policy for posthumous degrees and the changing of the name of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to Texas Cooperative Extension.



128-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 21)

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS AND
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AMENDED TABLE TO
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

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

The Board also authorizes the President to submit this amended Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

129-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 22)

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER FOR THE
COMMUNITY URBAN AND RURAL EXTENSION SERVICE CENTER,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the establishment of the Community Urban and Rural Extension Service Center, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**, is hereby approved.

130-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 23)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL
INSTITUTE WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The South Texas Environmental Institute is hereby established as an organizational part of Texas A&M University-Kingsville that is administered within the College of Engineering, described in **Exhibit G** attached to the official minutes, effective September 1, 2001.

131-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 24)

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC REORGANIZATION FOR THE
COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SCIENCES, AND BUSINESS
AND TECHNOLOGY AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT
TO SUBMIT THE ACADEMIC REORGANIZATION TO
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the academic reorganization of the Colleges of Education, Arts and Sciences, and Business and Technology at Texas A&M University-Commerce by:

- (1) Modifying the name of the “College of Education” by adding “and Human Services”
- (2) Moving the Department of Social Work (and the BSW and MSW programs) from the College of Arts and Sciences to the (renamed) College of Education and Human Services
- (3) Changing the name of the “Department of Biological and Earth Sciences” to the “Department of Biology, Earth and Environmental Sciences” and having the Chemistry Department faculty report to the department head of Biology, Earth and Environmental Sciences
- (4) Merging the Departments of Communication & Theatre and Journalism & Printing into one department and renaming this department the “Department of Mass Media, Communication and Theatre”
- (5) Changing the name of the “Department of General Business and System Management” to “Business Administration and Management Information Systems”

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Commerce to submit the academic reorganization request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

132-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 25)

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE
WITH A MAJOR IN CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE TO STUDENTS AT
NORTH LAKE COLLEGE, DALLAS, TEXAS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby authorized to offer the following degree program at North Lake College, effective Fall 2001:

Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Construction Science

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System finds that the program offering authorized by this minute order is within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

133-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 26)

**APPROVAL OF NEW DEGREE PROGRAM LEADING TO
A MASTER'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH MAJOR
IN ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZATION TO
SUBMIT THE NEW DEGREE PROGRAM TO THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Master's of Science Degree with major in Electronic Commerce.

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.

134-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 27)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CENTER FOR EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The Center for Earth and Environmental Studies is hereby established as an organizational part of Texas A&M International University, described in **Exhibit H** attached to the official minutes, effective September 1, 2001.

135-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 28)

**APPROVAL OF A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM LEADING TO A
MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE NEW DEGREE PROGRAM TO
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University in the George Bush School of Government and Public Service leading to a Master of International Affairs.

The Board authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this 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.

136-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 29)

**APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE TO
SEPARATE THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY IN THE
COLLEGE OF GEOSCIENCES AT COLLEGE STATION AND THE
DIVISION OF MARINE SCIENCES AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON,
AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE SUBSTANTIVE
ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE REQUEST TO THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the Substantive Administrative Change Request, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**, for Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University at Galveston to separate the Department of Oceanography in the College of Geosciences at College Station and the Division of Marine Sciences at Texas A&M University at Galveston and re-establish the Department of Marine Sciences at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

The Board authorizes the President to submit this Substantive Administrative Change Request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board for this change have been met.

137-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 30)

**APPROVAL OF A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM LEADING
TO A MASTER OF MARINE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE NEW DEGREE PROGRAM TO THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University at Galveston leading to a Master of Marine Resources Management.

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

138-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 31)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW DEPARTMENT OF
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING AND AUTHORIZATION TO
SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new Department of Biomedical Engineering at Texas A&M University.

The Board authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this new department proposal 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.

139-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 32)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CENTER FOR ADVANCED BIOMOLECULAR RESEARCH,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Center for Advanced Biomolecular Research, as described in **Exhibit J** attached to the official minutes, is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University that is administered within the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, effective July 27, 2001. In consultation with the Executive Vice President/Provost of Texas A&M University and the Center's Advisory Committee, the Vice Chancellor and Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences is hereby authorized to appoint a Center Director.

140-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 33)

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER FOR THE
CENTER FOR CONTINUOUS AUDITING,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the establishment of the Center for Continuous Auditing, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**, is hereby approved.

141-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 34)

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER FOR THE
NATIONAL PIPELINE SAFETY AND OPERATIONS CENTER,
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the establishment of the National Pipeline Safety and Operations Center, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**, is hereby approved.

142-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 35)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CENTER,
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby authorizes the establishment of the Texas Transportation Safety Center at the Texas Transportation Institute, as described in **Exhibit M** attached to the official minutes.

143-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 36)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY,
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

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

The Chairman of the Board of Regents and the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Texas Transportation Institute and Texas Southern University, to become effective upon the granting of similar authorization to the Chairman of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit N**.

144-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 37)

**AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE
“TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE” TO
“TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION,”
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves changing the name of the “Texas Agricultural Extension Service” to “Texas Cooperative Extension,” as displayed in **Exhibit O** attached to the official minutes.

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Mr. Nye called on Mr. Adams to present the report of the Committee on Audit.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Mr. Adams stated that the Committee on Audit met on Wednesday, July 25, 2001. He said Ms. Cathy Smock, Chief Auditor, provided a briefing on the Third Quarter Audit Report, including important audit results on PVAMU athletics, TAMU-C student information systems controls, TAMU departmental network information systems controls and TSU-Central Texas. He said the Committee was also provided with a briefing and information regarding a theft incident at TAMU, and finally results of the State Auditor’s Office report. He said management presented a new audit tracking system to the Committee. The tracking system is designed to monitor the progress of significant findings from the initial reporting through on going progress and action in dealing with these items, and their resolution. He said that the Committee applauds management for designing and implementing this system.

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Mr. Nye called on Mr. Adams to present the report of Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee.

REPORT OF THE AD HOC POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee, said the Committee met the previous day and recommended approval of Item 11, an investment policy revision, and Item 38, a new policy related to the awarding of posthumous degrees. Mr. Adams reported that Mr. Graves withdrew Item 16.

The Board took action as follows:



145-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 11)

**APPROVAL OF REVISION TO
SYSTEM POLICY 22.02 (*SYSTEM INVESTMENT*),
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Effective July 27, 2001, the provisions of the revised System Investment Policy of The Texas A&M University System, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit P**, are hereby adopted.

146-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 38)

**APPROVAL OF NEW POLICY 11.08 (*AWARD OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES*),
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 11.08 (*Award of Posthumous Degrees*), attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit Q**, is approved to be effective immediately.



OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves who presented Items 39 through 41. The Board took action as set forth below:



147-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 39)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING
DR. WALTER WENDLER,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

Whereas, Walter Wendler has unselfishly devoted himself to The Texas A&M University System and its constituents for 20 years; and

Whereas, he has served as vice chancellor for planning and system integration since 1999; and

Whereas, his leadership in authoring the A&M System's long-range plan, known as the Integrative Plan, and directing the process of its implementation will strengthen Texas higher education and benefit the citizens of the state for decades to come; and

Whereas, under his leadership a statewide biotechnology collaborative was established among public and private universities in Texas; and

Whereas, in his position as vice chancellor he has so capably overseen strategic and operational academic planning for the 92,000 students in the A&M System's nine universities, eight agencies and Health Science Center; and

Whereas, during his service as executive assistant to the president of Texas A&M University he directed the long-range plan, known as Vision 2020, which is intended to help make Texas A&M one of the nation's ten best public universities by 2020; and

Whereas, as dean and professor in Texas A&M's College of Architecture he was responsible for significant increases in student enrollment and financial support for the college; and

Whereas, in this position he oversaw the expansion of The Colonias Program in the Rio Grande Valley, the university's largest outreach program; and

Whereas, he has contributed to the architectural profession as the inaugural holder of the William M. Peña Professorship in Information Management at Texas A&M and as a member of the board of directors of the CRS Center for Leadership, Management and Innovation in the design and construction industry; and

Whereas, he has written more than 40 scholarly papers and served as principal investigator or co-principal investigator for numerous research projects; and

Whereas, his professional accomplishments have been recognized through national awards from the American Institute of Architects and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and through a distinguished teaching award; 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 Dr. Walter Wendler throughout his 20 years with The Texas A&M University System, and thanks him for his commitment to and tireless efforts on behalf of all A&M System campuses and agencies; 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. Wendler and to the archives of The Texas A&M University System as a sincere expression of his dedication and leadership to the citizens of Texas and to the A&M System.

148-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 40)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING
MARC CISNEROS AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF
PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Marc Cisneros earned a post-Master's Degree from the U.S. Army War College, a Master of Arts degree from Shippensburg State College, and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from St. Mary's University, of which he has been named a Distinguished Alumnus; and

Whereas, he is an ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate, served with distinction in the U.S Army and retired as Commanding General, Fifth U.S. Army in San Antonio; and

Whereas, President Cisneros has served Texas A&M University-Kingsville as its president since September 1, 1998; and

Whereas, during his tenure as president, enrollment at the university was stabilized and freshmen retention increased 7.4 percent; and

Whereas, Texas A&M University-Kingsville was reclassified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Doctoral/Research University-Intensive under his leadership, making it the highest ranked university in South Texas; and

Whereas, under his leadership, the School of Pharmacy at Texas A&M University-Kingsville -- the first professional school in the South Texas region -- has been authorized by the 77th Legislature; and

Whereas, he oversaw the creation of an upper division branch campus on the southside of San Antonio -- Texas A&M University-Kingsville-System Center-Palo Alto -- and a new series of scholarships; and

Whereas, President Cisneros was influential in the construction of a new child development center that serves as a child care facility and laboratory for students, and in the extension of fiber optics to all campus buildings and dormitory rooms; and

Whereas, he is a member of the Advisory Board of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, his civic leadership has been rewarded numerous times, including being named one of the top 100 Most Influential Hispanics by *Hispanic Business* magazine in 1997, and receiving the 2000 Hispanic Achievement award from *Hispanic Magazine* in the leadership category; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its appreciation for Mr. Cisneros' tireless service to Texas A&M University-Kingsville by conferring upon him the title of "President Emeritus," to be effective on September 1, 2001; and; be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Mr. Marc Cisneros as an expression of appreciation for his leadership and dedication as President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

149-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 41)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING
DR. CHARLES JENNETT AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF
PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Charles Jennett has served as President of Texas A&M International University since 1996; and

Whereas, under his leadership, student enrollment has grown to more than 3,000, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college; and

Whereas, the number of faculty and staff has grown to more than 500; and

Whereas, the number of alumni has grown to more than 8,000; and

Whereas, A&M International's endowment has grown to more than \$12.5 million; and

Whereas, A&M International, through a major expansion of the physical infrastructure, has transitioned from a two-year, upper-level campus to a four-year, graduate-level university on a residential campus; and

Whereas, the D.D. Hachar Honors Program has been established, which will provide scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 to 100 students per year; and

Whereas, Dr. Jennett's leadership in advancement efforts has resulted in A&M International being recognized and awarded a 2001 Circle of Excellence Award for Fundraising Improvement by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education; and

Whereas, A&M International has added many new undergraduate and graduate degrees and now offers 29 bachelor’s degrees and 24 graduate degrees; and

Whereas, A&M International has become a leader in research on international trade and is home to the Center for the Study of Western Hemispheric Trade, one of three Texas Centers for Border Economic and Enterprise Development, and the International Justice Center; and

Whereas, A&M International offers the nation’s first master of business administration degree in international trade; and

Whereas, under Dr. Jennett’s leadership, A&M International has strengthened its linkages in Laredo, the second-fastest growing city in the nation; and

Whereas, Dr. Jennett has contributed to the field of environmental engineering through a wide range of scholarly papers and research projects; and

Whereas, his contributions have been recognized through his selection as both Outstanding Educator of the Year and as Engineer of the Year by the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers, and as Outstanding Alumnus of the University of New Mexico; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its appreciation for Dr. Jennett’s tireless service to Texas A&M International University by conferring upon him the title of “President Emeritus,” to be effective on 1 September 2001; and; be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Dr. Charles Jennett as an expression of appreciation for his leadership and dedication as President of Texas A&M International University.



A framed resolution was presented to Dr. Jennett (*Dr. Wendler and Gen. Cisneros were not present*). Mr. Nye then called on Dr. Bowen who presented Items 42 and 43.

The Board took action as set forth below:



150-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 42)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
HONORING WOODROW JONES, JR. AND
BESTOWING THE TITLE OF DEAN EMERITUS OF
THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Dr. Jones earned the Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Oregon, the Master of Public Health degree from the University of Texas, and the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones served with distinction as a faculty member at San Diego State University; and

Whereas, during his academic career Dr. Jones has combined interests and expertise in political science and public health to make significant contributions to the fields of minority health research and health services research; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones was appointed Professor in the Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University in 1988 and jointly appointed in the School of Rural Public Health in 1999; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones has served Texas A&M University and the College of Liberal Arts as Dean, Interim Dean, and Associate Dean for a total of twelve years; and

Whereas, during his tenure as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, programs in the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences at Texas A&M University have expanded substantially, improved in quality, and increased in numbers of undergraduate and graduate students; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones was dean during the establishment of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service and shepherded it to its current status as a distinctive, stand-alone school of public service; and

Whereas, during his tenure, Texas A&M University took major steps toward expanding its emphasis on the performing arts by creating the Department of Performance Studies and initiating a degree program in music; and

Whereas, during his tenure as Dean, the endowment of the College of Liberal Arts has grown from \$9.3 million to \$22.8 million; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones has served with distinction on the boards of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) and the Texas Association of Deans of Liberal Arts and Sciences (TADLAS) including a term as president of TADLAS; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones has been a strong advocate and the conscience for Texas A&M University concerning issues of diversity of students, faculty, staff and programs and, in recognition of his efforts to generate a more inclusive and diverse environment, was honored with the Texas A&M University Administrator Diversity Award in 1994; and

Whereas, Dr. Jones has been devoted to the College of Liberal Arts, which he calls “the heart and soul of Texas A&M University,” and to its students and former students, faculty and staff, donors and other friends; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System express its appreciation for Dr. Jones’ service to Texas A&M University by conferring upon him the title of “Dean Emeritus,” to be effective on September 1, 2001; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and presented to Dr. Woodrow Jones, Jr. as an expression of appreciation for his leadership and dedication to Texas A&M University.

151-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 43)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING
WADE GORDON BIRCH AND BESTOWING THE TITLE OF
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICE EMERITUS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Wade Gordon Birch has served Texas A&M University since 1974 as the first and only Director of the Student Counseling Service; and

Whereas, during those years, Dr. Birch has counseled, taught, mentored, supervised and directed hundreds of mental health professionals and associate staff and thousands of Texas A&M students and student volunteers; and

Whereas, Dr. Birch's significant programmatic accomplishments as Student Counseling Service director have included establishing five on-campus satellite counseling offices, developing two major student volunteer organizations that support the provision of student counseling services, creating an extensive career classification and advancement system for professional staff members, and organizing a doctoral level counseling psychology internship program that contributed directly to American Psychological Association accreditation of the Texas A&M counseling psychology training program; and

Whereas, Dr. Birch has further enhanced the education of countless Aggie students over the years through teaching several undergraduate and graduate courses in the Department of Educational Psychology; and

Whereas, Dr. Birch has actively contributed to the growth and development of students involved in "the other education" by serving as a faculty advisor to the Student "Y" and political forum campus organizations, as well as serving for fifteen years as the chapter advisor to the Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity; and

Whereas, Dr. Birch has been frequently honored for his work by peer associations, faculty, staff, and students, including recognition from the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors, the Texas A&M Association of Former Students' Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award in Administration, and a Fish Camp namesake presented in appreciation by the students of Texas A&M; and

Whereas, Dr. Birch's life and career have been dedicated to serving the academic, educational, career and psychological counseling needs of the students of Texas A&M University while consistently exhibiting only the highest degree of competence and commitment in his professional duties; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System express its appreciation for the service of Dr. Wade Gordon Birch to Texas A&M University by conferring upon him the title “Director of Student Counseling Service Emeritus,” to be effective with his retirement on July 31, 2001; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and presented to Dr. Wade Gordon Birch as an expression of appreciation for his leadership and dedication to Texas A&M University.

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Mr. Nye presented framed resolutions to Dr. Jones and Dr. Birch. Dr. Bowen presented Item 56 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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152-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 56)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
STERLING C. EVANS
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, The State of Texas, The Texas A&M University System, and particularly Texas A&M University, lost a friend and supporter of legendary proportions with the death of Mr. Sterling C. Evans on July 5, 2001, at the age of 101; and

Whereas, Mr. Evans was a 1921 graduate of Texas A&M University and a 1973 recipient of his alma mater’s Distinguished Alumnus Award, which is bestowed on the basis of exemplary lifetime professional accomplishments and service to Texas A&M University and, more recently, he was honored for similar attributes by the Texas A&M Foundation with the creation of a medal named in his honor, and he was named the first recipient of the Sterling C. Evans Medal; and

Whereas, Mr. Evans’ service to his alma mater was boundless, ranging from his leadership and vision as a member, and later chairman, of the Board of Directors (now Board of Regents) of The Texas A&M University System during a period of historic transformation for Texas A&M University, to his generosity as one of the institution’s foremost benefactors, especially in support of the library that now bears his name; and

Whereas, Mr. Evans’ indelible mark on Texas A&M University will long be remembered and greatly appreciated, especially for his instrumental roles in making membership in the Corps of Cadets optional and in opening admission to women, two decisions that spurred growth and significantly enhanced the reputation of the University; and

Whereas, Mr. Evans' Texas A&M University legacy is publicly personified on a continuing basis for his dedication to the enhancement of the University's library which was formally named the Sterling C. Evans Library in 1979 in recognition of his long support of it and generous contributions to it, including funding for establishment of an endowed chair in library administration, one of the few such positions in academic libraries at the time; and he was a co-founder of Friends of the Texas A&M University Library and served as its first President; and

Whereas, Mr. Evans' legacy as a major benefactor of his alma mater continues even after his death, in that he directed that the bulk of his estate be given to Texas A&M University for support of library enhancement endeavors; and

Whereas, Mr. Evans provided inspired and vital leadership in numerous ways to the State of Texas in the fields of agriculture and agribusiness, particularly through his service as President of the Houston Bank for Cooperatives, President of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, and Director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and as a renowned rancher and raiser of Santa Gertrudis cattle; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System wishes to express its sympathy to members of Mr. Evans' family in their loss of a loved one whose life was so exemplary and which touched so many other lives in a variety of highly positive ways; and, be it further

Resolved, that this Board wishes to express its profound respect for the life of Mr. Sterling C. Evans, and particularly for his vital leadership and service to Texas A&M University during a crucial period of its existence, which helped the University evolve into the first-class institution that it is today, and gave it bright prospects for even more significant advances that will place it in the vanguard of the nation's best public universities, as planned in the University's Vision 2020 program; and, be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be duly recorded in the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to members of Mr. Evans' family, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University as a permanent expression of respect and appreciation for the life and work of Mr. Sterling C. Evans to the distinct benefit of Texas A&M University and its library, The Texas A&M University System, and the State of Texas.

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Mr. Nye then called on Dr. McCabe who presented Item 44.

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153-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 44)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING
DR. LAMAR JOHANSON,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Dr. Lamar Johanson has provided the students of Tarleton State University with outstanding teaching, service and dedication for the past forty years, including eighteen years as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and

Whereas, Dr. Lamar Johanson was instrumental in the formation and approval of the Associate and Baccalaureate degree programs in Nursing, and the Clinical Laboratory Science degree program in Fort Worth, Texas; and

Whereas, Dr. Lamar Johanson was a strong advocate for the construction of the new \$30.8 million science facility, and specifically assisted in the design of the instructional space, including sixteen research laboratories and a planetarium, which is the first and only in The Texas A&M University System; and

Whereas, Dr. Lamar Johanson, through his service as the Faculty Athletics Representative for over twenty years, and as Special Advisor to the President for Athletics, always represented the academic interests of the student-athlete at Tarleton State University; and

Whereas, Dr. Lamar Johanson has been an active participant on numerous healthcare-related boards and councils including the May Owen Foundation Board of Directors and the Harris Methodist-Erath County Hospital Board of Directors; and

Whereas, Dr. Lamar Johanson served with distinction as the first Executive Director of Tarleton University System Center - Central Texas and guided it through its first two years where a 15.5% increase in enrollment was realized; and

Whereas, Dr. Lamar Johanson was most recently confirmed at the May 25, 2001, Board of Regents meeting as Dean Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Biological Sciences; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System recognizes the outstanding contributions of Dr. Lamar Johanson as a dedicated teacher and academic administrator of Tarleton State University; 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. Lamar Johanson and to the Archives of Tarleton State University, as a permanent mark of the high esteem in which Dr. Johanson is held by the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System.

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Mr. Nye presented a framed resolution to Dr. Johanson. Mr. Nye then called on Dr. Keith McFarland, President of TAMU-C, who presented Item 45. The Board took action as set forth below:

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154-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 45)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN
HONORARY DEGREE OF FINE ARTS TO MR. ADRIAN HALL,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Texas A&M University-Commerce is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to Adrian Hall.

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Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves who presented Items 46 through 50. The Board took action as set forth below:

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155-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 46)

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS/EMERITA,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of “Emeritus/Emerita” upon individuals as shown on Emeritus Title List No. 00-01-03, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit R**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

156-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 47)

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

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

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. 00-01-06, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit S**.

157-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 48)

**CONFIRMATION OF
APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

In accordance with System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby confirms the appointment and commissioning of peace officers by the Presidents of the respective components of The Texas A&M University System, as reflected in **Exhibit T**, attached to the official minutes.

158-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 49)

**APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR FY 2001-2002,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Holidays for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2002, for the Members of The Texas A&M University System not otherwise excepted, shall be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas-New Year's	6	December 25, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Spring Break	2	March 14-15, 2002
Memorial Day	1	May 27, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

Classes and normal institution and agency operations will be scheduled for March 29, 2002. In the event Good Friday is declared a holiday by action of the Governor, eligible employees will be given compensatory time off during the 12-month period following the holiday.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service coordinate these holidays with off-campus locations as does Texas A&M University.

Exceptions are established as set forth below:

The holiday schedule for Prairie View A&M University will be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2001
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas-New Year's	6	December 25, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Memorial Day	1	May 27, 2002
Emancipation Day	1	June 19, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

The holiday schedule for Tarleton State University will be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas-New Year's	7	December 24, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Spring Break	2	March 14-15, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

Tarleton State University will work four, ten-hour days during the following weeks in order to be closed on this public holiday:

<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>September 3, 2001 (Four-day week on September 4, 5, 6 and 7)</i>
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>May 27, 2002 (Four-day week on May 28, 29, 30 and 31)</i>

The holiday schedule for Texas A&M International University will be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas and New Year's	7	December 24, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Spring Break	1	March 15, 2002
Memorial Day	1	May 27, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

The holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Commerce will be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas	3	December 25-27, 2001
New Year's	1	January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Spring Break	5	March 18-22, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

The holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will be as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2001
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas-New Year's	7	December 24, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Memorial Day	1	May 27, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

The holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Kingsville will be as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
*Labor Day		September 3, 2001
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas-New Year's	7	December 24, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Spring Break	2	March 14-15, 2002
*Good Friday		March 29, 2002
*Memorial Day		May 27, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

**Labor Day, Good Friday, and Memorial Day will be optional with employees working four, ten-hour flexible workdays as available but not mandatory.*

The holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Texarkana will be as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas	4	December 24-26 & 31, 2001
New Year's Day	1	January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Spring Break	5	March 18-22, 2002

Texas A&M University-Texarkana will work four ten-hour days during the following weeks in order to be closed on these public holidays:

<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>September 3, 2001</i>	<i>(Four ten-hour days on September 4, 5, 6 & 7)</i>
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>May 27, 2002</i>	<i>(Four ten-hour days on May 28, 29, 30 and 31)</i>
<i>Independence Day</i>	<i>July 4, 2002</i>	<i>(Four ten-hour days on July 1, 2, 3 and 5)</i>

The holiday schedule for West Texas A&M University will be as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Dates
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas	6	December 24-31, 2001
New Year's Day	1	January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Spring Break	2	March 14-15, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

The holiday schedule for Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (College Station employees), Texas Agricultural Extension Service (College Station employees), Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Texas Transportation Institute will be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas-New Year's	7	December 24, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Spring Break	2	March 14-15, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

*District Extension Offices, Expanded Nutrition Offices, Special Programs (satellite) Offices, Research and Extension Centers, Research Stations are shown on attached **Exhibit U**.*

The holiday schedule for the Texas Forest Service will be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2001
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas	3	December 24-26, 2001
New Year's	2	December 31, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Easter	2	March 29, 2002 & April 1, 2002
Memorial Day	1	May 27, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

The holiday schedule for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory will be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2001
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas	3	December 24-26, 2001
New Year's	2	December 31, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Presidents' Day	1	February 18, 2002
Texas Independence Day	1	March 15, 2002
Memorial Day	1	May 27, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

The holiday schedule for the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service will be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2001
Veteran’s Day	1	November 12, 2001
Thanksgiving	1	November 22, 2001
Christmas	6	December 24-31, 2001
New Year’s Day	1	January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Memorial Day	1	May 27, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

The holiday schedule for The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center will be as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Number of Days</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Labor Day	1	September 3, 2001
Thanksgiving	2	November 22-23, 2001
Christmas-New Year	7	December 24, 2001- January 1, 2002
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 21, 2002
Memorial Day	1	May 27, 2002
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2002

The Chancellor is hereby authorized to modify the holiday schedule when such a change is deemed to be in the public interest.

A state employee is entitled to observe Rosh Hashanah, Cesar Chavez Day, Yom Kippur and Good Friday in lieu of any holiday or holidays on which the employee’s agency or institution is required to be open and staffed to conduct the public business.

159-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 50)

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT ON SITES
OF PERMITTED USE OF ALCOHOL,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Pursuant to System Policy 34.03, the following report on Sites of Permitted Use of Alcohol is hereby accepted:

- Prairie View A&M University
- President’s Dining Room, Alumni Hall
- West Wing Alumni Hall
- University College, Panther Room and Courtyard

Tarleton State University

Dora Lee Langdon Cultural and Educational Center - Granbury, Texas
Trogon House
 Reception/Dining Areas and surrounding grounds
Tarleton Dining Hall
 Main Dining Rooms
 Sam Houston Room
 Travis Room
Student Development Center
 First Floor Foyer Area
 Ballrooms A, B and C
 Second Floor Balcony Area
Wisdom Gymnasium
 Foyer Area
 Family Living Center
Administration Building
 First Floor Foyer Area
 Second Floor Balcony Area
Clyde Wells Fine Arts Center
 Foyer Area
 Choir Room
 Staging Area
Tarleton Agriculture Center
Tarleton Center
 First Floor Foyer Area
 Brazos Room
 Bosque Room
Tarleton University System Center-Central Texas -- Killeen, Texas

Texas A&M International University

Killam Library Building
Great Room 319

Texas A&M University

Chancellor's Residence
President's Residence
Vice President for Student Affairs' Residence
Board of Regents' Facilities
Faculty Club
Hirshfeld-Moore House
Presidential Conference Center
Bush Presidential Apartment
George Bush Foundation Suite
Clayton Williams Alumni Center
Jon L. Hagler Center
Facilities leased or otherwise made available for a set term to individuals or associations
(e.g. Bush Library "Rotunda," Kyle Field Regents Lounge and Leased Suites,
Letterman's Lounge and the Zone)
University Apartments
Residence Hall Rooms where both occupants are 21 years of age
Reed Arena
Mexico City Facility
Santa Chiara, Italy - Study Abroad Center
Other quasi-public facilities (e.g. N.W. Dick Freeman Arena and G. Rollie White Visitor
Center at the Animal Science Teaching Research and Extension Complex)
Tailgate parties at NCAA intercollegiate events
Buildings at the Research Park
TAMUS State Headquarters Building
Easterwood Airport (includes McKenzie Terminal, General Aviation Terminal)
Easterwood Airport facilities leased or otherwise made available for a set term to
individuals, corporations, or associations

Texas A&M University at Galveston

Chief Executive Officer's Residence
Dock area by Texas Clipper
PE Building - Gym Area
Offatts Campus - Main Building

Texas A&M University-Commerce

President's Home
Heritage House
Memorial Student Center
Watson Cafeteria

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Blucher Institute
Faculty Center Atrium
Miramar Apartment - Clubhouse
Chapman Conference Room - Corpus Christi Hall
Field House
Weil Gallery
University Center

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

President's Home
Founders' Room
Student Union Building
McCulley Hall and Parking Lot
John E. Conner Museum
Dormitory Rooms
Married Student Housing
President's Office

West Texas A&M University

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum
Buffalo Courts
President's Home
Nance Ranch
Buffalo Room and Isley Terrace (patio area)

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

Research and Extension Center at Dallas
Research and Extension Center at El Paso
La Copita Research Area (Jim Wells Co.)
Research and Extension Center at Lubbock
Research Station at McGregor
Research Station at Pecos
Research Station at Sonora
Research Station at Chillicothe
Research and Extension Center at Weslaco

Texas Agricultural Extension Service (Texas Cooperative Extension)

Research and Engineering Center at Beaumont

Texas Engineering Extension Service

South Central Texas Regional Training Center - San Antonio
West Texas Regional Training Center - Abilene
North Texas Regional Training Center - Arlington/Mesquite
Houston Regional Training Center - Houston
Law Enforcement Training Center -- Riverside Campus, Building #7751

Texas Transportation Institute

Gibb Gilchrist Building

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

Institute of Biosciences and Technology - Houston
Baylor College of Dentistry - Dallas

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*(Secretary's Note: Dr. Wynn departed the meeting at this time.)*

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves who presented Items 51 and 52. The Board took action as set forth below:

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160-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 51)

**APPOINTMENT OF
DR. KAY CLAYTON AS INTERIM PRESIDENT,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Stevens and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

Dr. Kay Clayton's appointment as Interim President of Texas A&M-Kingsville, effective September 1, 2001, is hereby approved.

161-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 52)

**APPOINTMENT OF
MR. JAMES A. FLETCHER
AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

Upon the recommendation of Chancellor Howard D. Graves, Mr. James A. Fletcher is appointed Vice Chancellor for Administration of The Texas A&M University System effective August 1, 2001. The Chancellor is hereby delegated the authority to establish the initial salary for this position.

The Chancellor is authorized to make minor revisions to the System Policies and Regulations in order to reflect any changes necessitated by this action.

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Mr. Nye said there had been a significant search for the new president of TAMIU and that search had taken place through the customary search committee and a thorough winnowing down of a very significant number of candidates. He said the Board, in closed session, in conformance with the law, earlier the same day, had an opportunity to visit with the two finalists for this position: Dr. Raymond T. Garza and Dr. Ray Marvin Keck. Mr. Nye said the Board was very impressed with the qualifications of the candidates, very impressed with the process, and very impressed with their expectations should they receive the opportunity to lead this great university. He then opened the floor for nominations as to the successful candidate.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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162-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 53)

**APPOINTMENT OF
DR. RAY MARVIN KECK AS PRESIDENT,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Avilés made a motion that Dr. Ray Marvin Keck be appointed President of Texas A&M International University and that Chancellor Graves do all the necessary negotiations to affect the contract that sets compensation and terms of employment between Dr. Keck and The Texas A&M University System. Mr. Stevens seconded the motion. There was no discussion. By a unanimous vote, Dr. Keck was appointed President of Texas A&M International University.

(Secretary's Note: This appointment was effective September 1, 2001.)

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Mr. Nye thanked Dr. Garza for his interest and said he was a capable and able candidate and thanked him for what he does for higher education in the State of Texas.

Mr. Nye said occasionally under the Bylaws and state law, the Board is called upon to act as an appellate body for the consideration of proposed termination of faculty or staff. He said they have received, as a board from TAMU-K, the proposed termination of a faculty member for various causes. Mr. Nye said the matter had properly come to the Board as an appellate body. He said the Board did consider the matter in closed session. He said it was now appropriate in open session for the Board to consider the status and take action on the proposed termination of Dr. Charanjit Rai, a faculty member at TAMU-K.

Mr. Stevens made the following statement and motion:

“Pursuant to System Policy 12.01, sec. 7.2.3, the very serious matter of the employment of Dr. Charanjit Rai has been forwarded to the Board of Regents for review. Dr. Rai is a tenured faculty member at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. On September 8, 2000, President Marc Cisneros submitted his recommendation that Dr. Rai’s employment be terminated for cause pursuant to System Policy 12.01. President Cisneros also submitted the report of the Formal Hearing Committee, wherein the committee recommended that Dr. Rai’s employment not be terminated. On June 1, 2001, Chancellor Howard Graves found that good cause exists for the termination of Dr. Rai’s employment and recommended that the Board return this matter to the Formal Hearing Committee for reconsideration. Consistent with System Policy 12.01, sec. 7.2.3, the members of the Board of Regents received and reviewed the complete record of the Formal Hearing Committee, as well as the arguments presented by Dr. Rai and Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Consideration of the termination of a tenured faculty member deserves a full and thorough investigation and review of the facts.”

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163-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 54)

**RETURN OF THE MATTER OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF
DR. CHARANJIT RAI TO THE
FORMAL HEARING COMMITTEE FOR
ITS RECONSIDERED RECOMMENDATION,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Mr. Stevens made the following motion:

Pursuant to System Policy 12.01, sec. 7.2.4, the matter of the employment of Dr. Charanjit Rai is returned to the Formal Hearing Committee for reconsideration according to the instructions attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit V**. The Board directs the Formal Hearing Committee to forward its reconsidered recommendation to the President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville and to Board, through the Office of General Counsel, on or before September 14, 2001. Exhibit V is a listing of the instructions recommended by Chancellor Graves in his June 1, 2001 memorandum to the Board of Regents.

Dr. Gramm seconded the motion.

Mr. Nye said this is a matter of some serious concern. Mr. Nye asked if there was any discussion on this matter. He called for a vote. By a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

164-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 55)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2001, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AND MAY 24-25, 2001, REGULAR BOARD MEETING,
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on May 9, 2001, 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 May 24-25, 2001, are hereby approved.

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**REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Sosa for any comments he wished to make on the Special Committee for Educational Access. Mr. Sosa said that they would have two meetings before the end of the year.

Mr. Nye then called on Dr. Gramm for a report on the Special Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement Committee. Dr. Gramm said that she was working on it.

Mr. Nye said that he had a report from Mr. Mays on the Ad Hoc Public Policy and Planning Committee. He said that Mr. Mays expected to engage the Board, individually and collectively, in legislative contact matters in the coming months, where they could express their appreciation to the legislature, and at the same time urge their feelings that the values of the System are not fully recognized in the funding that they received. Mr. Nye said that Dr. Bowen had some excellent ideas for the Presidential Library Committee, and they will be working with him to see if they can pursue that matter forward.

Mr. Nye said that Dr. Wynn had two initiatives that she wished to pursue as Chairman of the Special Committee on Health Affairs. With one of those she needed the cooperation of the presidents of the institutions. He said it was Dr. Wynn's desire for the Committee to give some consideration on the quality of healthcare on each of the campuses. He asked each of the presidents of the institutions to prepare at least a one or two-page summary on what facilities are available, how often they are open, what kind of healthcare is available and how they would expect healthcare issues on the campus to be dealt with. Mr. Nye asked Mr. Graves to collect those and provide them to the Board. Mr. Nye said Dr. Wynn's second initiative was nursing. He said given the fact that there is a substantial nursing shortage in this country, Dr. Wynn would like to consider whether or not the System, despite its substantial contribution to the education of nurses, might do more and she wanted to give notice of that for those institutions that provide that service.

Mr. Nye announced that a special meeting was scheduled for August 28 in College Station. He said the purpose of the special meeting was to approve the budgets for The Texas A&M University System for Fiscal Year 2002. Mr. Nye said the next regular meeting was scheduled for September 27-28, 2001, in College Station.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Nye adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m., Friday, July 27, 2001.

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

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