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**CONVENE AND RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION -
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Audit convened at 10:09 am and adjourned at 12:02 pm.)

Mr. Lowry Mays, Chairman, convened the meeting at 1:43 pm, in Tejas Room C of the University Center, on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), Corpus Christi, Texas.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Lowry Mays, Chairman
Mr. Erle Nye, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Dr. Susan Rudd Bailey
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Bill Jones
Mr. Lionel Sosa
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.
Mr. John D. White

Mr. Mays announced that the Board would recess to executive session. He said the executive session meeting would be held as provided in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: 551.071, for consultation with System Attorneys regarding legal matters or pending and/or contemplated litigation or settlement offers; 551.072 for deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; 551.073, for deliberations regarding negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; 551.074, for deliberations regarding personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee.

Mr. Mays said that in accordance with the law, no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered in the executive session would be made or taken.

(Secretary's Note: The Board met in executive session on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, from 1:45 pm until 5:45 pm.)

RECONVENE - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

(Secretary's Note: The Board reconvened in executive session on Wednesday, December 8, 2004, from 8:09 am until 9:20 am.)

Mr. Mays reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:30 am, Wednesday, December 8, 2004, in Lone Star Ballrooms A&B of the University Center. All members of the Board were present. He said the Board had met in executive session on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, from 1:45 pm to 5:45 pm, and on Wednesday, December 8, 2004, from 8:09 to 9:20 am.

INVOCATION

Mr. Mays called on Ms. Tracy Johnson, a graduate student at TAMU-CC majoring in community counseling, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Mays thanked Dr. Robert Furgason, President of TAMU-CC, for hosting the Board meeting. Mr. Mays welcomed Dr. Robert McTeer, newly selected Chancellor of TAMUS, who was attending his first Board meeting.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Dr. McTeer said that he was honored to be selected as Chancellor and was looking forward to serving the students, faculty and former students of the A&M System. Dr. McTeer said that he had used the 21 days prior to his first official day to visit all the campuses, except one. He said that he had met most of the agency heads. Dr. McTeer said he felt like he had been drinking water out of a fire hydrant. He said that it had been a great privilege to be in on the interview process for the new president of TAMU-CC. He said they were in a situation where no matter who they chose, they could not go wrong. Dr. McTeer said that his new colleagues had been very helpful.

Mr. Mays said the Board was happy to have Dr. McTeer on board.

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Dr. Furgason said that they were delighted to have the Board meeting on the campus of TAMU-CC. He said that the first thing that you see when entering the campus is the new entrance project named "Momentum." He said that name was appropriate for their particular campus. Dr. Furgason said that one of the local families, the Durrill's, donated all the money to provide the facility, which is an illustration of the great support provided by the community to the university and the System.

Dr. Furgason said that from time to time he has to remind people that TAMU-CC is a very young campus. He said their development actually began 10 years ago when

they added the freshman class. Dr. Furgason said they currently serve more than just the Coastal Bend area as an upper-level university focused on the local community. He said that now they are a South Texas institution extending into the Houston area. He said that the largest single group of freshmen come from Bexar County. Dr. Furgason said they have had constant growth. He said the Anglo population has grown 46 percent, Hispanic - 73 percent and African American - 111 percent. Dr. Furgason said that African American growth is low, but it is low in South Texas as well. He said that they are approximately 80 percent undergraduate students, 20 percent graduate students with a 60 to 40 ratio of men and women. He said that throughout the university they are about 56.8 percent Anglo, 36 percent Hispanic, and smaller percentages of the other ethnic groups. Dr. Furgason said that they have initiated a number of programs to try and close gaps. He said that they are totally dedicated to these programs. Dr. Furgason said that because they have been committed to closing the gaps they have seen dramatic increases from 2002 to 2004.

Dr. Furgason said that they feel that it is their job to prepare teachers. He said that during the period that the Regents' Initiative has been effect, they have increased their overall teacher rate by 78 percent. He said that Hispanic teachers have increased 140 percent and bilingual teachers have increased 90 percent. He said that they have not met their goals in some areas but are moving in the right direction.

Dr. Furgason said that it is always good to have someone recognize your accomplishments. He said on several occasions TAMU-CC has won the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Star award for outstanding undergraduate programs. Dr. Furgason said that the significance of this award is that these are their beginning level programs and they have not walked away from their freshmen as programs were expanded. Dr. Furgason said that they continue to have notable rankings in U.S. News and World Report.

Dr. Furgason reported that their women and men's basketball teams are doing very well. He said that as part of their intercollegiate athletic program, they participate in the National Youth Sports Program. He said the program is run during the summer for youths age 10 to 16. Dr. Furgason said that 90 percent of participants meet the federal poverty definition. He said that a lot of the students are recommended by the Sheriff's Office. He said that they go to the families who are incarcerated, find out who the kids are who have one or more parents in jail and ask them to participate in the program.

Dr. Furgason said that they anticipate approximately 10,000 students will enroll at TAMU-CC by the end of this decade. He said that the new Performing Arts Center will open soon. He said that on April 16, 2005, internationally acclaimed pianist, Van Cliburn will perform for the opening ceremony. Dr. Furgason said that the School of Visual and Performing Arts will open in the fall of 2005.

Dr. Furgason said that they plan to open a school of architecture. He said that they will ask the Legislature for planning funds for the project. He said it would be the only architectural school in South Texas. Dr. Furgason said that the school will focus on

coastal and marine environments. He said that the new classroom building is under construction and will open in the summer of 2005. Dr. Furgason said that they will also ask the Legislature to fund the College of Business building. He said that they have already received a \$4 million gift from Michael and Karen O'Connor. He said that a Kinesiology/Wellness/Recreation facility will be built. Dr. Furgason said that kinesiology majors have increased 350 percent. He said that the third project they will present to the Legislature is the utility loop expansion.

Dr. Furgason said that TAMU-CC is currently ranked tenth out of the 35 public universities in Texas in terms of research expenditures and second in the A&M System (in that regard). He said that this does not include funds from the Harte Research Institute. Dr. Furgason said that the Harte Institute will not be just another marine lab. He said that they are looking at bridging science with policy.

Dr. Furgason said that they are part of a project called the “American Democracy Project.” He said that it is a multi-campus element that tries to link college students with things going on throughout society. He said that the project was triggered by apathy that was sensed by college students saying “what difference does it make whether I participate.” Dr. Furgason called on Ms. Autumn Exelbert, a communication major at TAMU-CC, who discussed the project.

Dr. Furgason concluded by showing a short video of recent TAMU-CC activities.

Mr. Nye asked Dr. Furgason how many students participate in the “American Democracy Project.” Dr. Sandra Harper, Provost for TAMU-CC, responded that there are five or six different disciplines that are involved in the program.

VIDEO PRESENTATION - TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT QATAR

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Gates who presented a short video produced by Mr. Mohammed Mohammed, a TAMU-Q student. He said that recently they held the installation ceremony for Dr. Michael Kemp, Vice President and Dean of TAMUQ, and the convocation for the second freshman class.

Dr. Gates said that they have already received 226 applications for next year's class of 60. He said 150 of these are Qatari students and the other applications are from students in Egypt, New Zealand, Bahrain, Jordan, Israel, India, Ghana, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, Lebanon, Liberia, Nigeria, Tunisia, Yemen, Algeria, the U.S., France, Ethiopia, Syria, Iraq, Ecuador, Sudan, Iran, Canada and Kenya. Dr. Gates said that they are limited on the number of students they can have. He said that they are limited by space to 260 students but with the anticipated opening of the 450,000 square foot engineering building in 18 months they will be able to accommodate 400 students.

Dr. Gates said that they were happy that Regents Bailey and White had been able to visit the campus. Mr. White said that it was a great experience.

RECESS

Mr. Mays recessed the meeting at 10:03 am.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Finance convened at 10:04 am and adjourned at 10:20 am. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 10:21 am and adjourned at 10:49 am. The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 10:50 am and adjourned at 11:08 am.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Mays reconvened the meeting at 11:09 am. He called on Mr. Stevens to present the report from the Committee on Audit.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, reported that the Committee had met on Tuesday, December 7. He said that they received a report from Mr. Bob Boldt, President of the University of Texas Investment Management Corporation (UTIMCO), on the performance of the Permanent University Fund (PUF); a report on Sarbanes-Oxley from Ms. K. Sue Redman, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for TAMU; and a review of the audit tracking report.

Mr. Stevens introduced Mr. Steve Hartman, Executive Director of the Board for Lease of University Lands. He said that Mr. Hartman does a wonderful job. He said in 2004, the PUF received over \$70 million in lease bonuses on minerals leased on university lands. He thanked Mr. Hartman for what he does for the A&M System.

Mr. Nye said that Mr. Stevens had done a great job in bringing forward the Committee on Audit and the audit program for the A&M System.

Mr. Mays called on Mr. Hartman. Mr. Hartman said that Mr. Mays was the first A&M System Board representative on the Board for Lease of University Lands. He said that was in 1985. He thanked Mr. Stevens for his service on the Board for Lease and presented him with a plaque that was inscribed "Santa Rita No. 1." The plaque showed a section of the original production casing of the pipe. Mr. Hartman said the Santa Rita No. 1 was spudded as the University No. 1 on August 17, 1921. He said the discovery well truly sparked the interest in the Permian Basin oil production when it blew in on May 28, 1923. The well was plugged May 25, 1990. Mr. Hartman said the Santa Rita well gave new hope to the spacious West Texas territory and with its discovery, a new era for Texas' PUF.

Mr. Mays called on Mr. Adams to present the report from the Committee on Finance.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee had met earlier the same day. He said that they considered and approved Items 1 through 3, 5 through 9, and 41. (*Item 4 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.*) The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 160-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 01)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND  
THE TERM OF THE PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP CONTRACT,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute an amendment to the contract between Prairie View A&M University and The Pepsi Bottling Group to extend the term through January 13, 2008.

**MINUTE ORDER 161-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 02)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND  
THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT WITH SODEXHO SERVICES OF TEXAS,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby authorizes the President to execute an amendment to the contract between Prairie View A&M University and Sodexho Services of Texas to extend the term through August 31, 2014.

**MINUTE ORDER 162-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 03)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT NAMED  
“THE REBECCA ELLISON WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FUND,”  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment at Prairie View A&M University to be named “The Rebecca Ellison Wright Scholarship Fund.” The corpus of the quasi-endowment will be established with \$18,204. When combined with a \$6,796 endowment previously established, and when matched with Available University Funds, the earning from the quasi-endowment and the endowment will be used to fund scholarships for students in the College of Education and the College of Nursing at Prairie View A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 163-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 05)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH  
SCOTT & WHITE TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED MEDICAL  
EDUCATION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants authority to the Chancellor, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute the annual agreement with Scott & White to provide specialized medical education services for FY 05.

**MINUTE ORDER 164-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 06)**

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY  
FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM-FISCAL YEAR 2005,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

An amount of \$3,000,000 in Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Designated Tuition) is hereby appropriated for the Texas A&M University Fire and Life Safety Facility Improvement Program – FY 2005.

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

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

**MINUTE ORDER 165-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 07)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT NAMED THE  
“NICHOLSON CREATIVE WRITING QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment account to be named the “Nicholson Creative Writing Quasi-Endowment.” The new account will be created with the balance in the Texas A&M University Writing Center account. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support the Creative Writing Program in the Department of English, with the intent to advance scholarship and teaching in creative writing.

**MINUTE ORDER 166-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 08)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT NAMED THE  
“JOHN C. MORGAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment account to be named the “John C. Morgan Endowed Scholarship.” The account will be created with proceeds received from the John C. Morgan 1991 Trust. Interest earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support scholarships for needy and deserving students at Texas A&M University. This scholarship shall be provided to currently enrolled undergraduate students (non-freshman) on the basis of academic merit and financial need.

**MINUTE ORDER 167-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 09)**

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

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby accepts the gifts, donations, grants, and endowments made to the components of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Donations, Grants, and Endowments List No. 05-02, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 168-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

**APPROVAL OF GIFT DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND  
THE LAMAR BRUNI VERGARA TRUST,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves the Gift Declaration and Agreement between Texas A&M International University and the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust, dated November 24, 2004, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**.

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Mr. Mays called on Mr. Nye to present the report from the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Mr. Nye, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said that the Committee met earlier the same day and considered Items 10 through 12 pertaining to construction, Item 13 pertaining to naming of facilities, and Items 14 through 17 pertaining to real estate. He said the following Architect/Engineer design team selection was recommended by the Committee:

1. The design team formed by Shah Smith & Associates, Inc. of Houston, Texas, for design of the West Campus Utility Plant No. 2 Expansion at Texas A&M University.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 169-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE  
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR THE  
WEST CAMPUS UTILITY PLANT NO. 2 EXPANSION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for West Campus Utility Plant No. 2 Expansion at Texas A&M University is approved.

The amount of \$872,000 is appropriated from Account No. 021234 Available University Fund-Excellence Initiative for design of West Campus Utility Plant No. 2 Expansion at Texas A&M University.

The firm of Shah Smith & Associates, Inc. of Houston, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for West Campus Utility Plant No. 2 Expansion 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 of ranking as listed on the Recommendation of Ranked Order, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**, until an agreement for a design contract is reached.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) 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 170-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**APPROVAL OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST AND APPROPRIATION  
FOR KYLE FIELD PRESS BOX MODIFICATIONS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The total project cost of \$316,304 for the structural modifications to the concrete cantilevered beams that support the Kyle Field Press Box at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$300,000, the amount of \$16,304 is appropriated from Account No. 02-300090 Stadium Revenue Fund for the final project cost of the Kyle Field Press Box Modifications at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 171-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**APPROVAL TO ADJUST THE PROJECT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER ADDITION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The budget adjustment for the Early Childhood Development Center Addition at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is approved.

Supplementing previous appropriations of \$3,000,000, the amount of \$2,554,659 is appropriated from Account No. 083536 Revenue Financing System (Higher Education Fund) and the amount of \$2,204,659 is reverted from Account No. 830678 to the Higher Education Fund Source Account Number 15-016090 for the Early Childhood Development Center Addition at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (Board) 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.

Any private gifts received for this project are hereby appropriated and a like amount of previous appropriations is reverted to its source accounts.

**MINUTE ORDER 172-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“CHARLES R. ’62 AND JUDITH G. MUNNERLYN ASTRONOMY  
& SPACE SCIENCES ENGINEERING BUILDING,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Facilities Planning and Coordination Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Charles R. ’62 and Judith G. Munneryn Astronomy & Space Sciences Engineering Building.”

**MINUTE ORDER 173-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“DEBBIE AND MICHAEL R. HOUX ’73 MBA CLASSROOM,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The MBA Classroom 1017 in the Jerry and Kay Cox Graduate Business Center of the E.L. “Pete” Wehner Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Debbie and Michael R. Houx ’73 MBA Classroom.”

**MINUTE ORDER 174-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“CLARA DRISCOLL COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hereby named the “Clara Driscoll College of Nursing and Health Sciences.”

**MINUTE ORDER 175-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE  
EASEMENT WITH SURFACE EASEMENT, JIM WELLS COUNTY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute a sixteen-inch (16”) natural gas pipeline easement with surface easement to Humble Gas Pipeline Company, or assigns. The dimensions of the pipeline easement are 20 feet in width by 5,253 feet (318.37 rods) in length, with the surface easement being 50 feet by 75 feet, all of which are situated on Texas Agricultural Experiment Station property in the Carl Hoffman Survey No. 72, Abstract No. 218, Jim Wells County, Texas. This easement will be for a ten (10) year term with total consideration being \$31,837.

**MINUTE ORDER 176-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A NATURAL GAS  
PIPELINE EASEMENT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute a twelve-inch (12”) natural gas pipeline easement to Copano Pipelines/Upper Gulf Coast, L.P., or assigns. The dimensions of the pipeline easement are 20 feet in width and 11,163.90 feet (676.60 rods) in length. The pipeline crosses the W. Goodrich Jones State Forest property and is situated in the A.W. Springer Survey, Abstract No. 490, Montgomery County, Texas. This easement will be for a ten (10) year term with total consideration being \$67,660.

**MINUTE ORDER 177-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE SPACE FOR THE  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE’S RESEARCH  
OFFICE IN SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to lease approximately 4,627 usable square feet of space in the One Castle Hills Building, located at 1100 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas, for the benefit of the Texas Transportation Institute. The term of the lease will be for a period of 75 months with the projected rental paid over the term of the lease being approximately \$554,221.

**MINUTE ORDER 178-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR EXCHANGE  
AND GIFT OF LAND, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to present information and documents as requested by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and to execute such documents as may be required in order to exchange 21.149 acres of land, more or less, for approximately the same amount of land with the Truman and Anita Arnold Foundation, and to accept from the Truman and Anita Arnold Foundation a gift of approximately 71.1 acres of land, all of which are located in the Jarrett Janes Headright Survey, Abstract No. 302, Bowie County, Texas.

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Mr. Mays called on Dr. Gramm to present the report from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

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**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON  
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Dr. Gramm, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day and considered and approved Items 18 through 27. (*Item 28 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.*) The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 179-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 18)

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves the State of Texas Accountability System for Higher Education as presented in **Exhibits D, E, F, G, and H.**

MINUTE ORDER 180-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 19)

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH
THE CENTER FOR NURSING RESEARCH,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Sosa and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Center for Nursing Research was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I.**

MINUTE ORDER 181-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 20)

**APPROVAL OF NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
BIOLOGY AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new program at Texas A&M International University leading to a Master of Science degree in Biology.

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 182-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 21)

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
CRIMINAL JUSTICE VIA THE INTERNET,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

Having complied with all requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M International University is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Science in Criminal Justice via the Internet, effective Spring 2005.

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

MINUTE ORDER 183-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 22)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY
DOCTOR OF ARTS DEGREE TO WILLIAM H. COSBY, JR.,
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

West Texas A&M University is authorized to award an honorary Doctor of Arts degree to William H. Cosby, Jr.

MINUTE ORDER 184-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 23)

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY
DEGREE PROGRAM VIA THE INTERNET,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Having complied with all the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Science in Industrial Technology degree program via the Internet, effective Spring 2005.

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

MINUTE ORDER 185-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 24)

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE MASTER OF
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) DEGREE PROGRAM
VIA THE INTERNET,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

Having complied with all the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University-Texarkana is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Business Administration degree program via the Internet, effective Spring 2005.

The Board of Regents finds that the program offering authorized by this minute order is within the role, scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

MINUTE ORDER 186-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 25)

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE AND
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana leading to a Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Sciences.

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 187-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 26)

**APPROVAL OF NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS LEADING TO A
MASTER OF WATER MANAGEMENT DEGREE,
A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE AND A
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE IN WATER MANAGEMENT
AND HYDROLOGICAL SCIENCE AND
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of new degree programs at Texas A&M University leading to a Master of Water Management, a Master of Science degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Water Management and Hydrological Science.

The Board authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit these degree program proposals to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board for this proposal have been met.

MINUTE ORDER 188-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 27)

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION VIA THE INTERNET,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Having complied with all requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction via the Internet, effective Spring 2005.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System finds that the program offering authorized by this minute order is within the role and scope and capacity of Texas A&M University and will serve the needs of adult learners who need to take this degree by distance education.

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**OTHER ITEMS**

Mr. Mays called on Mr. Nye to present Item 29. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 189-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 29)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO
ROBERT R. FURGASON AS PRESIDENT
OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Robert R. Furgason has served as President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi since 1990; and

Whereas, A&M-Corpus Christi, through his dynamic leadership, was successfully transformed from a two-year, upper-level campus to a comprehensive university; and

Whereas, under his leadership, student enrollment has grown to over 8,000 students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college; and

Whereas, the number of faculty and staff has grown to nearly 1,000 and the number of alumni has grown to more than 26,000; and

Whereas, the university's scholarship program has grown to provide scholarships to 700 students yearly; and

Whereas, because of his dedication to the goal of providing access to higher education for everyone, applications from “first time in college” Hispanic students has increased from 38 percent of total applications in 2000 to 46 percent in 2004; and

Whereas, because of Dr. Furgason's vision of an exemplary comprehensive university, A&M-Corpus Christi has added many new undergraduate and graduate degrees and now offers 36 bachelor's degrees and 28 graduate degrees; and

Whereas, A&M-Corpus Christi, during Dr. Furgason's tenure, has added doctoral education to its degree program offerings and graduated its first Ph.D. students in August 2004; and

Whereas, A&M-Corpus Christi has become a leader in research in Gulf of Mexico studies; and

Whereas, Dr. Furgason's visionary leadership has resulted in the university receiving the prestigious STAR Award twice from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

Whereas, further national accolades have been garnered by the university's First Year Learning Communities Program and the Tutoring and Learning Center; and

Whereas, by making the health care needs of the Coastal Bend a university priority, A&M-Corpus Christi has introduced its fifth college, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; and

Whereas, under Dr. Furgason's leadership, A&M-Corpus Christi strengthened the scope of the arts in Corpus Christi with the formation of the South Texas Institute for the Arts and approval to form a new School of Visual and Performing Arts; and

Whereas, Dr. Furgason's guidance in the growth of the university has resulted in \$185 million in campus facilities and improvement projects; and

Whereas, Dr. Furgason's resourceful leadership in advancement efforts has resulted in an extraordinary donation of \$46 million to the university to create the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies; and

Whereas, he further advanced the cause of university fund raising with the successful \$22 million "Wave of the Future" campaign; and

Whereas, Dr. Furgason was honored with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's Chief Executive Leadership Award in 2000; and

Whereas, A&M-Corpus Christi's endowment has grown to more than \$80 million from \$7.2 million in 1993; and

Whereas, A&M-Corpus Christi introduced NCAA Division I sports during his tenure; and

Whereas, Dr. Furgason has contributed to his professional field of chemical engineering through a wide range of scholarly papers, research projects, and leadership assignments in the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology; and

Whereas, his untiring efforts to elevate the quality of life in the Gulf Coast area have been recognized through his 2000 selection as Newsmaker of the Decade by the Corpus Christi Caller-Times; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its appreciation for Dr. Furgason's tireless service to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Dr. Robert R. Furgason and to the archives of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as a permanent mark of this Board's expression of appreciation for his leadership and dedication as President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

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Mr. Nye presented Dr. Furgason with a framed resolution. Dr. Furgason thanked the Board and said that he was proud of TAMU-CC's faculty, staff and administrators.

Mr. Mays called on Mr. Nye to present Item 39. Mr. Nye said that selecting the replacement for Dr. Furgason was a difficult task. He said that Dr. Furgason has been a great leader, a visionary, and his work is evidence on the campus, in the city and across South Texas.

Mr. Nye said that the search to replace Dr. Furgason had been intensive and they have benefited from the involvement of students, faculty, community leaders and others. He said that they are also indebted to Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, and members of the search committee for working long and hard. Mr. Nye said that they appreciated Dr. McTeer's active and positive involvement in the latter part of the selection process and in particular for his interviewing each of the four finalists brought forward for the Board's consideration. He said that the Board had biographical sketches on the finalists, but they also took the opportunity to interview each of the four finalists on Tuesday, December 7. Mr. Nye said that they had very good and thorough interviews. He said they all believe that they had four excellent candidates that are each well qualified to run TAMU-CC. He said that it is a credit to the university that they attracted so many fine candidates. He said that the circumstances make for a hard choice and extended his appreciation to all the candidates for making themselves available under rigorous circumstances.

Mr. Nye said that it was his pleasure to nominate as the sole finalist for the presidency of TAMU-CC, Dr. Flavius C. Killebrew, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at WTAMU. He said that Dr. Killebrew has an impressive academic background and a broad range of experiences and academic responsibilities including fundraising, legislative relationships and research funding. He said that he is highly regarded by students, faculty and community leaders at WTAMU. Mr. Nye said that they believe Dr. Killebrew will be a worthy successor to Dr. Furgason.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 190-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 39)

**NAMING OF
DR. FLAVIUS C. KILLEBREW
AS THE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF
PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Dr. Flavius C. Killebrew is hereby named the finalist for the position of President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. As required by state law, final action will be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

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Mr. Jones said that among the many accomplishments of Dr. Killebrew, what may not be known is that he played 15 instruments as a child including the trumpet and is a former bull rider.

The Board took action on the remaining Items 30 through 36 as follows:

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MINUTE ORDER 191-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 30)

**APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
ANTHONY J. BEST
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Approval of Mr. Anthony J. Best, Class of 1972, to be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University Private Enterprise Research Center, effective January 2005.

MINUTE ORDER 192-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 31)

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

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

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

MINUTE ORDER 193-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 32)

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

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

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of “Emeritus/Emerita” upon individuals as shown in **Exhibit K**, Emeritus Title List No. 05-02, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 194-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 33)

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

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 (*Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*), hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth in **Exhibit L**, Tenure List No. 05-02.

MINUTE ORDER 195-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 34)

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in **Exhibit M**, Faculty Development Leave List FY 05 -- Supplementary List, Texas A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 196-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 35)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE
SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2004, REGULAR BOARD MEETING;
OCTOBER 13, 2004, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING;
AND NOVEMBER 4, 2004, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING,
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the September 16-17, 2004, Regular Board Meeting, October 13, 2004, Special Telephonic Meeting; and November 4, 2004, Special Telephonic Meeting, in College Station, Texas, are approved.

MINUTE ORDER 197-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 36)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR
J.T. HIGGINS, HEAD MEN'S GOLF COACH,
JOLEEN EVANS, HEAD WOMEN'S SOFTBALL COACH, AND
PAT HENRY, HEAD TRACK AND FIELD COACH,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authority is hereby granted, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to the President of Texas A&M University to execute employment contracts with the following persons:

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| J.T. Higgins | Head Men's Golf Coach |
| Joleen Evans | Head Women's Softball Coach |
| Pat Henry | Head Track and Field Coach |

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Mr. Mays called on Dr. Keith McFarland, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C), who presented Item 37. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 198-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 37)

**APPOINTMENT OF
MS. SYLVIA KELLEY AS VICE PRESIDENT
FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Effective December 15, 2004, Ms. Sylvia Kelley is hereby appointed Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Texas A&M University-Commerce at an initial salary of \$89,700.

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Mr. Mays called on Mr. Robert L. Smith, Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), who presented Item 38. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 199-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 38)

**APPOINTMENT OF
MS. BETH C. EBY AS
ASSOCIATE AGENCY DIRECTOR, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT,
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE**

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

Effective January 1, 2005, Ms. Beth C. Eby is hereby appointed Associate Agency Director, Business Development, at the Texas Engineering Extension Service, at an initial salary of \$115,000.

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Mr. Mays presented Item 40. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 200-2004 (AGENDA ITEM 40)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
DR. BENTON COCANOUGH,
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Dr. Cocanougher has unselfishly devoted himself to Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System since 1987; and

Whereas, he served as Dean of the Mays Business School from 1987 until 2001, a period of unprecedented growth and accomplishment; and

Whereas, Dr. Cocanougher has also served Texas A&M University as Interim Senior Vice President and Provost, Special Assistant to the President, Wiley Professor of Marketing, and Dean Emeritus; and

Whereas, he served The Texas A&M University System as Interim Chancellor from September 2003, until November 2004; and

Whereas, as Interim Chancellor, Dr. Cocanougher oversaw more than 38,500 full-time faculty and staff members throughout the state, an enrollment of nearly 100,000 students, an annual operating budget of nearly \$2.25 billion, and research projects totaling more than \$425 million; and

Whereas, during his tenure as interim Chancellor, ground was broken for five major new facilities for the A&M System across the state, and land was acquired for a campus for Texas A&M University-Texarkana and

Whereas, under Dr. Cocanougher's leadership, significant new academic programs were added at A&M System universities, including the first Ph.D. in Hispanic Studies in the State of Texas, which is a collaboration among four universities in the A&M System; and

Whereas, Dr. Cocanougher worked extensively with and earned the support of members of the Texas Legislature and other public policymakers to further the interests of the institutions and agencies of the A&M System and Texas higher education in general; and

Whereas, Dr. Cocanougher is a recognized expert in the fields of finance and marketing, having served on the faculty at four prominent universities, and also having held key managerial and corporate staff positions in the General Electric Company; and

Whereas, he has been a trustee with Smith Barney Investment Series and CitiFunds mutual fund and a director of several other businesses; and

Whereas, Dr. Cocanougher has been recognized by his students, colleagues and peers as the recipient of numerous teaching and service awards, and as the author of many scholarly articles; and

Whereas, he has been involved in community organizations such as the Bryan Business Council and the Twin City Foundation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System desires to express its appreciation for the outstanding leadership shown by Dr. Cocanougher as Interim Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Dr. Benton Cocanougher as a sincere expression of gratitude for his leadership and dedication as Interim Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Mays asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Sosa, and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.

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

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