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**MINUTES OF THE
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CONVENE BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman of the Board of Regents, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 1:05 p.m., on Thursday, September 26, 2002, in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Zachary Coventry, student body president of Texas A&M University (TAMU), and the 2001 Corps Chaplain, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Nye recognized several "firsts." He said this is the first Board meeting for Dr. Robert M. Gates, President of TAMU, and Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juarez, President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K). He wished both a very good start.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Howard D. Graves, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), who recognized Dr. John Niedzwecki, Acting Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), Acting Dean of the Dwight Look College of Engineering and Acting Vice Chancellor for Engineering. Mr. Graves recognized Dr. John P. Kohl, Interim Provost at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) and Dr. Finnie Murray, Interim Provost at Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C). Mr. Graves welcomed the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board.

Mr. Graves said that on September 10, 2002, the Chancellor's Century Council hosted an information/appreciation reception at West Texas A&M University

(WTAMU). He said in addition to providing the local community with information about TAMUS initiatives in the Panhandle, they honored Senator Teel Bivins and Representatives David Swinford, Warren Chisum and John Smithee.

Mr. Graves invited the Regents and others to attend the System Symposium scheduled for November 18-20, 2002, on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC).

Mr. Graves thanked those involved with the System's federal initiatives. He said this appears to be the best year for TAMUS with regard to federal funding. He said that in 2001 the System received \$62 million and may receive in excess of \$100 million this year. Mr. Graves said that in February the National Institute of Health elevated the sequencing of the bovine genome to a high priority level. He said that Ms. Armstrong and others were working assiduously to receive funding for the program.

Mr. Graves said the U.S. Senate is working on its own version of the Homeland Security Bill. The final form of the bill should be resolved in the House/Senate Conference with prospects for a favorable outcome anticipated for TAMUS.

Mr. Nye asked Mr. Graves about developments at Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T). Mr. Graves said that the President of TAMU-T would be presenting a report on that issue.

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Gates who introduced Lt. Gen. John Van Alstyne, the newly appointed Corps Commandant and head of the School of Military Sciences at TAMU.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves who presented Item 38, a resolution honoring Dr. Kay Clayton for her service as Interim President of TAMU-K. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 180-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 38)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. KERMETA J. "KAY" CLAYTON,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Ms. Armstrong and by a unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Kay Clayton has unselfishly devoted herself to Texas A&M University-Kingsville since 1988; and

Whereas, her service to the university since that time includes her work as assistant vice president for academic affairs and academic fellow, vice president for student affairs and special services (for which she achieved recognition as the first woman to attain this rank), and senior vice president and provost; and

Whereas, she served Texas A&M University-Kingsville as its interim president from September 1, 2001 until Aug. 14, 2002; and

Whereas, during her tenure as interim president, the Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center at San Antonio continued to grow significantly and plans for the pharmacy school curriculum and building design were implemented; and

Whereas, under her leadership, freshman retention rates surpassed the target assigned Texas A&M University-Kingsville by the Legislative Budget Board, and the university's pass rate on the Fundamentals of Engineering licensure exam reached an unprecedented high of 91 percent; and

Whereas, she has facilitated an increase in fund raising, almost doubling the amount of money raised for the President's Circle that had been raised in previous years; and

Whereas, during her service as interim president, funding for new scholarships and assistantships for fall 2002 has significantly increased; and

Whereas, she has led the effort to ensure reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 2005 by leading a self-study process; and

Whereas, under her leadership, a new university mission statement was developed and subsequently approved by the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

Whereas, her numerous awards include the Faculty Senate Distinguished Service Award for leadership in 1997 and the Coastal Bend YWCA award for career contributions to higher education in 1998; and

Whereas, in addition to university service, she contributes to the enrichment of the Kingsville community through her service to educational agencies and civic groups; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its appreciation for Kay Clayton's service to Texas A&M University-Kingsville; 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 Kay Clayton as an expression of appreciation for her leadership and dedication as Interim President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

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A framed resolution was presented to Dr. Clayton. She expressed her appreciation and said it was a privilege to have served as Interim President of TAMU-K.

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Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves to introduce the members of the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board (CSAB).

**REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD**

Mr. Graves introduced Ms. Natasha Croom, 2002-2003 CSAB chairperson. Ms. Croom said she brought greetings from 97,000 TAMUS students. She said this year promised to be exciting and productive for Aggies, Panthers, Javelinas, Buffaloes, Islanders, Lions, Texans, Eagles and Dust Devils alike. She said that the students on this year's CSAB shared one common goal--to work for their students and learn about the System in order to one day play a major role in the ever-changing face of higher education. Ms. Croom said that Article 2 of the CSAB Constitution states that the purpose of the CSAB was to provide representation for the students to TAMUS leadership and to educate and stimulate student involvement in student affairs. With this purpose in mind, CSAB established six goals: 1) To increase and continue communication with each system institution participating in CSAB. 2) To research each institution's strategy on the "Closing the Gaps" initiative and make recommendations about system-wide strategies. 3) To implement a system-wide community service project known as "Everyone Bleeds," an annual blood drive stemming from the Bonfire collapse. 4) To teach and educate CSAB members about each system institution. 5) To learn about higher education within the System and State. 6) To evaluate current legislative goals as well as the Chancellor's goals from a student perspective.

The following members of the CSAB presented remarks specific to their respective universities: Ms. Jana Sandall, TAMU-C; Mr. Kane Urban, Tarleton State University (TSU); Mr. Hendrick Maison, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU); Ms. Linda Sousse, TAMU-CC; Ms. Erika Torres, TAMIU; Ms. Fontaine Gonzalez, TAMU-K; Mr. Marcus Marquez, WTAMU; Ms. Sanu Somachandran, TAMUS Health Science Center (HSC); Mr. Zachary Conventry, TAMU; Mr. Sales Shelton, Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG); and Mr. Brian Adams, TAMU-T.

**RECESS**

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

*(Secretary's Note: Meetings of the Committee on Finance, Committee on Building and Physical Plant, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee and Special Committee on Educational Access were held from 2:40 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE BOARD MEETING – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting on Friday, September 27, 2002, at 9:14 a.m. 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. L. Lowry Mays  
Mr. Lionel Sosa  
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.  
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

**CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

*(Secretary's Note: The Board met in closed session from 9:15 a.m. until 10:26 a.m., in the Board of Regents Meeting Room.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:47 a.m., in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center.

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations.

**UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Dr. Calvert said that his report (a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents) would be from the standpoint of revenue, spending issues, higher education-wide priorities, System priorities and next steps.

Dr. Calvert said that the legislative landscape is extremely different from two years ago. He said that very little is known about the revenue trends. Dr. Calvert spoke on what he considers to be looming issues such as budget shortfall, insurance (premium increases, home, auto and medical malpractice), school finance (educational funding -- a necessity, statutorily driven, enrollment increases in the public schools, teacher health

insurance issues), property tax cap issues and tax structure. Dr. Calvert said that regardless of whether there is a new House Speaker, there are 12 to 14 committee chairs in the House who will not be returning. He said that current rules allow the Lieutenant Governor to appoint committee chairs and determine the flow of legislation through the Senate. Dr. Calvert said that there are three new chancellors who have not served during a Texas Legislative Session.

Dr. Calvert said that the \$5 billion revenue shortfall is a result of calculating how much is needed to continue at the FY 2003 funding level. He said that the difference between the last legislative session and this one is that there was approximately \$3 billion in “surplus” revenue from the 2001 session that was available for 2002-2003 session. He said that this \$3 billion surplus is not going to be available coming out of the 2002-2003 session. Dr. Calvert said the economy is still slow. He said that due to the constitutional spending limit, even if money were to become available, based upon economic growth forecast, the constitutional spending limit will set a boundary on how much will be appropriated during the next session. Dr. Calvert said that total state revenue is up .1 percent overall from the predictions made by the Comptroller at the end of the last session.

Dr. Calvert said that with statewide spending issues such as surplus from the 2000-2001 biennium, one-time accounting changes and two years of teacher health insurance will cause a shortfall of \$5 billion. He said that there are enormous spending demands from health care costs [Medicaid, state employee health insurance and teachers (both active and retired) health care]; increased retirement contributions and enrollment in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and all have contributed to the shortfall.

Dr. Calvert said that current services for higher education represent almost an \$800 million increase. Since the last base period, the main budget drivers are enrollment growth, health insurance costs, the amount needed for health science centers and tuition revenue bond debt service. This would be a seven to eight percent increase just to keep up with the status quo, not implementing any new programs. Other key issues for higher education include modest faculty and staff salary increases, research, and deregulation and regulation of fees.

Dr. Calvert said it would cost approximately \$160 million for a three percent increase in salaries. He said another \$150-160 million for modest faculty salary increases. Dr. Calvert said the base funding issues are to maintain current services and modest salary increases (the primary costs of higher education are personnel costs). He said indirect cost recovery is the number one issue to another system and is a complicated issue and qualified conditions under which we would support it, namely that the legislature would put enough General Revenue (GR) in to keep that money from being taken away from the other institutions. Dr. Calvert said it is good state policy to allow the universities to retain 100 percent of their indirect funds, approximately \$71 million. Dr. Calvert referred to a question Mr. Mays had asked about deregulating tuition and fees. He said this would be a high priority at some institutions more than others. Dr. Calvert said the way to deal with that is to allow the universities to raise their designated tuition rather than the statutory. He said the legislature does like to

keep a close hand on statutory tuition increases. Dr. Calvert said if the Coordinating Board Sunset Bill is passed, it would reference almost every chapter in the code that deals with higher education; so it is a very handy vehicle for tagging on some other issues.

Dr. Calvert discussed the following TAMUS-wide priorities: current services, faculty/staff salary increases, formula funding equity, out-of-Brazos County agency infrastructure, A&M System compliance with the State Fire Marshal and institution/agency priorities.

Dr. Calvert said that all of the new initiatives from TAMUS amount to \$185 million. He said that very few of these initiatives would be funded during this session. Dr. Avilés asked Dr. Calvert about the lack of tuition revenue bonds for TAMU. Dr. Calvert responded that TAMU has only been authorized for tuition revenue bonds once at a very small level in the 1997 legislative session. He said that TAMU would probably not seek tuition revenue bonds this session, because this is not a session where tuition revenue bonds are likely to be authorized. He said that there are unique situations that apply to a couple of system components where the legislator acknowledges an oversight for the appropriate amount and these may be considered. Dr. Calvert said that an aggressive case for tuition funding should be made in 2005. Mr. Nye commented that at some point a case should be made, even if it is rejected, to dispel the idea that everything is okay. He said he is worried about faculty salaries. He said that facilities are not up to par and TAMU continues to suffer in national ratings because of space and facilities. Mr. Stevens asked Dr. Calvert how funding priorities are determined. Dr. Calvert responded that each president decides what is important to his institution. Mr. Stevens asked Dr. Calvert if there has been coordination of the priorities list other than just say “these are our top three priorities.” Dr. Calvert responded that the important thing to note about exceptional items is that they are funded on an institution specific basis and because local House and Senate members make one or more of these items their priority. He said that coordination occurs mostly between the institution knowing what its needs and opportunities are and working with its legislators. Mr. Stevens asked Dr. Calvert for backup information. Mr. Graves said that each CEO presented their requests to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) representatives. He said that they have all these briefings available. Dr. Avilés asked how TAMU-CC could ask for \$75 million in tuition revenue bonds. Dr. Calvert asked Dr. Sandra Harper, Provost and Vice President, to explain. Dr. Harper said that the largest item is the classroom building. She said that in the last session they asked for \$30 million for the classroom building and another \$15 million for the Harte Research Institute. They received \$30 million and still have the need for the classroom building. The second request is for a recreation and sports facility because they currently only have one gymnasium. The third request is for a utilities loop.

Mr. Mays asked where was the opportunity to fight for base funding and tuition deregulation at the two flagships. Mr. Nye said that the strategy is doing what is politically practical and doing what is right. Dr. Calvert said that the key to getting any appropriation or bill passed is for the member to want to work for you. He said that if we are working toward base funding it is best to work together and demonstrate to the

legislature that there is harm that will occur to students and faculty. He said that any member can file a tuition revenue bill but it will not pass unless the leadership of the House and Senate are in sympathy with that bill and decide to let it come through calendars or get put on the list for support in the Senate. Mr. Graves said that they asked the CEOs to find a realistic balance in their requests instead of presenting an unlimited list. Mr. Nye asked Mr. Graves if he was wrong in his observation that we are requesting just barely enough to get by. Mr. Graves responded that he was not wrong and that they are trying to maintain their credibility with legislators. Mr. Nye complimented Dr. Calvert but said, "How long can we continue to take a minimum requirements approach to funding for higher education."

Mr. Mays said that he feels that the way to achieve a better approach is to have deregulation in tuition. He asked what is being doing to significantly increase funds to the two flagships. Dr. Calvert responded that we are working closely with flagships specifically attempting to reach an agreement about what is the correct strategy to get a bill passed. He said that they anticipate going into the session because of the actions taken in the interim, we will likely have a bill rolling back some of the flexibility we received during the last session. He said that they will need to frame the request for deregulating tuition, whether it be statutory or designated, in such a way that it is regarded as reasonable and prudent to give latitude to the two institutions primarily that have the market power and need it the most. This has to be done without arousing the opposition. Mr. Mays asked if some of the "old" way of thinking would change after the election. Dr. Calvert responded that it was possible. Dr. Calvert said that with our strong encouragement the legislature passed a statutory tuition bill because we were tapped out. He said this was a compromise in that we received \$2 a year for the first two years and \$1 a credit hour increase. Mr. Stevens commented that as a board they are accepting what is happening. He said that as a board they should demand more funds for higher education and that would transfer the responsibility to the legislature. He asked how scrubbed down were the numbers and how realistic were the numbers. Mr. Stevens asked about reality versus pipe dreams and said he feels that the Board has a responsibility to scrub that down. Dr. Calvert said he felt that the presidents had scrubbed down their requests. Mr. Stevens said then if you look at a university that has 6,000 students versus one that has 40-45,000, then the numbers don't jive. Dr. Calvert said the numbers originated at the institutions and a whole host of factors go into which funds they wish to press for. He said in the spring, they were advised about how tight the budget was going to be. Dr. Calvert said they received letters from the Governor's Office and the Speaker's Office telling them to be prepared for cuts. He said with the rapid growth across the state and uncontrolled costs in health care, it would take a seven to eight percent increase just to keep us where we are.

Mr. Nye said there is a frustration, so do they take the righteous view or the politically pragmatic view, pragmatism always wins out. He said it had been suggested that at some point, higher education might have to be privatized. Mr. Nye said it does not serve the quality of life of the people of Texas and we cannot continue to do the same thing, the same way and expect different results.

Dr. Calvert said to respond to Mr. Nye’s question; to make a case to change the perspective will take a concerted effort that originates and is mounted outside those who work within these institutions. Mr. Nye said it needs to have the same zeal that is associated with lawsuit reforms. Dr. Calvert agreed. Mr. Adams asked about market based tuition in other states and has there been a big backlash from a public policy standpoint. Dr. Calvert said he has limited knowledge of this, but responded that there has not been a backlash. He said there is a unique situation in this state with the normal tuition that is used and is regarded in the minds of the people as a level of charges for going to a university. Dr. Calvert said tuition is a part of the formula, along with the general revenue, and there are some complex methods of finance issues if tuition is raised at one institution substantially over that of another, all that money is reflected back into the formula and it suppresses general revenue. He said that complicates dealing with this issue. Mr. Graves said Dr. Calvert has met with the other government relations vice chancellors and they are looking at what level they can go with a consensus before the leadership of the two houses. He said they want to bring a concerted front about the needs of higher education. Dr. Calvert said he welcomes the enthusiasm displayed by the Board and invites the Board to join them when they visit with the various legislators.

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

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, September 26. He said the Committee considered Items 1, 3 through 7 and 11. (*Item 2 was considered by the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant. Items 9 and 10 were withdrawn prior to the meeting.*) The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 181-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 01)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH
A QUASI-ENDOWMENT TO BE NAMED THE,
“BONFIRE MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment account in the amount of \$1,000,000, to be called the “Bonfire Memorial Maintenance Quasi-Endowment.” The corpus will be established from capital gains on investments. The income from the endowment will be used to maintain the memorial in perpetuity.

MINUTE ORDER 182-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 03)

**APPROPRIATION OF REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM
DEBT PROCEEDS FOR THE FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY
FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

An amount of \$6,000,000 in Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Designated Tuition) is hereby appropriated for Texas A&M University Fire and Life Safety Facility Improvement Program – FY 2003.

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 the amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

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

MINUTE ORDER 183-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 04)

**APPROPRIATION OF REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM
DEBT PROCEEDS FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

An amount of \$4,000,000 in Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Designated Tuition) is hereby appropriated for Texas A&M University Deferred Maintenance Projects – FY 2003.

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 the amounts previously appropriated and/or expended from such account(s).

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

MINUTE ORDER 184-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 05)

**APPROPRIATION OF REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM
DEBT PROCEEDS FOR DORMITORY FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Revenue Financing System debt proceeds in the amount of \$1,600,000 are appropriated for Dormitory Fire Safety Equipment at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

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

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

MINUTE ORDER 185-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 06)

**APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT WITH
FIRST TEXAS BANK FOR THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
AND TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

In accordance with The Texas A&M University System Investment Policy, First Texas Bank is hereby approved as a depository for The Texas A&M University System and Tarleton State University through August 31, 2007.

MINUTE ORDER 186-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 07)

**APPROVAL OF EXCEPTIONS TO LIMITATIONS
ON STATE EMPLOYMENT LEVELS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves the request by the Members, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**, for an exception to the limitations on state employment levels specified in Senate Bill 1, 77th Legislature.

MINUTE ORDER 187-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 11)

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

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

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. 02-03-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**.

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Mr. Nye commented that more coordination was needed regarding agreements made with the State Fire Marshall on the fire suppression system for the Regents Quarters and the Memorial Student Center.

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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, reported that the Committee met the previous day, Thursday, September 26, and recommended approval of Item 12, pertaining to construction; Item 13, pertaining to the naming of facilities; and Items 2, 14 and 15, pertaining to real estate.

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

- 1) The design team formed by Croslin and Associates, Inc., of Austin, Texas, is selected for design of the Math, Science and Library Renovations and Addition at Tarleton State University, Stephenville, 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) Award of the construction contract for the Industrial Technology Building Abatement, Texas A&M University-Commerce, to ICE Contractors, Inc. of Mesquite, Texas, in the amount of \$38,196.00.
- 2) Approval of the construction contract for the Industrial Technology Building Demolition, Texas A&M University-Commerce, to MDI, Inc. General Contractor of Irving, Texas, in the amount of \$317,600.00.
- 3) Approval of the construction contract to Rehabilitate Runway 4-22 at Easterwood Airport, Texas A&M University, to R.M. Dudley Construction Co., Inc. of College Station, Texas, in the amount of \$550,000.00.
- 4) Approval of the construction contract for the Easterwood Airport North Perimeter Road, Texas A&M University to Young Contractors, Inc. of Bryan, Texas, in the amount of \$619,320.60.
- 5) Approval of the construction contract for the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building, Texas A&M University, to J.T. Vaughn Construction Company, Inc. of Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$27,959,484.00.
- 6) Approval of preliminary design for the Biological Waste Management Facility at Texas A&M University, for the budgeted amount of \$6,765,000.00.

- 7) Approval of preliminary design for the Architecture and Arts Building at Prairie View A&M University for the budgeted amount of \$26,000,000.00.
- 8) Approval of preliminary design for the Harte Research Institute Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the budgeted amount of \$17,525,000.00.
- 9) Approval of preliminary design for the New Science Building at Texas A&M International University for the budgeted amount of \$21,620,000.00.
- 10) Approval of preliminary design for the Engineering Building at Texas A&M University at Galveston for the budgeted amount of \$14,530,000.00.
- 11) Approval of preliminary design for the Pharmacy School at Texas A&M University-Kingsville for the budgeted amount of \$14,500,000.00.
- 12) Approval of preliminary design of the Fine Arts Complex at West Texas A&M University for the budgeted amount of \$28,780,000.00.
- 13) Approval of preliminary design to Demolish Buildings at Prairie View A&M University for the budgeted amount of \$4,500,000.00.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 188-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF  
THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR  
THE MATH, SCIENCE AND LIBRARY RENOVATIONS AND ADDITION,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Math, Science and Library Renovations and Addition at Tarleton State University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$12,000.00, the amount of \$1,338,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 230010 Designated Tuition for design of the Math, Science and Library Renovations and Addition at Tarleton State University.

The firm of Croslin and Associates, Inc. of Austin, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the Math, Science and Library Renovations and Addition at Tarleton State University.

Authorization is granted to begin negotiations with this firm. If negotiations are unsuccessful with this firm, authorization is granted to terminate those negotiations and begin negotiations with the firm next in order of ranking as listed on the Recommendation of Ranked Order, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**, until an agreement for a design contract is reached.

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.

**MINUTE ORDER 189-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
GABE D. ANDERSON, III, WHEAT GREENHOUSE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND EXTENSION CENTER  
AT AMARILLO AND THE BUSHLAND RESEARCH FACILITY**

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

Greenhouse 1 at the Bushland Research Facility is hereby named the “Gabe D. Anderson, III Wheat Greenhouse.”

**MINUTE ORDER 190-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCERS BOARD GREENHOUSE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND EXTENSION CENTER  
AT AMARILLO AND THE BUSHLAND RESEARCH FACILITY**

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

Greenhouse 2 at the Bushland Research Facility is hereby named the “Texas Wheat Producers Board Greenhouse (TWPB).”

**MINUTE ORDER 191-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
D.G. (BILL) NELSON GREENHOUSE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND EXTENSION CENTER  
AT AMARILLO AND THE BUSHLAND RESEARCH FACILITY**

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

Greenhouse 3 at the Bushland Research Facility is hereby named the “D. G. (Bill) Nelson Greenhouse.”

**MINUTE ORDER 192-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF  
THE BRIGGS CENTER FOR THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAN FOUNDATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The 12<sup>th</sup> Man Foundation Offices on the campus of Texas A&M University are hereby name “The Briggs Center for the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Foundation.”

**MINUTE ORDER 193-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 02)**

**APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA),  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

In accordance with System Policy 25.07, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby authorizes the President, or his designee, to execute a 15-year agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the lease of facility sites from Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 194-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE  
THREE NON-EXCLUSIVE PIPELINE EASEMENTS,  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, after favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute three separate easements to Mobil Pipe Line Company, or assigns. The easements will consist of a twelve-inch (12") and two (2) eight-inch (8") natural gas pipeline easements, whose dimensions are approximately 20 feet in width and 3,168.97 feet, 3,196.77 feet and 3,193.23 feet, respectively. Each of these easements cross a portion of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station located in the James Gerish League, Abstract No. 25, Jefferson County, Texas. The term for these easements will each be for a period of ten (10) years, with total consideration being \$57,933.20.

**MINUTE ORDER 195-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

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

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and upon favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to accept a gift of land consisting of 4.158 acres and related improvements from the Tarleton State University Foundation, Inc. The subject gift of real property is situated within the P. Herrera Survey, Abstract 337, City of Thurber, County of Erath, Texas.

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Mr. Nye called on Ms. Armstrong to present the report on the Committee for Academic and Student Affairs.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, September 26. She said the Committee considered and approved Items 16, 18 through 24 and 26 through 32. Ms. Armstrong reminded the Board that Item 27, regarding the partnership agreement with Texarkana College, was corrected to request that there will be three Board members, or their designees from the System, on the advisory committee, rather than two. (*Items 17 and 25 were withdrawn prior to the meeting.*) The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 196-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO CREATE  
THE TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF  
HISTORY AND CULTURE IN THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to create the Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture in the School of Architecture at Prairie View A&M University was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**.

**MINUTE ORDER 197-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**APPROVAL OF PLAN FOR  
DISTANCE EDUCATION AND OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Having complied with all requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding rules and criteria for offering Distance Education and Off-Campus Instruction, Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to continue to offer courses and programs via distance and off-campus instruction.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System finds that the Texas A&M University Plan for distance education and off-campus instructional programs, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, is within the role and scope of the institution. These programs will serve the needs of adult learners who need graduate programs for the purpose of workforce development and can not pursue degree programs in residence at College Station as well as graduate students who do not reside in College Station. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will be notified of the action of the Regents.

**MINUTE ORDER 198-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO THE  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION  
COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 administrative request to change the name of the College of Education to the College of Education and Human Development within Texas A&M University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**, effective January 2003 or upon Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approval.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this administrative change to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 199-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE MASTER OF SCIENCE (NON-THESIS)  
AND MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREES IN EDUCATIONAL  
ADMINISTRATION BY DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Having complied with all requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Science (non-thesis) and Master of Education in Educational Administration by distance education effective September 26, 2002, a copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System finds that these program offerings authorized by this minute order are within the role and scope and capacity of Texas A&M University and will serve the needs of adult learners who need to take these degrees by distance education. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will be notified of the actions of the Board of Regents.



**MINUTE ORDER 200-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE MASTER OF SCIENCE (NON-THESIS)  
AND MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREES IN  
EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY BY DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Having complied with all requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Science (non-thesis) and Master of Education in Educational Psychology by distance education effective September 26, 2002, a copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System finds that these program offerings authorized by this minute order are within the role and scope and capacity of Texas A&M University and will serve the needs of adult learners who need to take these degrees by distance education. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will be notified of the actions of the Board of Regents.

**MINUTE ORDER 201-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE  
LOWRY MAYS COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
TO THE MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 administrative request to change the name of the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business to Mays Business School within Texas A&M University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**, effective September 26, 2002.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this administrative request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 202-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
GEORGE P. AND CYNTHIA W. MITCHELL  
INSTITUTE FOR FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The George P. and Cynthia W. Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics is hereby established as an organizational unit of the Department of Physics in the College of Science at Texas A&M University, as described in **Exhibit J**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. The head of the Department of Physics with approval by the Dean of the College of Science and the Executive Vice President and Provost is hereby authorized to appoint a Director of the George P. and Cynthia W. Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics.

**MINUTE ORDER 203-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
INTELLIGENT BIO-NANO MATERIALS AND  
STRUCTURES FOR AEROSPACE VEHICLES INSTITUTE,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION AND  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Texas Institute for Intelligent Bio-Nano Materials and Structures for Aerospace Vehicles, as described in **Exhibit K**, attached to the official minutes, is established as an institute within the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) in partnership with Texas A&M University (TAMU) and will report directly to the Director of TEES. The Director of TEES will work in consultation with the Vice President for Research (VPR), representing TAMU to manage the Institute.

**MINUTE ORDER 204-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO REORGANIZE AND CHANGE THE NAME OF  
THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
TO THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
AND ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 administrative change of Texas A&M University-Texarkana to reorganize and rename the College of Business and Behavioral Sciences, create the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, and establish an Office of Graduate Studies, a copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana to submit the administrative change to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 205-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 27-REVISED EXHIBIT)**

**APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
WITH TEXARKANA COLLEGE AND AUTHORIZATION TO  
SUBMIT TO THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION  
COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 Educational Partnership Agreement between Texas A&M University-Texarkana and Texarkana College, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit M**.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana to submit this Agreement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 206-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS BY DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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, Tarleton State University is hereby authorized to offer the following degree program by distance education (via the internet), at Tarleton State University, effective Spring 2003, a copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit N**.

Master of Science in Information Systems

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

**MINUTE ORDER 207-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
WITH MAJOR IN AGRICULTURE/AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS  
AND ECONOMICS VIA DISTANCE EDUCATION,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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, West Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to offer the following degree program by distance education via Internet, effective October 1, 2002, a copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit O**.

Master of Science Degree with Major in Agriculture/  
Agricultural Business and Economics

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.

**MINUTE ORDER 208-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO CREATE  
THE RURAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH INSTITUTE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to create the Rural and Community Health Institute at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit P**.

**MINUTE ORDER 209-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE A  
BOVINE GENOME INITIATIVE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS  
WITH LEADERSHIP OF SCIENTISTS IN THE SYSTEM,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, the Human Genome Project has greatly advanced our understanding of the genetic complexity of man and the contribution of genetic variation to human diversity and health; and

Whereas, the human genome sequence is near completion and enormous physical and technical resources are now available for sequencing genomes of other organisms; and

Whereas, the Center for Animal Biotechnology and Genomics within The Texas A&M University System has provided national and international leadership in cattle genetics and the Human Genome Sequencing Center in the Baylor College of Medicine is one of the few centers in the U.S. capable of sequencing large genomes; and

Whereas, a strong and effective collaboration between Directors of these Centers is currently in place and a collaborative effort to sequence the bovine genome has been jointly proposed; and

Whereas, advancing the understanding of genetic mechanisms of growth, development, reproduction and resistance to disease in cattle has important human health implications as well as enormous potential to enhance the Texas livestock industry; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents endorses the bovine genome initiative with full participation and leadership of scientists in The Texas A&M University System, collaborating with the Baylor College of Medicine and other institutions with scientific interests in the bovine genome, both within and outside the State; and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Board of Regents encourages participation in and support of this initiative from private industry, the State of Texas, and federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the U.S.D.A.; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be distributed to agencies and units within The Texas A&M University System whose mission includes human and animal biotechnology and genomics.

**MINUTE ORDER 210-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**APPROVAL OF ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS  
FOR THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
ACADEMIC AND HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER (HSC)  
COMPONENTS FOR THE 2003-2004 ACADEMIC YEAR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 approves the 2003-04 Admission Requirements of the System Academic and Health Science Center Components, on terms and conditions substantially the same as those contained in **Exhibits Q, R and S**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes.

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Mr. Nye recognized Ms. Armstrong and said that she and Dr. Henry Kissinger had recently been honored for their years of service with the National Center for Strategic and International Studies.

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

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, September 26, with all members present. He said Ms. Cathy Smock, Chief Auditor, presented a briefing on the Fourth Quarter Internal Audit report. He said the items covered included the Office of Facilities Planning and Construction, Department of Residence Life at TAMU, Review of state-mandated regulatory services with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), Student Financial Aid at WTAMU, Human Resources at TSU, Student Financial Aid at TAMU-T, a follow-up

review of student information systems at TAMU-C, and a review of expenditures of the Office of the Board of Regents. He said the Committee also received a briefing on the management audit tracking system.

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

**REPORT FROM THE AD HOC POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Ad Hoc Policy Review, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, September 26. He said the Committee considered Items 8 and 33 (*Item 9 was withdrawn*). The Board took action as set forth below:

**MINUTE ORDER 211-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 08)**

**ADOPTION OF NEW SYSTEM POLICY 21.05  
(GIFTS, DONATIONS, GRANTS AND ENDOWMENTS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 21.05 (*Gifts, Donations, Grants and Endowments*) as described in **Exhibit T**, attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 212-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 33.05 (EMPLOYEE TRAINING),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 33.05 (*Employee Training*) described in **Exhibit U**, attached to the official minutes, is approved be effective immediately.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Harper who presented Item 34. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 213-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREE TO  
MR. JOHN O. CHAPMAN,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is authorized to award an honorary degree to Mr. John O. Chapman.

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Mr. Nye called on Dr. Gates, who presented Item 35. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 214-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. MICHAEL E. COKINOS TO THE  
TEXAS A&M AT GALVESTON BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective October 1, 2002, Mr. Michael E. Cokinos, is hereby reappointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a period of three years.

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Mr. Nye presented Item 36, a resolution honoring Senator Phil Gramm. Mr. Nye said that Senator Gramm’s love for TAMU and his service to Texas and the United States was well known. Mr. Nye discussed Senator Gramm’s lengthy service as a Congressman and Senator. Mr. Nye said he was privileged to be in Washington D.C. for a retirement event for Senator Gramm. He said the love and affection that was represented in the Senate caucus room by people from both sides of the aisle was most notable. He said that Senator Robert Byrd, soon to be the Dean of the Senate, took 30 to 35 minutes to very thoroughly represent what he thought was the service of Phil Gramm.

Mr. Nye said the resolution was very thorough. He noted that both Phil and Wendy Gramm had served in the economics department at TAMU. Mr. Nye said their son, Marshall, had received his Ph.D. in economics from TAMU. Mr. Nye said Teresa, their daughter-in-law, is also a Ph.D., and their son, Jeff, would be an economist if he

were not in his master's work at Columbia. Mr. Nye said this is a wonderful family. He said Phil Gramm was a great man and a great Texan. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 215-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 36-REVISED)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
SENATOR PHIL GRAMM,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, United States Senator Phil Gramm has been associated with Texas A&M University in varying capacities for more than thirty-five years, to the distinct benefit of the University and The Texas A&M University System; and

Whereas, that affiliation began with his appointment as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics in 1967, immediately after earning his Doctor of Philosophy Degree at the University of Georgia; and

Whereas, he served in Texas A&M University's professorial ranks with distinction for more than a decade, during which time he became the youngest faculty member in the history of the University to attain the rank of Professor; and

Whereas, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1978, representing the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Texas, which included the Bryan-College Station area, where Texas A&M University is located and where The Texas A&M University System is headquartered, along with the Agencies affiliated with the University and the System; and

Whereas, then-Congressman Gramm, in 1984, was elected to the United States Senate, where for the past seventeen years he has distinguished himself in service to the State and Nation; and

Whereas, Senator Gramm was co-author of the Gramm-Latta Budget, which implemented the Reagan program of Peace through Strength and mandated the 1981 tax cut; and

Whereas, a champion of federal budget reform and controlled government spending, Senator Gramm, along with Senator Warren Rudman and Senator Fritz Hollings, authored the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the first binding constraint imposed on federal spending, which combined with a rapidly growing economy, produced, in 1998, the first balanced budget in a quarter of a century; and

Whereas, Senator Gramm co-authored the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which modernized the financial structure of America. Senator Gramm also co-authored with Senator Robert Byrd amendments to the highway bill which brought an additional \$1.5 billion to Texas for highway construction; and

Whereas, throughout his public service career, Senator Gramm has provided vital support for Texas A&M University, The Texas A&M University System and the Bryan-College Station area, personified most recently by being instrumental in making available \$25 million dollars in federal funds to aid in the relocation of the railroad tracks that run through the heart of the Texas A&M University campus and parts of Bryan and College Station, creating significant traffic and safety concerns; and

Whereas, when Texas A&M's senior military college status was threatened, Senator Gramm authored legislation to permanently guarantee Texas A&M University's status as a senior military college; and

Whereas, Senator Gramm was instrumental in securing \$3 million in federal funds for an endowment to create the Bush Fellowship Program at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service; and

Whereas, through legislative efforts, Senator Gramm preserved the status of the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University as a Regional University Transportation Center; and

Whereas, Senator Gramm has repeatedly stated, and demonstrated, his strong ties to Texas A&M University, noting on several occasions that his association with the University is the most important in his life, other than his family; and

Whereas, Senator Gramm's wife, Dr. Wendy Gramm, also taught economics at the University earlier in her career and has also maintained her close ties to the institution and now serves on the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and one of their sons, Marshall, an Assistant Professor in the department of Economics and Business Administration at Rhodes College, received his Ph.D. in economics from Texas A&M University, giving the Gramm family a distinct Aggie heritage; and

Whereas, the name of Senator Phil Gramm will also always be closely linked to Texas A&M University, both in continuing recognition of his service to the institution and through the endowed program established in 2000 to reward top graduate students and which bears his name, as well as for his selection as a recipient of the coveted "Pathfinder Award" presented by the Center for Private Enterprise Research; and

Whereas, earlier this year, Senator Gramm announced that he would retire from the United States Senate at the conclusion of his present term, which ends in January of 2003; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and on behalf of the faculties, staffs and students of the universities and agencies that comprise the System, express our utmost appreciation to Senator Phil Gramm for his support throughout the twenty-four years during which he has so effectively represented our institutional interests in Congress, and for his earlier service as a member of faculty of Texas A&M University; and be it further

Resolved, that we wish Senator Gramm well in whatever endeavors he elects to undertake after his long and distinguished career in academia and in public service; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Senator Phil Gramm as an expression of appreciation for his extraordinary support for Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System, and for his exemplary service in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate on behalf of the citizens of the State of Texas and the Nation as a whole.

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Mr. Nye called on Mr. Stevens to present Item 37. Mr. Stevens said Congressman Brady represents the 8th District of Texas and been very supportive of TAMU and TAMUS, particularly with respect to our participation in the Homeland Security Initiative and with the George Bush School of Public Service. Mr. Stevens said that with the restructuring of the congressional districts in Texas, Congressman Brady would no longer be serving the Bryan/College Station area and other parts of TAMUS. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 216-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 37)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
CONGRESSMAN KEVIN BRADY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Congressman Kevin Brady, who represents the 8<sup>th</sup> District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives, has been a staunch supporter of The Texas A&M University System and Texas A&M University throughout his career as an elected public official; and

Whereas, Congressman Brady has been in the forefront in responding to emerging national and international needs and opportunities in which the country's leading universities and their related agencies can offer expertise, such as the National Integrative Center for Homeland Security, the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center, and the re-authorization of Title XII regarding international development programs, with institutions and agencies in The Texas A&M University System benefiting from each of those endeavors; and

Whereas, Congressman Brady has been highly supportive of the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, especially its Institute for Science, Technology and Public Policy, and has been a very active participant in the internship programs sponsoring one or more students each semester who work, learn and experience public service in his congressional office; and

Whereas, Congressman Brady, who was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1996 and has twice been re-elected, serves on the Ways and Means Committee, where he is in a key position to influence legislation with far-reaching impact on the Nation and its institutions and citizens; and

Whereas, as a result of the need to restructure Congressional districts in the State of Texas because of expanding population, effective with the convening of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress early next year, Congressman Brady will, regrettably, no longer represent the Bryan-College Station area, where Texas A&M University and several other parts of The Texas A&M University System are headquartered; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the universities and agencies-that comprise the overall institution, express our utmost appreciation to Congressman Kevin Brady for his support throughout the period in which he has so effectively represented our institutional interests, and those of all constituents in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Texas; and be it further

Resolved, that we look forward to continuing our superb relationship with Congressman Brady for many years to come, even though he will no longer formally represent the area in which The Texas A&M University System and Texas A&M University are headquartered; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Congressman Kevin Brady as an expression of appreciation for his extraordinary support for The Texas A&M University System and for his exemplary service in the United States House of Representatives on behalf of the citizens of the State of Texas and the Nation as a whole; and be it further

Resolved, that we wish him continued success in his public service career.

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Mr. Nye called on Dr. Russell Long, President of WTAMU, who presented Items 39 through 42. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 217-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
COACH TONY GRAYSTONE,  
WEST 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, the sports information director at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, N.H., released a survey of all NCAA institutions to find which coach had reached 100 wins in the fewest games; and

Whereas, the survey included active and retired coaches in any sport competing in NCAA Divisions I, II or III; and

Whereas, the survey found that Coach Tony Graystone of the WTAMU Lady Buffs Volleyball Team held the distinction of reaching 100 wins in only 106 matches; and

Whereas, Coach Graystone holds the distinction of being first to gain 100 wins over such coaching legends as Bud Wilkinson (Oklahoma, 1947-63); Knute Rockne (Notre Dame, 1918-30); Adolph Rupp (Kentucky, 1931-72); Jim Boeheim (Syracuse, 1976-present); and Jerry Tarkanian (Long Beach State/Nevada-Las Vegas/Fresno State); and

Whereas, Coach Graystone would give much credit for his accomplishment to the members of the Lady Buff Volleyball Teams from 1999 through 2002; and

Whereas, the outstanding accomplishments of the Lady Buffs Volleyball Teams and Coach Tony Graystone have brought national recognition to the University; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System express our heartfelt congratulations to Coach Tony Graystone of the West Texas A&M University Lady Buffs Volleyball for his contributions to West Texas A&M University; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Coach Graystone and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to this individual for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 218-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 40)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE  
2001-2002 EQUESTRIAN TEAM,  
WEST 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, the West Texas A&M University Equestrian team has excelled in skill and mastery in horsemanship; and

Whereas, Whitney Goodman won third place in Individual Intermediate Western Horsemanship and Rachel Quest qualified in Open Equitation Over Fences in the IHSA National Competition in Cazenovla, New York; and

Whereas, the team won the Western Competition, third place Overall, and Kristen McDonald placed first in Open Horse, Tara Standridge placed second in Reining, Pam Percifeld placed second in Advanced Horsemanship, Mallory Vestal placed fourth in Intermediate Horsemanship; and Rachel Quest, fifth place in Open Equitation at the NCAA Equestrian Competition in Gainesville, Florida; and

Whereas, the team advanced to the IHSA Regional Championship and Brianne Malamen placed fifth in Novice Fences, Rachel Quest placed first in Open Fences, Misty Hobbs placed first in Alumni Flat, Rachel Quest placed second in Open Flat and Kristen McDonald placed third in Novice Flat at the Hunter Seat Show in Canyon, Texas; and

Whereas, in the IHSA Regional Championship -- Western Show -- in Canyon, Texas, D'Arcy Marlow placed first and Whitney Goodman placed third in Intermediate Horsemanship, Rachel Quest placed second in Advanced Horsemanship, Kaci Melcher placed second in Beginner Horsemanship and Tara Standridge placed first in Reining; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of the team's coach, Ms. Rebekah Bachman, resulted in the team's outstanding accomplishments in bringing national recognition to the University; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Equestrian Team for their contributions to West Texas A&M University; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 219-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE  
2001-2002 HORSE JUDGING TEAM,  
WEST 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, the West Texas A&M University Horse Judging Team has excelled in skill and mastery in horse judging; and

Whereas, they won a rare first place sweep in every team category: halter, performance and reasons, and brought home the championship trophy at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, they capped their season with a first place triumph at the National Reining Horse Association Championship in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of the team's coach, Dr. John Pipkin, resulted in the team's outstanding accomplishments in bringing national recognition to the University; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Horse Judging Team for their contributions to West Texas A&M University; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 220-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 42)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE  
2001-2002 RADIO BROADCASTING TEAM,  
WEST 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, the West Texas A&M University Broadcasting Team, Station KWTS-91.1 has excelled in skill and mastery in broadcasting; and

Whereas, they won national production awards from the National Broadcasting Society's annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, they garnered their third National Chapter Award and had more national champions than any other chapter in the nation in the combined categories-- Web-site design, audio production and video production; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of Dr. Leigh Browning, assistant professor of mass communications and director of broadcasting, resulted in the team's outstanding accomplishments in bringing national recognition to the University; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Broadcasting Team, Station KWTS 91.1, for their contributions to West Texas A&M University; and be it further



Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

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The Board presented framed resolutions to Dr. Long.

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves to present Items 43 through 45.

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**MINUTE ORDER 221-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 43)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE,  
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:

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. 02-03-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit V**.

**MINUTE ORDER 222-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 44)**

**GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS/EMERITA,  
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:

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of Emeritus/Emerita upon individuals as shown on Emeritus Title List No. 02-03-01, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit W**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 223-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 45)**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT AND  
COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS,  
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:

In accordance with System Policy 34.06, Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers, the Board of Regents 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 X**, attached to the official minutes.

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Mr. Nye presented Item 46. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 224-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 46)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
JULY 25-26, 2002, REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held on July 25-26, in College Station, Texas, are approved.

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Mr. Nye presented Item 47. He said that the Board had considered this item in closed session. Mr. Nye said the 21-day notice has been given, as required by law.

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**MINUTE ORDER 225-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 47)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. G. KEMBLE BENNETT  
AS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ENGINEERING,  
DEAN OF THE DWIGHT LOOK COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND  
DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Chancellor, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby appoints Dr. G. Kemble Bennett to the position of Vice Chancellor of Engineering, Dean of the Dwight Look College of Engineering, and Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, effective September 28, 2002, at an initial salary of \$275,000.

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Mr. Nye congratulated Dr. Bennett. He expressed his appreciation to Dr. Niedizwecki for serving as Acting Vice Chancellor for Engineering, Acting Dean of the Dwight Look College of Engineering and Acting Director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves to present Item 48. Mr. Graves said that with the advancement of Dr. Bennett it was necessary to appoint an Interim Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). Mr. Graves said pending a national search for a director, he recommended the appointment of Mr. Thomas Morley to serve as Interim Director of TEEX. Mr. Nye called on Dr. Bennett. Dr. Bennett said he didn't think there was anyone better to lead TEEX. He said Mr. Morley is a retired Army Colonel. He said he has served in many areas of TEEX and in all cases he has done an exemplary job. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 226-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 48)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. THOMAS MORLEY  
AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Mr. Thomas Morley is hereby appointed to serve as Interim Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, effective September 28, 2002.

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Mr. Nye presented Item 49. He said that Dr. Ron Douglas had served TAMU with distinction.

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**MINUTE ORDER 227-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 49)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR  
DR. RONALD G. DOUGLAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Wynn 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 31.03 and Sections 51.101 and 51.948 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes development leave for Dr. Ronald G. Douglas for one year beginning in January 2003.

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Mr. Nye called on Mr. Stevens to present the report on the Health Science Center Review Special Committee.

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**REPORT FROM THE  
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER REVIEW SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Stevens said that the Committee had met twice. The Committee met in August in Houston and again on September 25, in College Station. Mr. Stevens said that the meetings thus far have focused on planning for the Health Science Center for the next legislative session. He said that they plan to have the strategic plan completed by early spring. Mr. Nye thanked Mr. Stevens and the Committee for their work.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Nye announced that the next regular meeting would be held in College Station, Texas, on December 5-6, 2002.

Mr. Nye announced that the Regents' Service Award dinner would be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2002.

Mr. Sosa made an observation related to minority enrollment based on a report by Ms. Pam Willeford, Chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. He said that the System is not alone in its concern regarding this issue. He said that the entire state is falling behind. Mr. Sosa said that African-American and white enrollment was on track with a plan, but Hispanic enrollment growth was not. He said that the State enrolled 15,000 additional Hispanic students, but in order to keep up with the goals that have been set forth, the State should have enrolled 21,000. He said this is the problem of the entire state and with new initiatives, the System should be able to set an example for the State.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Nye adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m. Friday, September 27, 2002.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
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