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CONVENE BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, MARCH 27

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 (TAMUS) at 10:10 a.m., on Thursday, March 27, 2003, in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center (MSC), on the campus of Texas A&M University (TAMU), 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 (*arrived at 10:40 a.m.*)
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Lowry Mays
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Lionel Sosa

INVOCATION

Mr. Nye introduced Mr. Ben Moffitt, a senior TAMU student, majoring in Political Science. Mr. Nye said that Mr. Moffitt was a part-time employee in the Office of the Board of Regents, and planned to attend law school after his May graduation. Mr. Moffitt presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Nye announced the passing of Rep. Irma Rangel. He said that Rep. Rangel had done a lot for TAMUS and especially for Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K).

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Howard D. Graves, Chancellor, to bring remarks. Mr. Graves expressed condolences on behalf of TAMUS on the passing of Ms. Rangel. He said that on Wednesday, March 26, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new pharmacy school at TAMU-K.

Mr. Graves thanked everyone for their support and responsiveness in interactions with the legislature dealing with the impact of projected budget cuts. He thanked Mr. Mays and Mr. Nye for their respective appearances before the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

Mr. Graves commended the Texas Forest Service (TFS) on its work in the recovery efforts of materials from the Columbia Space Shuttle tragedy. He commended the Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) basketball team for winning the 2003 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) title.

Mr. Graves said that he recently met with Chancellor Lamar Urbanovsky of the Texas State University System (TSUS) and Chancellor Mark Yudof of the University of Texas System (UTS), to sign a memorandum of understanding establishing an intersystem center for research evaluation and advancement of teacher education. He said that together they have received a \$2.9 million grant from the Houston Endowment.

Mr. Graves said that earlier in the week, the System sponsored a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) meeting in San Antonio, with approximately 50 contractors in attendance. He said that representatives from the System and TAMU reviewed the bidding and construction process. Mr. Graves said that a meeting was held in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, March 26, where Dr. Robert Gates, President of TAMU; Dr. Lee Peddicord, Vice Chancellor for Research and Federal Relations; and Dr. Richard Ewing, Vice President for Research at TAMU, attended one of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's continuing series of research summits. He said that TAMUS is currently fourth in the nation in the receipt of federal grant funds for research. He said that efforts are underway to improve the number and amount of federal grants.

Mr. Graves commended the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board (CSAB) on developing and issuing a proclamation to recognize recently deployed students serving in the military on foreign and domestic soil.

Mr. Nye commended the presidents for their constructive approach to fee increase recommendations. He said he was pleased to see how positively everyone has taken on the challenge. He said that he did not want the coincidence of the state budget crisis to lead to the conclusion that the burden is being transferred to students.

RECESS

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

[Secretary's Note: Mr. Stevens and members of the administration reported on items on the agenda for the Committee on Finance from 10:21 a.m. until 10:49 a.m. (there was not a quorum present).]

RECONVENE

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting of the Board at 10:50 a.m. He said as required by Section 54.0513, Paragraph (f) of the Texas Education Code, he would call for a public hearing to receive input from students, presidents and others regarding proposed increases in designated tuition. Mr. Nye said the Board was extending the hearing privilege to all proposed fees, not just designated tuition. He then called on the universities as follows:

Prairie View A&M University

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Willie Tempton, Interim President of PVAMU, who reported that PVAMU's designated tuition is tied to an athletic fee that has also been submitted to the legislature for approval. He said that if the athletic fee was approved, then the increase in designated tuition would not occur. He said that if the athletic fee was not approved, the designated tuition fee would increase by \$4 per semester hour. Mr. Tempton said that the students voted on the process.

Mr. Nye asked if any students were present from PVAMU who wanted to speak. There were none. Mr. Nye asked if any student or other persons present wanted to speak on fee and tuition changes at PVAMU. There were none.

Mr. Graves commented that the chief executive officers (CEOs) and the executive team met on Wednesday, March 26, to discuss designated tuition increases. He said that the current designated tuition increase requests were submitted in December 2002, before the real impact of legislative cuts were realized. He said that they didn't know what the final legislative decision would be, but as time goes on, if there is a massive budget cut, it may be necessary for some institutions to come back to the Board to request another increase in designated tuition.

Texas A&M University (including Texas A&M University at Galveston)

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Gates, who reported that TAMU had several requests for increases beginning with designated tuition. He said that the \$2 increase would yield approximately \$2 million in revenue for the university. He said that this is set against an almost \$10 million reduction for FY 03 and a possible \$52 million reduction for FY 04-05. Dr. Gates said this is also set against a backdrop of general revenue (GR) declining at the percentage of expenditures at the university from 45 percent almost a decade ago, to 32 percent currently. He said this is before budget cuts. Dr. Gates said that during this same time period, tuition and fees have gone from approximately 19.5 percent to 25 percent of expenditures. There has been a 13 percent decrease in GR over the past decade and a 6.5 percent increase in tuition and fees.

Dr. Gates said that a public hearing was held on January 27, 2003, and although there was no vote, there were no objections voiced by the students who were present. Dr. Gates briefly described the three fee requests that were defeated. He said these fees were put on the ballot, two by regulation or law and one by initiative of the students.

Dr. Gates said that they have no recourse on the recreational sports fee. He said that they tried to be straightforward with students by informing them that if the student service fee was reduced by \$.85, the vote would not have been binding because it would have been under the cap. He said that the student services fee was voted down by the students. Dr. Gates said that by a much narrower margin, a fee increase of \$3.25 for computer services was also defeated. He said that the university is not bound by any restrictions and it could go ahead and propose this fee. Dr. Gates said that one of the concerns that many students have is that the administration does not pay attention to what they say. He said that he made the decision, in regards to the student services fee and the computer services fee, to forego the fee increases for a slightly smaller fee increase in FY 04. Dr. Gates said that adjustments will have to be made. He said that they will delay beginning the process of improving the student information management system for another year. Dr. Gates said that he wanted to demonstrate to the students that he had heard their concerns. However, he said, he did let them know that there will be a computer services fee increase in FY 05.

Dr. Gates said that there is an independent study abroad fee of \$50. He said that a program has been in place for students who traveled abroad on an academic overseas program, not under TAMU auspices, that were not able to take their financial aid packages with them. Dr. Gates said that Dr. Mark Weichold, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs, is the head of a task force that has figured out a way to allow students to use their financial assistance packages for overseas study programs. He said that is the purpose of this one-time fee.

Dr. Gates said that there is a \$10 fee increase in the international student services fee. He said that the largest portion of this fee will be used to support new Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) requirements which allow the University to track and monitor international students. Dr. Gates said that the University has a lot of international students and the cost of the program, even before September 11, had grown in terms of supporting students' needs for visas and other services.

Dr. W. Michael Kemp, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG), said that they are requesting four fee increases: a cruise fee, a software licensing fee, a student center complex fee and a recreation sports fee. He said in addition, they are also requesting an increase in their designated tuition fee. Dr. Kemp said that a referendum was held by students on December 3-5, 2002, where the software licensing fee, student center complex fee and the recreation sports fee were approved by 70 percent of students who voted. He said a meeting was held on January 29, 2003, where they discussed the designated tuition and cruise fee increases. He said that the students agreed that these increases were justified. He said that at one point, they had discussed purchasing a new training ship, but this has been put on hold. Dr. Kemp said that they are now requesting a cruise fee increase of \$875 rather than \$925. He said that if a new training ship is purchased at a later date they will need to request \$925.

Mr. Nye asked if there were any persons present in the room who wanted to speak regarding TAMU or TAMUG fees. Ms. Jessica Daniel said that she appreciated

that Dr. Gates realized that the students have concerns regarding being heard. She said that one of her personal concerns with fee increases is that the money that is already being spent at TAMU is not always spent efficiently. She gave an example of computers in the computer center being chained and locked down.

Mr. Nye asked if any other student or other persons present wanted to speak on fee and tuition changes at TAMU or TAMUG. There were none.

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Keith McFarland, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C), who reported that they were requesting an increase in designated tuition of \$5. He said they were also requesting an increase in recreational sports fee and a student center complex fee, which came from the initiative of students. He said that they were also requesting an increase in the accelerated alternative certification application fee.

Mr. Nye asked if any student or other persons present wanted to speak on fee and tuition changes at TAMU-C. There were none.

Tarleton State University

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of Tarleton State University (TSU), who was accompanied by Mr. Kane Urban, President of TSU Student Government. Dr. McCabe said that they were requesting that the designated tuition fee be increased from \$36 to \$40, the student service fee be increased from \$14 to \$15.40, the Central Texas program fee be increased from \$12 to \$14, the student health fee be increased \$.25 per semester credit hour and the new student endowment scholarship program be increased to \$1 per semester credit hour. Dr. McCabe said that the scholarship program received student support. He said this will provide endowments that will be distributed to students on a need basis.

Dr. McCabe said that meetings were held on January 21 and January 28, 2003, on the campus of TSU and a meeting was also held in Killeen on January 29, 2003.

Mr. Nye asked if any student or other persons present wanted to speak on fee and tuition changes at TSU. There were none.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Sandra Harper, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), who reported that they held a hearing for their designated tuition increase on January 27, 2003. She said that they are requesting a \$0-\$7 increase which at the maximum would be \$39 to \$46 per student credit hour. She said that they are also looking at an increase in non-resident graduate tuition. Dr. Harper said that they are asking for a decrease in their student service fee, if the passage of the athletic fee bill which is currently before the legislature

goes forward. She said the decrease would be from \$18.50 to \$10.50. She said if the athletic fee bill does not go forward, they will continue the student service fee at \$18.50. Dr. Harper said that the athletic fee will be \$8 per semester credit hour with a cap of \$100 per semester. She said that they held an athletic fee referendum with their students with a vote in favor of the changes of 243 to 37. Dr. Avilés asked about an interview Dr. Robert Furgason, President of TAMU-CC, had where he discussed cutting TAMU-CC athletics, going from Division I to Division II. Dr. Avilés asked how much money the program lost during the last three years. Dr. Harper responded that they are currently funding the program with \$1 million external and \$2 million university sources with student service fees. She said that is the budget for athletics. She said that Dr. Furgason has commissioned a subcommittee on intercollegiate athletics to look at the feasibility of either keeping Division I athletics, going to Division II or III, or nothing. She said that the committee is expected to make a report on April 15, 2003. Dr. Avilés asked about the 190,000 students TAMU-CC is expecting (referencing page 8.9 in Agenda Item 4). Dr. Harper said that refers to student semester credit hours.

Mr. Nye asked if any student or other persons present wanted to speak on fee and tuition changes at TAMU-CC. There were none.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juarez, President of TAMU-K, who reported that they propose increases in nine areas. He said that three of these are required referendums: computer use fee, international education fee and the student center complex fee. He said that a meeting was held on their campus with 12 percent student participation and on the average, they were in favor of the fee three to one. Dr. Juarez said that they are proposing to increase their designated tuition fee from \$34 to \$40. He said this will help increase scholarships, salaries, and other expenses. He said that the applied music fee will increase to \$32. He said that the last time this was increased was 20 years ago. Dr. Juarez said that the cost of the music program has increased -- maintenance for equipment, need for purchasing pianos and many items are needed for the music department. Dr. Juarez said that they are proposing a \$1 increase in the computer use fee. He said that the diploma graduation fee will increase to \$20. He said that the student ID card fee will increase to \$10. He said that they are proposing a \$5 increase in the transcript fee. He said the group hospital fee will increase by \$4 to increase health care services provided to students. He said the international education fee will increase \$2, which will allow for additional student study abroad scholarships and campus international programs. Dr. Juarez said that the student center complex fee was last increased 10 years ago. He said that they are proposing a \$20 increase. Dr. Juarez said that an average 15 hours would cost an additional \$166 per semester. Dr. Juarez said that they had very good response to their public hearings. Mr. Nye asked if TAMU-K has any intent to increase scholarships. Dr. Juarez responded in the affirmative and said that they would be funded by the designated tuition fee. Mr. Nye asked if they had any idea how many. Dr. Juarez responded in the negative.

Mr. Nye asked if any student or other persons present wanted to speak on fee and tuition changes at TAMU-K. There were none.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Stephen Hensley, President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T), who reported that they are only asking for an increase in their designated tuition. He said that a hearing was held but no students attended. He said that prior to the hearing, he asked their vice president for student services to meet with student leadership and inform them of the hearing.

Mr. Nye asked if any student or other persons present wanted to speak on tuition changes at TAMU-T. There were none.

Texas A&M International University

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Ray M. Keck, President of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), who reported that they began reviewing their fees in December 2002. He said that they want to keep fees within the range of Texas Grants. Dr. Keck said that roughly one-third of their students receive some form of Texas Grant. He said that student response to the student service fee was exciting. Dr. Keck said that students are eager to see more programs and services. He said that they met with the student government association who agreed that they would exercise their statutory privilege of voting on behalf of the student body on the student service fee. Dr. Keck said that two public hearings were held. He said that fee increases passed. Dr. Keck said that the course fee is new to their university. He said that part of this is a result of the SACS accreditations process and new guidelines.

Mr. Nye asked if any student or other persons present wanted to speak on tuition or fee changes at TAMIU. There were none.

West Texas A&M University

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Russell Long, President of West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), who reported that they are requesting an increase in their designated tuition from \$28.50 to \$30.50 per semester credit hour. He said that their student service fee will increase \$1.43 per semester credit hour. Dr. Long said they will remove the cap on the computer access fee, not increase the fee. He said that the largest fee increase will be in recreational sports from \$35 to \$50. Dr. Long said that hearings were held. He said a referendum was held on the recreational sports fee and students voted in favor of the increase. Dr. Long said that WTAMU has the lowest designated tuition in the System and possibly one of the lowest in the State.

Mr. Nye asked if any student or other persons present wanted to speak on tuition or fee changes at WTAMU. There were none.

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Nancy Dickey, President and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMUSHSC), who reported that they are requesting an increase in their designated tuition fee from \$44 to \$46. She said that hearings were held at the Baylor College of Dentistry (BCD) in Dallas and at TAMU. Dr. Dickey said that all requested fee increases for the BCD were approved by their student council. She said that at TAMU, student participation in the hearings was small.

Mr. Nye asked if any student or other persons present wanted to speak on tuition or fee changes at TAMUSHSC. There were none.

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting of the Board at 11:28 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: At 11:29 a.m., with a quorum present, the Committee on Finance convened and took action on Items 1 through 3 and 5 through 7. The meeting of the Committee on Finance was recessed at 11:32 a.m.)

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant met from 11:33 a.m. to 11:49 a.m.).

(Secretary's Note: The Board recessed for lunch. The meeting of the Committee on Finance reconvened at 1:05 p.m., and the Committee took action on Item 4. The Committee on Finance adjourned at 1:06 p.m.)

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs met from 1:08 p.m. to 2:21 p.m. Mr. Mays left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.).

RECONVENE

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting of the Board at 2:22 p.m., and called on Mr. Stevens to present the report from the Committee on Finance

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee had met earlier the same day, and considered and recommended approval of Items 1 through 7. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 39-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 01)**

**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
WITH BRYAN TEXAS UTILITIES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

After review by the Office of General Counsel and Chancellor’s Staff, the President of Texas A&M University is authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with Bryan Texas Utilities regarding terms and conditions of work to be performed, service provided, and compensation for design and construction of a direct buried 138kV Electrical Transmission Line.

Revenue Financing System debt proceeds (University Utility System Revenue Fund) in the amount \$5,400,000 are appropriated for the installation of a second 138kV electrical feed to provide a redundant source of electrical power to Texas A&M University.

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

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

**MINUTE ORDER 40-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 02)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AIR MONITORING PROJECT  
PROPOSAL TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT AND TO EXECUTE  
AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT AND OPERATE PROJECT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is authorized to submit the Air Monitoring Project Proposal to the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division, and to execute agreements to implement and operate the project. The proposal and agreements shall be subject to review by the Office of the General Counsel.

**MINUTE ORDER 41-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 03)**

**APPROVAL OF STILES FARM FOUNDATION 2003 BUDGET,  
TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

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

The operating budget for the Stiles Farm Foundation for calendar year 2003, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 42-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 04)**

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

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

In accordance with Section 54.0513, Texas Education Code, and System Policy 26.02 (*Approval of Student Fees*), public hearings were held at each campus recommending increases in designated tuition. The Board has also held a public hearing to receive input from students as well as the presidents of the academic institutions and the health science center concerning such proposed increases, according to the requirements of Section 54.0513(f), Texas Education Code.

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

The request for new, increased, and decreased tuition and fees for the academic institutions and the health science center of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibits B and C (Revised)**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective with the Fall 2003 semester, unless otherwise noted.

**MINUTE ORDER 43-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 05)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW AND AMENDED FIELD TRIP FEES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

In accordance with System Policy 26.02 (*Approval of Student Fees*), new and amended field trip fees for the academic institutions and the health science center of The Texas A&M University System as shown on **Exhibit D**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are hereby confirmed.

**MINUTE ORDER 44-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 06)**

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

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Avilés 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                                                  |
|--------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TAMU   | \$300,000.00 | Bright Football Complex Debt Service<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 45-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 07)**

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

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby accepts the gifts, donations, grants and endowments made to the Members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown as Gifts, Donations, Grants, and Endowments List No. 02-03-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**.

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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 met earlier the same day, and approved Item 8, pertaining to construction; Item 9, pertaining to the naming of facilities; and Items 10 and 11, pertaining to real estate.

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

- 1) The design team formed by URS Corporation, of Austin, Texas, is selected to prepare a master plan for the Brayton Fire Training Field for Texas Engineering Extension Service at College Station, Texas.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 46-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 08-REVISED)**

**APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK,  
SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM  
AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR TO  
APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A MASTER PLAN FOR THE  
WASTEWATER SYSTEM UPGRADE – BRAYTON FIRE TRAINING FIELD,  
TEXAS ENINGEERING EXTENSION SERVICE**

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

The statement of work for the Wastewater System Upgrade - Brayton Fire Training Field, Texas Engineering Extension Service at College Station, Texas, is approved.

Authorization for the Chancellor to appropriate funds for a Master Plan for the Wastewater System Upgrade - Brayton Fire Training Field, Texas Engineering Extension Service at College Station, Texas, is approved.



The firm of URS Corporation, of Austin, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the Wastewater System Upgrade - Brayton Fire Training Field, Texas Engineering Extension Service at College Station, Texas (Master Plan), and will perform the design services for the first phase of the project upon completion and acceptance of the master plan.

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 F**, until an agreement for a master plan/design contract is reached.

**MINUTE ORDER 47-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 09)**

**NAMING OF THE  
"LEONORE AND WALTER ANNENBERG CONFERENCE CENTER,"  
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 George Bush Presidential Conference Center on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the "Leonore and Walter Annenberg Conference Center."

**MINUTE ORDER 48-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
"RETA AND BILL HAYNES '46 COASTAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY,"  
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 new Coastal Engineering Laboratory on the West Campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the "Reta and Bill Haynes '46 Coastal Engineering Laboratory."

**MINUTE ORDER 49-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
"EDUARDO M. HINOJOSA READING CENTER,"  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The Reading Center on the campus of Texas A&M International University is hereby named the “Eduardo M. Hinojosa Reading Center.”

**MINUTE ORDER 50-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JERRY D. MORRIS RECREATION CENTER,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The new Instructional Recreation Center under construction on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named the “Jerry D. Morris Recreation Center.”

**MINUTE ORDER 51-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“CHARLES J. AUSTIN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING  
AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Industrial Engineering and Technology Building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named the “Charles J. Austin Industrial Engineering and Technology Building.”

**MINUTE ORDER 52-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“VERNIE AND BLANCHE HUBERT FIELD,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The softball field on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby named the “Vernie and Blanche Hubert Field.”

**MINUTE ORDER 53-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN UNDERGROUND PROPYLENE  
PIPELINE EASEMENT ACROSS PROPERTY OWNED BY  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, BRAZORIA COUNTY,  
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 a six-inch underground propylene pipeline easement to Exxon Pipeline Company, or assigns. The dimensions of this easement are approximately 10 feet in width and 825.46 rods (13,620.20 linear feet) in length across property situated in the Henry Austin Survey, Abstract No. 11, Brazoria County, Texas. This easement will be for a ten (10) year term with total consideration being \$82,546.00.

**MINUTE ORDER 54-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A RIGHT-OF-WAY ACCESS EASEMENT  
ACROSS THE W.G. JONES STATE FOREST, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
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 a right-of-way access easement approximately 15.88 feet in width and 69.31 rods (1,143.59 linear feet) in length across the Thomas Miller Survey, Abstract No. 366, in Montgomery County, Texas, and commonly known as the W.G. Jones State Forest. This easement will be for a ten (10) year term in favor of Karen L. Williamson Ward. Total consideration for this easement is \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration.

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Mr. Nye called on Ms. Armstrong to present the report from 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 had met earlier the same day and approved Items 12 through 30. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 55-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPACE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE  
WITHIN THE TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION  
IN COLLABORATION WITH TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The Space Engineering Institute is hereby established as an organizational part of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) in collaboration with Texas A&M University (TAMU) effective March 28, 2003, reporting directly to the Director of TEES. The Director(s) of the Institute shall be appointed by the TEES Director. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**.

**MINUTE ORDER 56-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A TEN-YEAR AGREEMENT  
WITH THE QATAR FOUNDATION TO ESTABLISH A  
BRANCH CAMPUS IN DOHA, QATAR,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Upon programmatic review by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and obtaining its approval, the President of Texas A&M University, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, and other review by the Chancellor and System staff, is authorized to execute a ten-year agreement with the Qatar Foundation to implement the establishment of a Texas A&M University branch campus in Qatar. A copy of the memorandum of understanding is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**.

**MINUTE ORDER 57-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR  
BIOLOGICAL CLOCKS RESEARCH,  
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 Center for Biological Clocks Research is hereby established as an organizational unit of the Department of Biology in the College of Science at Texas A&M University. The Dean of the College of Science, upon approval by the Executive Vice President and Provost, is hereby authorized to appoint a Director of the Center for Biological Clocks Research. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**.

**MINUTE ORDER 58-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR  
ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY AND THE ENVIRONMENT,  
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 Center for Atmospheric Chemistry and the Environment is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University. The Vice President for Research, in consultation with an appointed Internal Advisory Board consisting of deans of participating colleges, is authorized to appoint a director and associate director of the Center for Atmospheric Chemistry and the Environment. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.

**MINUTE ORDER 59-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER  
FOR THE STUDY OF HEALTH DISPARITIES,  
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 Center for the Study of Health Disparities is hereby established as an organizational unit of the Department of Health and Kinesiology in the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University. The Dean of the College of Education and Human Development, with approval of the Executive Vice President and Provost, is hereby authorized to appoint a director of the Center for Health Disparities. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**.

**MINUTE ORDER 60-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION CENTER,  
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 Technology Commercialization Center is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University in the Office of the Vice President for Research to add value to the intellectual property developed at Texas A&M University and to provide the necessary commercialization services allowed under Senate Bill 1190 (77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session) (Chapter 153 of the Texas Education Code). A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**.

**MINUTE ORDER 61-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES WITHIN THE  
SCHOOL OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND PSYCHOLOGY AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM 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 administrative change of Prairie View A&M University to change the name of the School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology to a College and to create two new departments within the College. A copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit M**.

The also authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to submit this administrative change 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 62-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS FOR A  
DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN JUVENILE FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM 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 amended Table of Programs of Prairie View A&M University for a Doctoral Program in Juvenile Forensic Psychology, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit N**.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 63-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**APPROVAL OF MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
JUVENILE JUSTICE VIA THE INTERNET,  
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:

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Prairie View A&M University is hereby authorized to offer the following degree program by distance education via the internet, to the State of Texas, effective August 2003.

Master of Science Degree in Juvenile Justice

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. A copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit O**.

**MINUTE ORDER 64-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
ACCOUNTING AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM  
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 Master of Science Degree with a major in Accounting.

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. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit P**.

**MINUTE ORDER 65-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR THE  
PRESERVATION OF HISTORY AND CULTURE,  
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 Texas Institute for Preservation of History and Culture is hereby established as an organizational part of Prairie View A&M University, effective March 28, 2003. A copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit Q**.

**MINUTE ORDER 66-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH  
THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Wynn and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Center of Excellence for Communications Systems Technology Research at Prairie View A&M University was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit R**.

**MINUTE ORDER 67-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED MISSION STATEMENT AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TARLETON STATE 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 amended Mission Statement for Tarleton State University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit S**.



The Board also authorizes the President of Tarleton State University to submit this amended Mission Statement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 68-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TARLETON STATE 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 Tarleton State University leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit T**.

The Board also authorizes the President of Tarleton State 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 69-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 26-REVISED)**

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE TO REORGANIZE THE ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM 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 administrative change of Texas A&M International University to: (1) dissolve the College of Science and Technology and the Department of Natural Sciences, (2) change the School of Nursing to report directly to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, (3) to rename the College of Arts and Humanities to the College of Arts and Sciences, and (4) within the College of Arts and Sciences, create the Department of Mathematical and Physical Sciences and the Department of Biology, effective Fall 2003. A copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit U**.

The Board also authorized the President of Texas A&M International University to submit this administrative change 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 70-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE WITH A  
MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM 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 establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M International University leading to a Doctor of Philosophy Degree with a major in International Business. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit V**.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 71-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM 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 Science Degree with a major in Instructional Technology. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit W**.

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 72-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISED 46-HOUR CORE CURRICULUM AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
WEST 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 revised 46-semester credit hour Core Curriculum and authorizes the President of West Texas A&M University to submit the said revised Core Curriculum to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Once approved by the Coordinating Board, the revised 46-hour Core Curriculum becomes effective Fall 2003, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit X**.

**MINUTE ORDER 73-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH A  
MAJOR IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
WEST 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 a new degree program at West Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Mechanical Engineering. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit Y**.

The Board also authorizes the President of West Texas 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.

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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 met earlier the same day, with all members present. He said that they received a briefing on the Second Quarter Internal Audit Report from Ms. Cathy Smock, Chief Auditor. He said they reviewed three items at TAMU -- the College of Architecture, follow-up review of camp operations and NCAA compliance. He said they reviewed human resource operations at TAMU-C, System aircraft usage, follow-up review of management control of the agricultural program at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) and Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE), central business functions at TAMUSHSC, follow-up review of NCAA rules compliance and financial reviews at PVAMU, review of the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center at PVAMU and a review of bonds at TAMUS. Mr. Adams said that Mr. Larry Bicket, Director of Policy Implementation and Compliance, briefed the Committee on the management audit tracking report.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Nye called on Dr. Gates to present Item 31. Dr. Gates commented that there is a statutory limit on faculty development leave of six percent of eligible faculty. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 74-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**APPROVAL OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE,  
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 Section 51.101 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as set forth on Faculty Development Leave List FY 04, Texas A&M University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit Z**.

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Mr. Nye called on Dr. McFarland who presented Item 32. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 75-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 32)

**APPROVAL OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, 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 Section 51.101 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as set forth on Faculty Development Leave List FY 04, Texas A&M University-Commerce, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit AA**.

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Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves who presented Items 33 through 35. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 76-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 33)

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE,  
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:

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. 02-03-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit BB**.

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Mr. Graves called on Mr. Tempton who introduced Dr. Thomas N. Fogarty and Mr. Benny L. Lockett and their spouses.

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**MINUTE ORDER 77-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

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

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. 02-03-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit CC**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 78-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

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

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 DD**, attached to the official minutes.

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Mr. Nye presented Item 36. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 79-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
JANUARY 23, 2003, REGULAR MEETING, AND  
FEBRUARY 13, 2003 SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held on January 23, 2003, 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 February 13, 2003, in College Station, Texas, are hereby approved.

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Mr. Nye presented Items 37 and 38. He suggested a small revision be made in the wording of Item 37, a resolution honoring the memory of Rep. Irma Rangel. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 80-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 37-REVISED)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
THE MEMORY OF IRMA RANGEL,  
BOARD OF REGENTS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, it is with sadness that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System recognizes the loss of a great leader of Texas, the Honorable Irma Rangel, who passed away March 18, 2003; and

Whereas, it is only fitting and proper that we pay tribute to the memory of this great friend to The Texas A&M University System and all of higher education in the State of Texas; and

Whereas, in 1952 she graduated from Texas A&I University, now Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and began her 14-year career as a teacher and principal in South Texas, showing her early passion as an advocate for education; and

Whereas, in 1969, at the age of 38, she received a degree in jurisprudence and began fulfilling her lifelong dream of becoming an attorney. She conducted a successful law practice in her community and then served as the first female assistant district attorney for Nueces County and the first female city attorney for Robstown, thereby exemplifying the best of those venerable Texas pioneer traits of hard work, leadership and service to others; and

Whereas, in 1976 she entered the political arena becoming the first Mexican American woman elected to the Texas House of Representatives. There Representative Rangel quickly became a respected role model and was the first woman elected to chair the Mexican American Legislative Caucus; and

Whereas, during her more than a quarter-century as a House member, the fifth-longest-serving member in history, Representative Rangel graciously furnished leadership and guidance. Becoming best known for her passionate advocacy for higher education, Representative Rangel was appointed the first Mexican American to chair the House Committee on Higher Education; and

Whereas, as chair of the House Committee on Higher Education for four terms, she paved the way for legislation that infused \$500 million into South Texas and the border region creating the South Texas Border Initiative in 1993; and

Whereas, her shepherding of the South Texas Border Initiative created Texas A&M International University at Laredo, University of Texas at San Antonio Downtown, and a new pharmacy school at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. In all, nine campuses benefited from either new facilities or programs; and

Whereas, Representative Rangel was instrumental in developing the top 10 percent rule, which gives the top 10 percent of Texas high school students automatic admission to the Texas public university of their choice; and

Whereas, Representative Rangel was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including induction into the Texas Woman's Hall of Fame, named "Legislator of the Year" in 1997 by the Mexican American Bar Association and named "Woman of the Year" in 1998 by the Texas Young Democrats; and

Whereas, Representative Rangel received the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award by the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession, the most prestigious award presented to women attorneys in the U.S., in recognition of her professional excellence as a lawyer and lawmaker; and

Whereas, the Lamar Medal is named for the second President of the Republic of Texas, Mirabeau B. Lamar, known as the "Father of Education" and has been awarded only occasionally since 1977 to those rare individuals deemed to have rendered extraordinary and exemplary service to Texas higher education; and

Whereas, the recognition and honor bestowed upon Representative Rangel through the Lamar Medal is a direct result of her devoted and tireless personal and legislative efforts to increase both access and excellence for all deserving students in the State of Texas, to reform the Texas Academic Skills Program, to improve the number and quality of certified public school teachers in Texas, to establish scholarships for worthy high school graduates, to establish a regional academic health center in the Rio Grande Valley, to require performance evaluations of tenured faculty, and to further the educational interests of student athletes; and



Whereas, her vision and dedication to Hispanic students served to improve the educational opportunities for all students with future generations benefiting from her many contributions; and

Whereas, Representative Irma Rangel served her state and all of its citizens with distinction as she combined an unrelenting conviction to do what she believed was right with her trademark enthusiasm and charm, winning statewide admirers and supporters; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System with great appreciation recognizes the outstanding service provided by the Honorable Irma Rangel throughout her remarkable life; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and be presented to the Rangel family and to the archives of The Texas A&M University System and Texas A&M University-Kingsville as a sincere expression of appreciation for her dedication and leadership to the citizens and to the former, present, and future students of Texas.

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Mr. Nye said there was uniform support for acknowledging Ms. Rangel’s substantial service to higher education to TAMUS and TAMU-K. He said that the Governor made it clear that while he was very enthusiastic about naming the Pharmacy School at TAMU in honor of Ms. Rangel, he wanted to acknowledge that there were procedures and processes in place within the System for such naming, and he wanted to make it clear that this was his recommendation and he wants us to consider this. Mr. Nye recommended an amendment in the wording of Item 38. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 81-2003 (AGENDA ITEM 38-REVISED)**

**ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE  
TO BEGIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS TO  
CONSIDER THE NAMING OF THE NEW PHARMACY SCHOOL AT  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE IN MEMORY OF IRMA RANGEL,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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 hereby encourages the President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville to begin the administrative process to consider the naming of the University's new pharmacy school in memory of Irma Rangel for her years of support and great service to the University and higher education in Texas.

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Mr. Nye called on Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, who presented an update on the Legislative Session.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Dr. Calvert discussed the appropriations bill and various opportunities for tuition authorization changes as they apply primarily to the Board of Regents. He gave qualifiers that applied to his report. He said that the session was a dynamic process and what may be the perception of truth today, can be different tomorrow. He said that all the data included in his report, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents, are GR data. He said there are other sources of revenue to the institutions, either earned or at least circulated back to the institutions based upon what they collect such as tuition and fees. Dr. Calvert said that although the session is half over, they were in step three of a seven-step appropriations process. He said there was not an appropriations bill out of either committee.

Dr. Calvert said that the 7 percent reduction process had been completed by all institutions and agencies in TAMUS. He referred to a new budget term, Initial General Revenue (IGR), and said that currently, House Appropriations has adopted a funding proposal at 87.5 percent of FY 02-03 levels. He said the Senate has made no decisions yet. Dr. Calvert used slides to explain the status of FY 04-05 appropriations by institution. He discussed the group insurance program and tuition flexibility legislation that has been proposed. Next, he discussed legislation that has been proposed affecting various components of TAMUS. Dr. Calvert addressed several other higher education issues including Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) sunset legislation, increase in retention of indirect cost recovery, a rewrite of research excellence funding, student membership on TAMUS and UTS boards of regents and higher education accountability.

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Mr. Nye called on Mr. Stevens to introduce a report on System Service Departments.

**REPORT ON SYSTEM SERVICE DEPARTMENTS**

Mr. Stevens said that at the January Board Meeting, a pro bono review was discussed that would be done by the Accenture Group relating to cost saving measures the System has taken to provide ideas for further cost savings and other efficiency measures that might be appropriate. Mr. Stevens introduced Mr. Ken Theut, Mr. Brad Englert and Mr. Jim Vrba, representatives from the Accenture Group, who presented this report, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents. Mr. Englert said they would finish their study in the next two to three weeks.

Mr. Nye asked if the Accenture representatives had a chance to visit with any of the component CEOs about their perspective on what had been done at the system level and how it has worked for them and how much enthusiasm they have seen. He asked how big a chore this would be at the next level. Mr. Englert responded that part of their pro bono effort was to focus more on the system administration level. He said that he had an opportunity to meet with Dr. Gates in December. He said that TAMU has a finance council that is working on a number of ideas. He said that in terms of moving forward, this is what the summer is about where they inventory the opportunities, decide and prioritize who should take the lead in some of these opportunities. He said that it does not have to be system administration.

Mr. Stevens commented that he fully supports the proposed concept. He said there are all sorts of possibilities here. Mr. Graves said that some of the initiatives are already underway and progress has been made. He said that there is an atmosphere of coordination and cooperation among system CEOs, chief financial officers (CFOs) and chief academic officers (CAOs). Dr. Gates said that his view is that they have to change the fundamental way they do business. He said that it is a tremendous value to bring someone in from the outside to take a fresh look at some of these things. Mr. Nye encouraged Mr. Graves to move forward rapidly on this matter. He said if limits or restriction were found in Board policy, to please bring those to the Board's attention at an early date.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Nye announced that the board of directors of the Heep Foundation would meet at 4:00 p.m. in Room 205 of the MSC. Mr. Nye mentioned to Dr. Gates that there had been a lot of interest in a four-year general studies program at TAMU. Mr. Nye reminded the Board that they need to find a time and location for a lunch or dinner to honor Sen. Phil Gramm.

Mr. Nye said that the System had been very careful not to get embroiled in the quarrels surrounding higher education, and the UTS in particular. He said that we respect the UTS and want to be supportive. He said that the Board would be pressed to say where the System stands in the event that the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) were to come out of the UTS, and what the position of the TAMUS Board would be. He said that he told the senators who pressed him that there is no quarrel with this matter and TAMUS does not want to be considered instigators in any respect. He said it

is up to the legislature to determine how higher education is delivered in the state. Mr. Nye said that if the UTA does come out of the UTS and is looking for an alternative, Texas Tech, the University of Houston and the University of North Texas, have all expressed interest. He said that when you look at the traditional strength of the UTA programs including engineering and business, when you look at their historic roots (UTA was in TAMUS at one time), and when you look at the kind of research which is being conducted between various state agencies (which we have within TAMUS, as well as with various other universities), there are a lot of parallels. Mr. Nye said in that respect, he took the position that if it was the legislature's preference that UTA should be placed somewhere else, it made more sense that they should be placed in TAMUS. He said that are many problems with this and he did not want anyone to leave the meeting thinking that we advocate this -- it would do us all an injustice and disservice because we are not. He said that this is not our business and we didn't sign on for this. Mr. Nye said that he is very pleased with our current system. He said we have a lot going here and we are proud of all the institutions. But, he said, if at some point you are called out, you have to respond, so we are simply saying that we would not oppose it, if that is the legislature's preference, but we make no efforts to pursue or encourage it or to suggest that it is appropriate.

Mr. Nye announced that the Board would meet in closed session the next day, Friday, May 28, 2003, in Room 205 of the MSC, to discuss various matters which are allowed under the statute. He said that meeting would be at 9:00 a.m., in Room 205. He announced that a special meeting of the Board would be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 28, in the Bernard C. Richardson Zone at Kyle Field, for the purpose of kicking off the "One Spirit One Vision" Campaign.

**RECESS**

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

**RECONVENE - FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2003**

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting on Friday, March 28, 2003, at 9:08 a.m., in Room 205 of the MSC. 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 (*departed meeting at 10:25 a.m.*)  
Mr. Lionel Sosa  
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.  
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Lowry Mays

**CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

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 of matters involving the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property and for discussion of matters involving negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; and 551.074, for discussion of matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal, or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee.

Mr. Nye said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the closed meeting would be made or taken.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:36 a.m. and announced that the Board had met in closed session from 9:10 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Nye adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2003.

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

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