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CONVENE BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, December 5, 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
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn (*joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m.*)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Nye announced that there would be a dinner on January 23, 2003, honoring the three Board members who have completed their six-year term on the Board. He announced that a closed session would be held on Thursday afternoon, December 5, at approximately 3:00 p.m., and the Board would reconvene in open session on Friday morning. Mr. Nye said that the first order of business on Friday morning would be a presentation by Ms. Pam Willeford, Chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and Dr. Don Brown, Commissioner of Higher Education. He said that recently Ms. Armstrong, Mr. Sosa and Dr. Avilés met with the THECB on the System's response to "Closing the Gaps" initiatives. Mr. Nye said that the response was gratifying in that the THECB was very impressed with the System's progress. He added that the THECB is an important element for higher education in Texas.

Mr. Nye said that this is the last meeting of the year and a time of reflection. He said that the System, academic institutions and agencies provide a very important element in the economic growth and quality of life for people in the State and region. Mr. Nye encouraged everyone to take time during the holidays to examine what accomplishments have been made and what things need improvement to enhance the System, its agencies and institutions. He said there are three elements that can always

be applied to most activities: excellence, efficiency and access. He said he knows that there is never enough funding or resources and therefore it would be easy to just get by. He said that is just not good enough. Mr. Nye said that excellence in all that we do, we owe that obligation to our state and particularly to the young people of our state who rely upon us. Mr. Nye expressed his belief that excellence will attract funding. He said that people like to be associated with success. They like to be associated with activities that really do outstanding work and therefore he believes that excellence will always come near to getting state funding -- even federal funding. Mr. Nye said in all things, we should pursue excellence and recognize that this system and the personnel that make up this system are in a relative sense, very productive, very dedicated and very committed. He said we have a burden in higher education to demonstrate that we use our dollars to the best advantage. We should be productive in all we do and reexamine the things we might pattern after business or other elements of higher education where benchmarking practices may provide us with opportunities to enhance efficiency and productivity.

Mr. Nye said that the most important element in moving forward is access. He said when you look at the demographics of the state and nation, we no longer have the standard university student who is middle or upper class, eighteen years old, recent high school graduate, and will attend a university for four years, graduate then get a job. Mr. Nye said we need to ensure that everyone who is a potential beneficiary of higher education has reasonable access to higher education. It is not enough to say “we are ready”; we have to be receptive and we have to be regarded as receptive. Mr. Nye said that no matter the age, ethnicity or background -- students need to feel comfortable and welcome and that a college education is accessible. Mr. Nye encouraged everyone to think about what we can do to advance excellence, efficiency and access. Mr. Nye concluded his remarks by expressing his gratitude to everyone.

INVOCATION

Mr. Nye called on Ms. Sanu Somachandran, a Social and Behavioral Masters of Public Health student with the System Health Science Center and a graduate assistant for the Community Health Development Program. Mr. Nye said that Ms. Somachandran is on the Chancellor’s Student Advisory Board (CSAB) and Secretary/Treasurer of the Rural Public Health Student Association. Ms. Somachandran presented the invocation.

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Howard D. Graves, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS). Mr. Graves said that the previous evening, there was a celebration of the Regents Professor Service Awards and the Regents Fellow Service Awards. He said the candidates for those awards were present in the meeting room and he welcomed them. Mr. Graves recognized Dr. Dan Jones, the new provost at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU). Mr. Graves also recognized Mr. Tom Morley, Interim Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). He thanked everyone for the success of the System Symposium. Mr. Graves said that he sensed a

greater desire for collaboration and a greater desire to work together as a system to bring about results.

Mr. Graves congratulated Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K) for being in the semi-finals as national champions in Division II football. He said that West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) would host the 2002 NCAA Elite 8 Volleyball Tournament on December 5-7, 2003. He added that WTAMU last hosted this event in 1991 when they won the national title. This is their third Elite 8 appearance in four years.

Mr. Graves also congratulated the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) which was recently awarded four out of twelve exemplary partnership awards made by the Texas Alliance of Science Technology and Mathematics Education at the 2002 Governor's Conference.

Mr. Graves said that the Texas Teacher of the Year, Diana Carpenter, a high school math teacher at Fort Stockton High School, was selected as the 2002 Outstanding High School Science Teacher by the Science Teacher's Association of Texas. He said that Ms. Carpenter is a rural systemic initiative teacher partner, and the System is very proud of her.

Mr. Graves concluded by reporting that the System is continuing to prepare for the next legislative session by visiting with key legislators.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves who presented Item 25. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 229-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**DESIGNATION OF THE REGENTS PROFESSOR SERVICE AWARDS  
AND THE REGENTS FELLOW SERVICE AWARDS FOR 2001-2002,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants the designation of "Regents Professor" for 2001-02 to the following nine faculty members, effective December 6, 2002:

Dr. Juan Lira, Texas A&M International University  
Dr. Howard Kaplan, Texas A&M University  
Dr. Bruce McCarl, Texas A&M University  
Dr. Robert Bezdek, Texas A &M University-Corpus Christi  
Dr. Jo Beran, Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
Dr. David Carlson, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center  
Dr. Magnus Höök, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center  
Dr. James Richardson, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station  
Dr. John Junkins, Texas Engineering Experiment Station

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants the designation of “Regents Fellow” for 2001-02 to the following seven agency service, extension and research professionals, effective December 6, 2002:

Dr. Vincent Haby, Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton  
Dr. Jeffrey Slosser, Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Vernon  
Mr. Gary Bomar, Texas Cooperative Extension  
Ms. Nancy Granovsky, Texas Cooperative Extension  
Ms. Cathy Reiley, Texas Engineering Experiment Station  
Ms. Teresea Madden-Thompson, Texas Engineering Extension Service  
Dr. C. Eugene Buth, Texas Transportation Institute

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Mr. Nye said this is a significant designation, not given casually and not earned easily. Mr. Nye called on the chief executive officer of the institutions and agencies who gave brief comments on their particular professor or fellow.

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

(Secretary’s Note: Meetings of the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs were held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.)

RECONVENE AND SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and called on Dr. Avilés who presented Item 26, a resolution honoring Major General Wesley E. Peel. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 230-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 26 - REVISED)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MAJOR GENERAL WESLEY E. PEEL  
AND CONFERRING THE TITLE OF VICE CHANCELLOR EMERITUS  
FOR FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Mr. Sosa and by a unanimous vote, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Major General Wesley E. Peel '46, of Fannin County, Texas, began his association with The Texas A&M University System when, at the age of 17, he enrolled in Texas A&M College to pursue the study of agriculture; and

Whereas, Wesley E. Peel delayed his college education and volunteered for service in the U.S. Army in 1943, thus initiating a long and distinguished military career; and

Whereas, upon returning to civilian life after World War II, he completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering at Texas A&M College in 1948 and immediately began graduate studies; and

Whereas, in 1949 Wesley E. Peel accepted a commission into the Corps of Engineers and was recalled to active duty in 1951; and

Whereas, upon completion of a degree in civil engineering in 1958 from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, and thus becoming a registered professional engineer, he served more than two decades in executive positions in construction and engineering management; and

Whereas, Wesley E. Peel's accomplishments include responsibility for all planning, supervision, and execution of multi-million-dollar overseas defense and postal design and construction programs throughout the Pacific Ocean region covering Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Guam, American Samoa, the Mariana Islands, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Taiwan; and

Whereas, in 1975 he was promoted to the rank of Major General and assumed command of the North Pacific Division of the Corps of Engineers with responsibility for a \$2.8 billion construction program in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska; and

Whereas, this assignment included design and construction of several complex hydro-energy projects on the Columbia River System with critical power-on-line dates and highly sensitive engineering, contract management, and environmental issues; and

Whereas, during his military career, Wesley E. Peel was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, The Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal; and

Whereas, after more than 30 years of active military duty, Wesley E. Peel returned to Texas A&M University in 1979 and began 22 years of service to The Texas A&M University System as Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction; and

Whereas, during this 22 years of service, the A&M System underwent significant growth and expansion with the addition of six universities and the establishment of a Health Science Center, which resulted in tremendous expansion of the System construction program; and

Whereas, during his tenure as Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning and Construction, Wesley E. Peel supervised the successful planning, design, and construction of these complex projects: major expansion and new construction of five university student centers, two multi-purpose event facilities, the third deck and North End Zone expansions to Kyle Field, the Institute for Biosciences and Technology in Houston, a major expansion of the Veterinary Medicine Complex, two indoor student Recreational sports facilities, a natatorium and recreational pools, and the Bush Presidential Library complex; and

Whereas, it is especially noted that Wesley E. Peel provided the leadership and direction to plan, design, and construct an entire university campus by facilitating land selection and acquisition, by coordinating all major infrastructure developments such as municipal utilities, roadways, and major highway extensions over considerable distances, and by overseeing multi-phased building construction projects and landscape developments for the Texas A&M International University campus in Laredo; and

Whereas, under his leadership, the Department of Facilities Planning and Construction completed more than 630 major construction projects throughout the State with a combined value of more than \$1 .762 billion; 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 Wesley E. Peel for his 22 years of dedicated service to The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System wishes to publicize this appreciation for Wesley E. Peel by conferring upon him the title of Vice Chancellor Emeritus for Facilities Planning and Construction, effective December 6, 2002; 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, and be presented to Major General Wesley E. Peel as an expression of appreciation for his military service and leadership, and for his exemplary service to The Texas A&M University System and the citizens of the State of Texas.

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A framed resolution was presented to General Peel. General Peel said that he had attended a total of 128 Board meetings and that he had enjoyed each one. He said that he appreciated receiving the resolution and most of all he appreciated the support he and his department had received during his 22 years of service.

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: Meetings of the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee, Special Committee on Health Affairs and the Special Committee on Educational Access were held from 1:20 p.m. to 2:58 p.m.)

RECONVENE AND RECESS

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting and announced that the Board would convene its closed session in the Board Meeting Room. He announced that the reconvening of the Board meeting the next day, December 6, would be delayed until 9:30 a.m., rather than 8:30 a.m.

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 3:00 p.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; 551.073 negotiations of contracts for perspective gifts; 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.

(Secretary's Note: The Board met in closed session from 3:14 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., in the Board of Regents Meeting Room.)

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting on Friday, December 6, 2002, at 9:40 a.m., in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center. 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
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.

Mr. Nye reported that the Board had met in closed session the previous afternoon, December 5, from 3:14 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Nye apologized for the delay in the start of the meeting.

Mr. Nye complimented Dr. Robert Gates, President, Texas A&M University (TAMU), for his handling of a very difficult situation regarding athletics. He said that Bill Byrne was hired as the new athletic director for TAMU and Dennis Franchione was hired as the new head football coach for TAMU. Mr. Nye said that given the circumstances, he felt that everyone was pleased that R.C. Slocum would continue on as part of the university's staff. Mr. Nye commented that Mr. Mays was an asset to the athletic department's search committee.

Mr. Nye said that in 1965, then Governor John Connally approved the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). He said that Governor Connally wanted people to understand that the economic development of the state, quality of life of the residents and the general welfare of Texas relied upon continuing to deliver high quality education for all qualified students. Mr. Nye said that Governor Connally also recognized that because Texas is a large state, it was terribly important that someone other than the legislature spend full time ensuring that higher education was delivered in an efficient, excellent and open fashion. Mr. Nye said Governor Connally created, with the support of the legislature, the THECB, whose responsibilities are many. He said they recommend allocation of state funds to the legislature. They conduct monitoring and review. They make recommendations and provide guidance with respect to what programs are offered to ensure that there is not undue duplication. Mr. Nye said they ensure that we are delivering higher education in the manner that we should. He said it is a very important agency for this state.

Mr. Nye introduced Ms. Pam Willeford, Chair of the THECB; Dr. Don Brown, Commissioner of Higher Education; and Mr. Neal Adams, Member of THECB. Mr. Nye said that Ms. Willeford, Dr. Brown and Mr. Adams have captured the state's attention with the "Closing the Gaps" program. He said this is a program that will measure and monitor where we are with respect to efficiency in higher education and will move us to a point where we can be proud of what we have accomplished.

PROGRESS REPORT ON "CLOSING THE GAPS"

Ms. Willeford said that the TAMUS Board of Regents and the TAMUS institutions have been at the forefront of the "Closing the Gaps" program. She said that the TAMUS Board was the first to adopt a resolution supporting the program shortly after its adoption in late 2000. She thanked Ms. Armstrong and Dr. Avilés for attending THECB meetings. She said that the Board's Committee on Academic and Student Affairs has been working hard with all the components. She said they have been visiting campuses stressing the importance of goals to help each institution move toward the state's goals. Ms. Willeford said this was the first board of regents meeting that they have attended since the THECB last met. She said that the THECB decided that it needed to start meeting again with boards of regents to evaluate what progress has been made toward "Closing the Gaps" and for each board to let them know what is happening in their institutions. Ms. Willeford said there was a great kick-off to the THECB's public awareness campaign. The campaign's slogan is "Education, Go Get It." She said they have had great response. Ms. Willeford said early on, Mr. Sosa was interested in the state having a public awareness and motivational campaign. She said they found in pre-campaign research that an overwhelming majority of citizens understand that post-secondary education is important. They don't realize that education is accessible to them and that they can pay for it. She said that the THECB's focus is to let students and families know that there are ways for them to participate in higher education in our state and resources are available. Ms. Willeford called on Dr. Brown to discuss the extent that progress is being made towards closing the gaps and toward the four goals of participation, success, excellence and research. Dr. Brown used slides during the presentation of his report, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Dr. Brown said the last strategy in "Closing the Gaps" is to develop a system to ensure progress toward the goals. They have to measure what is important. To develop that system, they have asked every institution of higher education in the state in the public sector, to look at the overall state goals and state targets that we want to achieve and figure out what its contribution should be. He said that many of the institutions have taken this very seriously and have done a full analysis of what is possible and what type of relationships would need to be developed with secondary and elementary education, the private sector and other organizations in order to achieve those goals. He said that some institutions have not spent a lot of time working on goals but there is hope that they will be stimulated by the examples being set by others. Dr. Brown said it is necessary to build a performance system where throughout the year and particularly during the THECB July meeting, a report will be issued on accomplishments. He said several questions are typically asked: Are the targets the right ones for the state and

individual institutions? How are we actually doing in our behavior? Dr. Brown discussed targets and performance in the areas of participation, success, excellence and research.

Mr. Nye asked in setting the plan, did we shoot for then existing national norms and is it fair to assume that national norms are moving in a positive fashion? Dr. Brown said those questions were debated by the planning committee. He said that the position that went out was if goals were set too high, as to be ahead of every other state, they wouldn't be given serious consideration by many across the state. He said that a solution was chosen to make goals very demanding but with a chance to meet them if a serious effort was put forth. He said that planning members had to take a serious look at whether goals could be met. He said developments over the last two years make them think that the goals can be met.

Mr. Nye asked if we can move forward aggressively within the current state of resources and is it necessary for there to be a correlation between business, academic and civic interests. Ms. Willeford responded that while they were working on the plan they received quite a bit of criticism for not putting a price tag on it. She said that if a price tag had been included initially, there would have been no chance that anyone would have focused on it. She said resources are important and they want to encourage the legislature to support higher education. Ms. Willeford said they are now researching costs. Dr. Brown said it is critical to the future well-being of the people of this state to reach these goals.

Dr. Wynn commented that an important part of the success of this program depends on the outreach efforts to high schools around the state. She asked what type of endorsement the THECB has received from agencies and constituencies that represent public education in Texas. Dr. Brown responded that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and its current commissioner and two preceding commissioners have supported the program. He said the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has enthusiastically embraced the program. The TASB has set up their group to work with school districts to promote "Closing the Gaps" at all levels and drafted and adopted a resolution asking each local school board to commit to meeting goals and targets. He commented that a number of school districts across the state, either on their own or working with the Texas Business Education Coalition (TBEC), have adopted a Texas Scholar's Program. The legislature has reinforced that by statute saying by 2004, every ninth-grader entering high school in Texas will take the recommended high school program or higher unless he or she with parents and counselors work hard to avoid taking them. Ms. Willeford commented on the public awareness campaign. She said the media's role is important and much more important is the grass roots extension of the campaign. She said that hundreds of community-based organizations are participating.

Dr. Gramm commented that she felt it would be helpful to have a part two to "Closing the Gaps." She asked what is needed from elementary and secondary schools and if there is currently any organization working on this. Dr. Brown responded that there are some who are already working on this. He said they have a database called the

“P-16 Education Information Resource” which ties together TEA data and higher education data.

Mr. Sosa said that Ms. Willeford and Dr. Brown had done a wonderful job on the advertising aspect of this and he thought people would respond very positively.

Dr. Gramm asked the impact of the ten percent rule. Dr. Brown said that they have concluded that it has been helpful to “Closing the Gaps” and participation. It has helped send the signal that doors are still open after the Hopwood decision.

Ms. Willeford said that early in the process, they were criticized for not telling systems and institutions what their target goals would be. She said that it was important that each institution set its own targets. She said the THECB was encouraged by the progress that has been made so far, but they felt very strongly that if any one ethnic group was not moving forward as it should, as a state, we could not say that we are doing well.

Mr. Nye thanked Ms. Willeford and Dr. Brown for their leadership.

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

(Secretary’s Note: There was not a quorum of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant. Therefore, the Committee received a report from the administration from 11:16 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Nye reconvened the Board meeting at 11:46 a.m. He called on Ms. Armstrong to present the report from the Committee on Finance.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Ms. Armstrong reported that the Committee met on Thursday, December 5, and considered and recommended approval of Items 1 through 8. *(Item 5 was also considered by the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee.)* The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 231-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 01)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS  
FROM THE BOOKSTORE RESTRICTED FUND TO  
ESTABLISH UP TO EIGHT NEW QUASI-ENDOWMENTS AND  
CONTINUE FUNDING EIGHT ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED IN 1998-2001,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to allocate up to \$900,220.58, from the Texas A&M University Bookstore Restricted Fund (510312) to establish up to eight (8) new quasi-endowed accounts and continue funding eight (8) accounts established in 1998-2001 to match gifts received at the Texas A&M Foundation. All gift pledges are known, and the outstanding match commitment totals \$900,220.58. As these gifts are received, Texas A&M University has the authority to match up to the pledge amount.

**MINUTE ORDER 232-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 02)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO ESTABLISH THE  
"DR. HARRY LUTZ SCHOLARSHIP QUASI-ENDOWMENT,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Wynn 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 to be called the "Dr. Harry Lutz Scholarship Quasi-Endowment." The account will be created with proceeds received from the estate of Harry Lutz. Interest earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support scholarships based on financial need for students who are enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

**MINUTE ORDER 233-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 03)**

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH KETCHUM, INC., TO ORGANIZE  
AND MANAGE THE CAPITAL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Prairie View A&M University is approved to retain Ketchum, Inc., to organize and manage the University's Capital Fund-Raising Campaign, effective January 1, 2003. A copy of the contract is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.



**MINUTE ORDER 234-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 04)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED RESOLUTION  
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF  
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
PERMANENT UNIVERSITY FUND FLEXIBLE RATE NOTES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Amended and Restated Resolution for Permanent University Fund Flexible Rate Notes, substantially in the form of **Exhibit B** attached to the official minutes, is adopted. The Associate Vice Chancellor and Treasurer or other Authorized Representative is hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of the resolution including those relating to the issuance, sale, security, and delivery of the Notes.

**MINUTE ORDER 235-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 06)**

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO PROVIDE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE  
TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

*(Secretary's Note: Mr. Nye was not in the meeting room when this item was discussed during the meeting of the Committee on Finance. He asked that the record show that he did not vote on this item.)*

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System delegates contracting authority to the Chancellor to negotiate and approve the best value contract to provide retail electric services for the A&M System based on the RFP selection process and the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor of Business Services. Due to the competitive nature of the contract negotiations for retail electric services, this delegation will allow the A&M System to negotiate a contract which will provide the best value to the participating Members and will also allow adequate time to facilitate the necessary activities to ensure a smooth transition.

**MINUTE ORDER 236-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 07)**

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

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

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

| Member | Amount       | Project Name and Source of Funds                                                  |
|--------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TAMUS  | \$250,000.00 | Supplemental Compensation Program<br>Special Mineral Fund-096                     |
| TAMUS  | \$57,500.00  | RFS Bond, Series 2002 Issuance Costs<br>Revenue Financing System Commercial Paper |

To the extent this appropriation is an obligation of the Revenue Financing System, and 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 the 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 237-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 08)**

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

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby 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. 02-03-02, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**.

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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, said the Committee received information on Items 9 and 10, pertaining to construction; Item 11, pertaining to the naming of facilities; and Items 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 pertaining to real estate.

Dr. Avilés said the following Architect/Engineer Design Team selections were recommended for the Board’s approval:

- 1) The design team formed by Huitt-Zollars, Inc., of Houston, Texas, is selected to design the Davis-Gary Hall Renovation at Texas A&M University.
- 2) The design team formed by Susman Tisdale Gayle, of Austin, Texas, is selected to design the Juvenile Justice and Psychology Building at Prairie View A&M University.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 238-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 09)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF  
THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR  
THE DAVIS-GARY HALL RENOVATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Davis-Gary Hall Renovation at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$15,000.00, the amount of \$341,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 030062 Residence Hall Reserve for design of the Davis-Gary Hall Renovation at Texas A&M University.

The firm of Huitt-Zollars, Inc., of Houston, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the Davis-Gary Hall Renovation at Texas A&M 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 as listed on the Recommendation of Ranked Order, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit D**, 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 239-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF  
THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR  
THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY BUILDING,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Juvenile Justice and Psychology Building at Prairie View A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000.00, the amount of \$1,065,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 05-020101 Designated Tuition for design of the Juvenile Justice and Psychology Building at Prairie View A&M University.

The firm of Susman Tisdale Gayle, of Austin, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the Juvenile Justice and Psychology Building at Prairie View A&M 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 as listed on the Recommendation of Ranked Order, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, 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 240-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
"M.L. 'RED' CASHION OFFICIALS' DRESSING ROOM,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Officials' Dressing Room in the North End of Kyle Field is hereby named the "M.L. 'Red' Cashion Officials' Dressing Room" in honor of M.L. "Red" Cashion.

**MINUTE ORDER 241-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
"CAIN SPORTS COMPLEX,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Outdoor Sports Facility currently under construction on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named the "Cain Sports Complex" in honor of the Wofford and Effie Cain Foundation of Austin, Texas.

**MINUTE ORDER 242-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A FOUR-INCH  
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE EASEMENT, BRAZOS COUNTY,  
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 Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, after favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute a four-inch (4") natural gas pipeline easement to Mission Resources Corporation, or assigns. The dimensions of this easement will be 10 feet in width and approximately 15.61 feet in length across a portion of the Riverside Campus in the John Williams Survey, Abstract No. 237, Brazos County, Texas. This easement will be for a ten (10) year term with total consideration being \$500.

**MINUTE ORDER 243-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN  
OIL, GAS AND SULPHUR LEASE, LOVING COUNTY,  
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:

A satisfactory bid has been received for the sale of an oil, gas and sulphur lease on 120.0 acres, more or less, situated in Loving County, Texas. The lease is awarded to EOG Resources, the highest bidder at the auction sale held in Room 524, John B. Connally Building, at 10:00 a.m., October 9, 2002. The winning bid consisted of a bonus bid in the amount of \$18,000.00 (\$150 per net mineral acre) and 25 percent royalty. The land leased is described as:

Being an undivided 120.0 acres, more or less, out of Section 24, Block 54, Township 1, T&P Railroad County Survey, Loving County, Texas. The tract offered is a portion of the Sid M. Kyle Estate.

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, after favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and approval by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute an oil, gas and sulphur lease in favor of EOG Resources, and to perform all other acts necessary in connection with the lease as required by law. The bonus and royalty funds are to be paid to the Sid M. Kyle Memorial Endowment for Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 244-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN  
OIL, GAS AND SULPHUR LEASE, KLEBERG COUNTY,  
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:

A satisfactory bid has been received for the sale of an oil, gas and sulphur lease on 225.4 acres of land, more or less, situated in Kleberg County, Texas. The lease is awarded to El Paso Production Oil & Gas USA, L.P., the highest bidder at the auction sale held in Room 524, John B. Connally Building, at 10:00 a.m., October 16, 2002. The winning bid consisted of a total bonus of \$34,937.00, amounting to \$155.00 per net mineral acre and 25 percent royalty to be paid to the mineral owners of the subject property. The land leased is described as:

Being 225.4 acres, more or less, and described as Farm Lots Number 28, 29 and 30, in Farm Block 20 of the Kleberg Town & Improvement Company's Subdivision of the Suburbs of Escandido District, and Farm Lots Number 4 and 5, in Farm Block 1, King Addition of Kleberg County, Texas.

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, after favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and approval by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute an oil, gas and sulphur lease in favor of El Paso Production Oil & Gas USA, L.P., and to perform all other acts necessary in connection with the lease as required by law.

**MINUTE ORDER 245-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND  
AND IMPROVEMENTS, POTTER COUNTY,  
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 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 execute all documents necessary to purchase 2.99 acres, more or less, along with improvements (consisting of a metal building) located at 2300 Northwestern, Amarillo, Texas, and being further described as Lot 13, Block Five (5), West Amarillo Industrial Park #5, Potter County, Texas. The purchase price of \$541,000 prior to adjustment for lease credits, plus necessary closing costs and a real estate broker's commission of \$22,148, is hereby approved for payment.

**MINUTE ORDER 246-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND  
AND IMPROVEMENTS, HUNT COUNTY,  
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 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 1613 and 1615 West Neal Street in the City of Commerce, Texas, being more particularly described as A0781 Milsap J., Tract 28, Block 362, Page 495 of the Deed Records of Hunt County, Texas. The purchase price of \$67,000, plus closing costs, is hereby approved.

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.

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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, December 5. She said the Committee considered and approved Items 17 through 24 (*Item 17 was also considered by the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee*). The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 247-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**APPROVAL TO OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
WITH A MAJOR IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 approves the establishment of a new degree program at Prairie View A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Computer Engineering. A copy of the program review outline is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**.

The Board also authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to submit this new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 248-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**APPROVAL TO OFFER A BACHELOR OF  
APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREE AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences. A copy of the program review outline is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Commerce to submit this new degree program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 249-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED 42-HOUR CORE CURRICULUM  
DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA  
APPROVED BY THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 approves the revised 42-semester credit hour Core Curriculum and authorizes the President of Texas A&M International University to submit the said revised Core Curriculum to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Once approved by the Coordinating Board, the revised 42-hour Core Curriculum becomes effective Fall 2003, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes **Exhibit H**.

**MINUTE ORDER 250-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR  
IN HISTORY AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL TO  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana leading to a Master of Arts Degree with a major in History. A copy of the program review outline is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 251-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**APPROVAL TO OFFER THREE NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS:  
THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, THE MASTER OF SCIENCE AND  
THE MASTER OF ENGINEERING IN MATERIALS SCIENCE ENGINEERING  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL TO  
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, 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 approves the establishment of three new degree programs at Texas A&M University: the Doctor of Philosophy, the Master of Science, and the Master of Engineering in Materials Science Engineering. A copy of the program review outline is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 252-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH  
THE SPACE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Wynn and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Space Engineering Institute within the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, in collaboration with Texas A&M University was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**.

**MINUTE ORDER 253-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH  
THE KING RANCH INSTITUTE FOR RANCH MANAGEMENT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Wynn and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences at Texas A&M University-Kingsville was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**.

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Ms. Armstrong called on Dr. John McNeill, Animal Science Department Head at TAMU, to give a brief report on the Bovine Genome Initiative.

REPORT ON BOVINE GENOME INITIATIVE

Dr. McNeill said that on Thursday, December 5, 2002, a Bovine Genome Symposium was held at the G. Rollie White Visitors Center (ASTREC) in College Station, Texas. The purpose of the symposium was to update ranchers and producers on application advancements in biotechnology, particularly in genome research and to develop strategies to access funding opportunities. Dr. McNeill said that the meeting afforded them a unique funding opportunity. He said the human genome project was initiated in 1990 and will be completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

He said that as a result, they are looking at other species with significant genetic programs. Dr. McNeill said that the human genome project will be completed in February 2003. He said that future projects would involve cows, dogs, honey bees, sea urchins and fungi. He said that we are the number one beef cattle state in the U.S. and the leading beef genome research program in the world.

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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's next meeting would be held in January 2003. He said that at that time, Ms. Cathy Smock, Chief Auditor, would give them a report on the first quarter.

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

REPORT FROM THE AD HOC POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, December 5. He said the Committee considered Items 5 and 17. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 254-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 05)**

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

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

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

**MINUTE ORDER 255-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

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

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

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

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves who presented Item 34. Mr. Nye said that he is very supportive of the idea of creating better medical preparatory education at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) and making fuller utilization of the medical school at TAMU. Mr. Nye said that he has questions about whether or not we need to take such a forward stance on matters that really need to be left to the legislature and elected public policy makers. Mr. Graves responded that for some time at the System level, TAMUS Health Science Center (HSC) and PVAMU have been working with Rep. Ruth McClendon on the idea of a medical school at PVAMU with the idea of enhancing the number of doctors who would be willing to serve in a rural setting. He said that they met with THECB and the THECB has directed a study on it. He said that there was some concern that the System had not taken a position. He said that the System's response was that all that was being done was a study which does not require a position. He said that the study did several things. It laid out that to increase the number of doctors would be to increase the number of students at various medical schools throughout the state. Secondly, he said, it revealed that if you were going to have a medical school at PVAMU, two years at TAMU's medical school would be more economical than a stand alone medical school at PVAMU.

Mr. Graves distributed a letter from Rep. McClendon dated October 31. He said that in a phone conversation he presented her with a series of concerns such as how the proposal would be funded, what about the System's commitment to OCR, the nursing school and the student center at PVAMU. He said that Rep. McClendon said that she would like to have a resolution from the Board. Mr. Graves said in response to her request a resolution was drafted. He explained that this is not a simple issue. Mr. Nye said that he did not want there to be any misunderstanding about the Board's interest and support for enhancing the opportunity for PVAMU to serve a greater role. He said that he feels that the 2+2 program is a good compromise to a new medical school. He said that he has talked with Mr. Willie Tempton, Interim President of PVAMU, about concerns regarding Office of Civil Rights (OCR) agreement commitments made by the System and the University. Mr. Nye said that the System cannot afford unfunded

mandates. Mr. Nye suggested that rather than presenting Rep. McClendon with a resolution, a letter from Dr. Wynn on behalf of the Board would be more appropriate. Mr. Graves and Mr. Tempton agreed that the best solution would be to send Rep. McClendon a letter. Mr. Tempton said that the cost of a new medical school is a costly undertaking.

Dr. Wynn said that she feels it is imperative that TAMUS be involved in helping to address workforce issues and shortages in physicians in Texas. She felt that it would be unfair to the TAMUS HSC to take on the project of a new medical school at PVAMU while current projects lack necessary funding. She said that she does not feel that medical education efforts at PVAMU should be taken out of OCR. She said that she feels that this is above and beyond OCR projects. Dr. Wynn said that she supports writing a positive, enthusiastic letter to Rep. McClendon and suggested that they begin discussions to help undergraduates at PVAMU be better prepared to meet their needs to enter medical school.

Dr. Gramm said she had not seen the report and had questions about the proposal. The regents concurred with Mr. Nye’s recommendation for Dr. Wynn to send Rep. McClendon a letter, on behalf of the Board, expressing the Board’s positive support for 2+2 as it is known, indicating that we are going to study it further. Mr. Graves withdrew Item 34.

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Mr. Nye called on Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of Tarleton State University (TSU), who presented Item 27. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 256-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 27)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD
AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE TO
COLONEL WILL L. TATE,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Tarleton State University is authorized to award an honorary Doctor of Letters Degree to Colonel Will L. Tate.

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Mr. Nye called on Dr. Gates, who presented Items 28 and 29. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 257-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 28)

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. NORA A. JANJAN
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Dr. Nora A. Janjan is hereby appointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University Private Enterprise Research Center for a five-year term, effective December 6, 2002.

MINUTE ORDER 258-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 29)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO
HOST A REGENTS' TOWN HALL MEETING
IN SUPPORT OF THE "ONE SPIRIT ONE VISION CAMPAIGN,"
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Texas A&M University obtained approval of the Board of Regents (Minute Order 127-1999) of its Vision 2020 strategic plan, which calls for Texas A&M University to "Mount two successful capital campaigns that increase private endowment from \$700 million to \$3 billion" by 2020; and

Whereas, Texas A&M University President Ray M. Bowen appointed the Texas A&M Foundation to manage the campaign and appointed a Campus Campaign Planning Committee (CCPC) of key university administrators to initiate the campaign; and

Whereas, on July 25, 2001, President Ray M. Bowen approved March 28, 2003, as the date of the campaign's public kick off; and Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M Foundation have budgeted and planned for an event that will involve approximately 1,000 key prospects, donors and leaders and will proceed through three phases (luncheon, town hall meeting, and evening gala); and,

Whereas, guests at the Town Hall meeting will convene to hear a compelling case for the campaign and be asked by the university president and campaign convening chair to participate in a symbolic, public voice vote in support of the university's decisions regarding the campaign goal and priorities; and

Whereas, having the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System host the afternoon Town Hall meeting would lend unparalleled credibility to the event, resulting in increased attendance and a powerful message to campaign prospects; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on the 6th day of December, agree to host the March 28, 2003, “One Spirit One Vision Campaign” Regents’ Town Hall Meeting, and to schedule our March 27-28 Regular Board Meeting at a location and at times most conducive to our participation in this important event.

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Mr. Nye presented Items 30 through 32 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 259-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 30)

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE,
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 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. 02-03-02, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit O**.

MINUTE ORDER 260-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 31)

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

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. 02-03-02, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit P**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 261-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 32)

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

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 Q**, attached to the official minutes.

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Mr. Nye presented Item 33. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 262-2002 (AGENDA ITEM 33)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE
SEPTEMBER 26-27, REGULAR MEETING,
AND SEPTEMBER 30, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING,
BOARD OF REGENTS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Wynn, seconded by Ms. Armstrong 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 September 26-27, 2002, in College Station, Texas, are hereby approved.

The Minutes of the Special Telephonic Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held on September 30, 2002, in College Station, Texas, are hereby approved.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Nye commented that resolutions were adopted at the September Board meeting in appreciation to Congressman Kevin Brady and Senator Phil Gramm. He said that a celebration was held honoring Congressman Brady. He said that

Congressman Brady was very appreciative of receiving his resolution. Mr. Nye said that he had also been in contact with Senator Phil Gramm who was also appreciative of his resolution. Mr. Nye said that at some point, a reception or dinner would be held to formally present Senator Gramm's resolution.

Mr. Nye said that after discussions with Mr. Graves, Dr. Gates and other university presidents, there was a lot of interest and enthusiasm for committing to excellence in all that we do by having performance criteria for the various institutions and reports on the idea that if you do measure it then improvements will be forthcoming. He said the Board thinks there is a tremendous body of wonderful things that happen in the System and at the individual universities, but the Board believes that there would be a therapeutic effect of having an agreed upon, set of performance criteria that would be reported on a regular basis. He said there is some concern about whether or not we, as a state, as a system and individual universities, maintain the pace. He said the Board thinks that we would be well served if we had an agreement amongst the various institutions about what they consider to be indications of performance and if that were reported on a regular basis, maybe annually. Mr. Nye circulated a letter to the Regents addressed to him from Dr. Gramm.

Mr. Nye said the spirit of this discussion was to see what we can do to pursue the excellence part of the excellence, efficiency and access that he discussed at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Graves responded that he would like to meet with the CEOs of each institution to discuss specific criteria for evaluations. Dr. Gates commented that TAMU has three different areas that they are measuring performance that they could submit to the Chancellor to serve as a basis for discussion. Mr. Nye said he appreciated Dr. Gates suggestion.

Mr. Nye wished all a wonderful holiday period.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Nye adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2002.

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

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