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CONVENE

Mr. Lowry Mays, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 9:40 am, on Thursday, March 24, 2005, 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. 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 White

INVOCATION

Mr. Mays called on Mr. Ryan Bishop, a senior at TAMU, majoring in business, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Mays said the Board had a very busy agenda because they would be hearing from students concerning tuition issues.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Dr. Bob McTeer, Chancellor, said that since the last Board meeting, much of his office's time has been focused on the legislature and state funding prospects for the System's universities and agencies. He commented that, as usual, the needs are greater than the funds available and that legislators have the unenviable task of making difficult choices. Dr. McTeer said that so far, the Senate Finance Committee has been kinder to public higher education than the House Appropriations Committee and that we are counting on their generosity to prevail in conference negotiations. Dr. McTeer said that bills have been introduced to reduce threshold enrollment for independents such as TAMU at San Antonio and the Central Texas campus, from 2,500 down to 1,000 students. He said that the System supports this action and is grateful for local sponsors of that legislation. He said that he hopes that the legislators understand that successful launching of the new universities will require adequate funding and it would do little good to authorize them if funding was not provided.

Dr. McTeer said that the Chancellor's Student Advisory Committee (CSAC) spent February 15-17, 2005, in Austin, studying higher education issues and the legislative process. He said that 40 of the Regents' Professors met at the System offices to work on "Pathways to the Doctorate," a program intended to bring more high achieving students into System graduate schools.

Dr. McTeer said that in regards to tuition he supports the ranges that would be presented, unless students or others presented arguments that he had not thought of yet. He emphasized that the Board would hear ranges and would be asked to approve tuitions not to exceed specified levels. Dr. McTeer said that no one wants to adopt tuitions in the upper parts of those ranges and actual levels adopted would depend on resources allocated by the legislature. He said that we all hope that sufficient state funding will permit only modest tuition increases. Dr. McTeer said that he supports Dr. Gates' flat tuition incentive structure to the extent that students take advantage of the incentives built into that structure. He said that students would save money, as well as finish their degree programs sooner.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, presented a legislative update. He referred to a report, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents. Dr. Calvert thanked the Regents, Chancellor, CEOs and others who he said have spent an enormous amount of time preparing the materials presented to the legislature.

Dr. Calvert said that the session has been dominated by three big issues: the budget, public school finance and property tax reform. He said that public school finance and property tax reform would determine the outcome of the budget this session and many more to come. Dr. Calvert said that the System is focused on recovering the \$20 million for TAMU that was deleted from the House Committee Report; getting funding for the Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K) Pharmacy School; getting as many of the urgent Tuition Revenue Bonds (TRBs) projects approved, including those for the new campuses in San Antonio, Central Texas and Texarkana; doing our part to get the Governor's Enterprise Fund/Emerging Technology legislation approved and demonstrating the benefits those funds will have to the institutions and economy; and getting the agencies and other institutions included in the employee pay raise.

Dr. Calvert said that until the Conference Committee on the Budget reports and the bill is approved in both houses, what we appear to have right now might not necessarily hold. He said that more than likely we will end up somewhere between the two committees in terms of the \$200 million difference for academic institutions. He said that the System's Health Science Center (HSC) has fared well because they now have more students to teach. Dr. Calvert said that research and service agencies have been treated well thus far. He said that they remain at 2004-05 levels, which means they are still dealing with cuts from the last session. Dr. Calvert said that both chambers fared better on group insurance than they had hoped and they covered half of the anticipated increases in health care costs.

Dr. Calvert explained that in his report, the reason the HSC was listed twice under top priority TRB projects was that the Baylor College of Dentistry (BCD) has no other source for capital project funding. He said that it does not benefit from Higher Education Fund (HEF) or Permanent University Funds (PUF).

Dr. Calvert said that his office is tracking approximately 1,300 bills. He said there is a bill that would allow a student or faculty member to become a member of a board of regents. Dr. Calvert said that there is also a bill that would allow public testimony on every issue on the Board's agenda before final action could be taken. He said that the time-to-degree bill is a big policy issue for academics encouraging students to take more hours and complete their education sooner in order to make room for new students. Dr. Calvert said that March 30 would be Top 10 Percent bill day in the Senate and the House. He also referred to the Enterprise Fund/Emerging Technology legislation.

Mr. Nye asked Dr. Calvert what he thought of the Comptroller's decision that the tax bill did not cover what they thought it would. Dr. Calvert responded that of all the issues before the legislature, this was probably the most fluid. He said a combination of taxes was being proposed.

Mr. Mays acknowledged the presence of Senator Tommy Williams. He said Senator Williams has been a beacon of support for TAMU and the System. Senator Williams briefly commented on his budget rider that reduces General Revenue (GR) for institutions that increase designated tuition over \$94/semester credit hour (SCH). Senator Williams asked the Board to be supportive of the Senate's plan. He said that there is nearly \$800 million in new money going into higher education including the general academic institutions, the health-related institutions and community colleges. He said that he feels that the legislature has made a very substantial commitment to higher education. He said that they feel that there is very little reason to see the kind of tuition increases that have been seen in the past. Senator Williams said that he was a reluctant supporter of tuition deregulation and it has exceeded his worst nightmares. He said that the request he has to the Board is that the only increases that are seen in tuition would be to reduce fees. Senator Williams said that the Senate does not want to see any more increases in designated tuition. He said that they would like to keep the opportunity to attend flagship schools affordable and make opportunities available to those who cannot afford to pay.

Mr. Mays said that the Board would support Senator Williams' rider and appreciated the work he has done. Mr. Nye said that he also appreciated what Senator Williams has done and that it takes leadership and courage to step up and do the right thing. Mr. White concurred.

RECESS

Mr. Mays recessed the meeting at 10:02 am.

(Secretary's note: The Committee on Finance convened at 10:03 am and recessed at 10:07 am.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Mays reconvened the meeting at 10:08 am.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED INCREASES IN DESIGNATED TUITION

Mr. Mays announced that the Board would conduct the public hearings on proposed increases in designated tuitions. He said that persons wishing to make public comment on a proposed increase in designated tuition at one of the A&M System's institutions should sign in on the sheets outside the meeting room. Mr. Mays said that the Board would hold a hearing for each of the 11 institutions seeking an increase in designated tuition. He said that in addition to hearing from each president, the Board would hear up to 20 minutes of public comment on each institution's proposal.

Mr. Mays said that as part of the public hearing for West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), the Board would also entertain comment on a proposed increase in the group hospital fee.

Mr. Mays said that in consideration of time restraints, comments should be kept brief and those speaking should avoid repetitive comments.

Prairie View A&M University

Mr. Mays called on Dr. George Wright, President of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). Dr. Wright said that in the fall of 2003, designated tuition at PVAMU was \$36/SCH. He said that in the fall of 2004, he decided to increase designated tuition by \$10/SCH because he was concerned about the impact a significant increase would have on PVAMU students. Dr. Wright said that they have a large number of first generation college students, 90 percent of their students are on some form of financial assistance, and 35 percent of their students come from families that live below the poverty level in the U.S. Dr. Wright said that he also realized that the cost of an education at PVAMU would continue to increase, so he decided it was essential to spend the entire 2004-05 school year educating the Prairie View community on why there would be an increase in the future. Dr. Wright said that in December of 2003, he sent a letter to the entire Prairie View community about the costs and future of PVAMU.

Dr. Wright said that a survey of the 34 public universities in Texas for the current semester revealed that the University of Texas (UT) at Austin has the highest designated tuition at \$94/SCH, which ranges to a low of \$34. He said that PVAMU is currently at \$46/SCH and the median of all universities is \$62/SCH. Dr. Wright said that a major reason for increasing designated tuition at PVAMU would be to have merit pay increases for faculty. He said that they were one of the few schools in Texas that did not have pay increases this year. Dr. Wright said the public hearing for PVAMU was conducted on February 2, 2005. He said that 55 students attended and by the time this hearing was conducted he had already met with a wide range of students.

Dr. Wright said that they have several different scenarios for increases in designated tuition: to provide a 4 percent merit salary pool for faculty and staff; resources to continue hiring new faculty; and additional renovations. Dr. Wright said that a \$17/SCH increase would allow them to do this, as well as transfer \$680,000 to help students absorb some of the increase. He said that because there is still a possibility that all state agencies' budgets will be cut by 5 percent, they have a contingency plan that would help offset the 5 percent loss. He said that there would not be a need for the plan if the state does not cut their budget. Dr. Wright said that prior legislative sessions authorized new buildings at PVAMU and they are hopeful that the current legislative session will follow through with the TRBs for those buildings. He said that construction on those buildings has started. Dr. Wright said that if the state chooses not to follow through with TRBs, they have no choice but to find other resources to cover the cost of those buildings. He said this would result in a designated tuition increase of \$27.50/SCH. Dr. Wright said that the worst-case scenario would be an increase in designated tuition of \$61.50/SCH. He said that this would result in PVAMU being one of the highest priced universities in Texas, which would be extremely harmful for programs at PVAMU.

Dr. Wright said that there is no question that PVAMU is in a difficult situation. He said that the faculty is unhappy because they did not receive a pay increase this year. He said that the students are not thrilled because he has said that they must give faculty a pay increase next year. Dr. Wright said that regardless, they must keep the momentum that has begun with new programs and enrollment increases. He said that everyone, and especially students who will be required to pay more, needs to understand that an education is an investment and that they are committed to using their money wisely. He said that they understand the burden on their students is increasing.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any questions of Dr. Wright.

Mr. Nye asked what the mood was at the hearing. Dr. Wright responded that the mood was one of being unsympathetic to the increases. He said that some students said that they did not feel it was fair that they pay for increases for faculty and staff. He said that he tried to explain to them that an investment is important and that PVAMU needed to be competitive with other universities. He said that students also said that historically PVAMU has been treated unfairly and should be exempted from what the state does at other schools. Dr. Wright said that he responded that he would not be president of PVAMU if he felt the university was being discriminated against. He said that they are facing the same challenges of other public universities across the state and that they were not being singled out. Dr. Wright said that he was disappointed that he had not been able to convince students that this was an investment that will benefit them and their families in the future.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons present who wanted to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at PVAMU. The following individual raised questions and commented:

Mr. Nigel Redman (Student Body President)

Mr. Jones suggested that as the students from the System universities speak to the Board regarding tuition increases and the impact it will have on them personally or the student body, they should bring forth any suggestions or alternatives they might have to solve the problem. He said that he did not feel that anyone in the room or the Board was unappreciative or unaware of the impact of tuition increases on families.

Mr. Nye commented that the Board works with the legislature as best as they can and everyone should keep in mind the tough issues that they face. Mr. Mays asked if there were any other persons who wanted to comment. The Board received comments from the following individuals:

Mr. Oludays Ousanya (sophomore biology major)
Mr. Bryan Waters (junior architecture major)
Ms. LaShawn Chambers (junior civil engineering major)

Mr. Mays thanked the students for their comments. Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for the proposed increase in designated tuition at PVAMU was closed.

Tarleton State University

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of Tarleton State University (TSU). Dr. McCabe said that they held two forums, one in Killeen on January 25, and the other in Stephenville on January 31. He said that approximately 60 students attended the meeting in Stephenville and six to seven students attended the meeting in Killeen. Dr. McCabe said that the mid-range increase at TSU, because their designated fee is a range proposal at this point, is \$0 to \$18/SCH. He said the middle of the road shows an overall increase at TSU with all fees, about 9.54 percent. He said that last year their increase was a little over 9 percent. He said that in a recent report from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (CB) that analyzes all costs for students, there is no other public university in Texas that costs less than TSU. Dr. McCabe said that they are mindful of the accessibility and affordability of rules of engagement for administration when it comes to fee increases and costs to students. He said that there is a saying on the TSU campus, “we are about creating a culture of excellence for our students.” He said that 15 percent of the increase would help students with financial aid, but the primary use would be for educational purposes, departmental operating increases for educational enterprise, instructional costs and salaries for faculty and staff.

Dr. McCabe said that they would have an increase in their student service fee. He said that currently TSU charges \$15.40/SCH up to 12 hours and they propose an increase of \$1.50 for students in Stephenville. He said that these funds would be used to help student programs that are not related to education. Dr. McCabe said that they would also have a student fee for students who use a service.

Mr. Nye asked about the mood of the students who attended the hearings. Dr. McCabe responded that Dr. John Idoux, Executive Director of the Killeen campus, conducted the meeting in Killeen. He said that in conversations with Dr. Idoux, students

had questions and concerns but understood once explanations were given and were generally supportive once they understood the increases were for improvements in their educational opportunities. Mr. Nye asked how they determined their \$9.54 mid-range. Dr. McCabe responded that it was based on designated tuition and no increase from the state.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons present who wanted to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at TSU. There were none. Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for the proposed increase in designated tuition at TSU was closed.

Texas A&M International University

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Ray Keck, President of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU). Dr. Keck said that hearings were held on the campus January 18 and January 22. He said that at the time the hearings were held, the cuts looked more substantial than they do now. Dr. Keck said that the good news would be if the Board approves their proposed \$9 (\$46 to \$55) increase in designated tuition, they would have a pool of approximately \$900,000 from which they would be able to offer a strong merit increase for faculty and add faculty. He said that there has been tremendous stress on their deans and chairs in the last several years, because of growth, to cover the additional classes with highly qualified faculty. Dr. Keck said that while their students are not eager to pay more, they fully understand the argument that if you want your faculty to offer everything you are looking for, they must be paid. He said that their assumption is that some of the initial cuts will not happen.

Mr. Nye asked if they expected to use the mid-range. Dr. Keck responded that they expect to use the entire \$9 increase.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons present who wished to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at TAMIU. There were none. Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition for TAMIU was closed.

Texas A&M University

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Robert M. Gates, President of TAMU. Dr. Gates said that approximately 20 months ago he named a 15-person Tuition Policy Advisory Council (TPAC) to develop alternate proposals for future tuition decisions. He said that seven of the fifteen members of the Council are student leaders including the Student Body President, Speaker of the Student Senate, President of the MSC, the Corps of Cadets Commander, President of the Residence Hall Association, a representative from the Greek Council and the President of the Graduate Student Council. He said that the Council also includes the President of the Federation of Aggie Mothers and the President of The Association of Former Students. Dr. Gates said that he set three objectives for the Council: First, faster progress-to-degree by students; second, greater predictability in tuition and costs for students; and third that any alternative that they came up with could not result in a loss of revenue for the university.

Dr. Gates said that the Council unanimously recommended a proposal to him. He said that he feels that the proposal is responsive to bipartisan pressure from the legislature for students to move faster to graduation. He said that the shorter time to graduation will make more space available for more students to attend an enrollment capped TAMU. Dr. Gates said that currently only 36 percent of TAMU students graduate in four years in comparison to 46 percent at UT, 49 percent at Baylor University, and 65 percent at the University of North Carolina at Chappel Hill. He said that if you look at the current TAMU catalog, you would see that virtually all of the degree programs provide a curriculum semester-by-semester. He said that all of these programs show a semester-by-semester course load for students with 15 or more hours with the exception of a handful that have one or two semesters where students have below this number. Dr. Gates said that they have been in the process of reviewing how they can reduce the number of hours required for degrees.

Dr. Gates said that their proposal affects all undergraduates taking 12 or more hours and sets a flat-rate tuition based on the tuition for 15 hours. He said that those taking 12 to 14 hours pay for 15 hours, those taking more than 15 hours essentially take the extra hours free. Dr. Gates said that the clear objective is for more students to take 15 or more hours. He said that an experiment at UT over the last couple of years has shown an increase in the average course load of their students and they have now adopted the program for the entire university. Dr. Gates said that unlike other Texas universities that have already raised their designated tuition for next fall, without waiting to see what the legislature appropriates, under this proposal, designated tuition for this fall and in the future will be set for the fall semester following the regular biennial legislative session and in light of legislative appropriations. He said that tuition and fees would only be used to make up the state budgetary shortfall in revenue. He said that any increase in designated tuition during the second year of the biennium could not be by more than 10 percent. He said that a cap would be placed on increases in the second year. Dr. Gates said that graduate and undergraduate students taking fewer than 12 hours are unaffected by this proposal and would continue to pay by the SCH. He said that mandatory fees would be set at 15 hours. He said that the total annual increase in course fees of individual colleges, except for new courses, would not exceed 5 percent. Dr. Gates said that for freshmen entering in the fall of 2006, after five years for full time students, there would be a penalty charged for every semester beyond the fifth year. He said that the penalty amount has not been set.

Dr. Gates said that the proposal is a blend of flat and fixed tuition and they have not moved in the direction of differential tuition. He said that one of the advantages for students is financial. Dr. Gates said that a student that takes more than 15 hours could take financial advantage of capped tuition and mandatory fees. He said that if a student graduates in four versus five years, that would save approximately \$16,000 in college costs. He said that on the other side, every year they stay in school beyond four years costs the students and his or her family \$16,000 plus on average about \$37,000 in foregone salary. Dr. Gates said that the proposal provides greater predictability. He said that any tuition in the second year is capped at a 10 percent increase and course fees are capped at 5 percent every year. Dr. Gates said that at the 15-hour rate an education at

TAMU is a bargain. He said that at the current level A&M's tuition and required fees, for two semesters, is \$5,955 per year. He said that this compares to UT's cost of \$6,786 per year, \$7,944 at the University of Illinois, \$8,722 at the University of Michigan and \$10,856 at Penn State. Dr. Gates said that TAMU's tuition and fees for a flat 15 hours would cost \$100 more than graduating from Texas Tech. He said that a large percentage of universities have changed to flat tuition over the years.

Dr. Gates said that there are a number of student concerns. He said that they are concerned about the burden of carrying more than 12 hours, especially if they must work and want to be involved in extracurricular activities. He said that these concerns are especially strong in the colleges of engineering and science. Dr. Gates said that some of the students object to paying for something they do not use such as the hours between 12 and 14. He said that with respect to student concerns about hours not taken, the other side is that they would be able to take hours for which they are not charged.

Dr. Gates said that he has not made a single major decision at TAMU during the last two and a half years that affected students without those decisions being affected and altered by the feedback that he receives from students. He said there was an open forum on January 31 that addressed flat-rate and designated tuition. He said most of the students' questions concerned flat-rate tuition. He said that he has talked to the student senate and a number of individual students, and as a result they have made changes to their proposal. Dr. Gates said that they would create an appeals process for those students who have undue hardships or unusual circumstances. He said that there would be substantial student representation on the appeals board. Dr. Gates said that they have delayed the five-year penalty for one year and would affect entering freshmen in the fall of 2006. He said that most importantly, he has decided to ask the TPAC to examine providing a refund for any student who earn 30 hours during a 12-month period. He said for example, a student taking 12 hours in the fall, 12 in the spring and six hours in the summer could apply for a refund for the difference between 12 and 15 hours. Dr. Gates said that as the process proceeds they are willing to consider further adjustments. He said that there is a compelling state interest in students at the two enrollment-capped flagship universities graduating in a shorter time.

Dr. Gates said that with respect to designated tuition they all wish they could announce that there would be no increase in tuition. He said that any increase would have an impact on families and students, but they are also responsible for the quality of education. Dr. Gates said that he considers it his responsibility that the excellence of an A&M education continues to improve and also continues to increase the value of a TAMU degree. He said that he also realizes that he must do all he can to make that education accessible to as many Texans as possible. Dr. Gates said that TAMU has been the most cautious major university in the state about raising tuition. He said that six Texas universities charge more designated tuition per SCH than TAMU. Dr. Gates said that designated tuition at TAMU is \$20/SCH less than at of the other flagship universities. He said that A&M has worked to keep its increases in designated tuition as low as possible, despite the fact that the state appropriation for TAMU this year is less

than four years ago. He said that A&M has also faced between \$12 to \$20 million each year in unfunded mandates, pay raises, increased benefit costs and more.

Dr. Gates said that for the next biennium they have made three requests to the legislature. He said that they want to begin the process with the same general revenue from the state that was received this year. He said that they would like to add \$10 million for the next two years for faculty reinvestment and to add \$10 million each year for 3 percent pay increases for faculty and staff and to meet unfunded costs. Dr. Gates said that before asking the legislature or students for more money, they have tightened their belts and increased efficiency. He said that they have the lowest administrative costs as a percentage of expenditures than any public university in the state, according to the state auditor. Dr. Gates said that they have eliminated over 280 staff positions during the last 20 months and cut the administrative budget by \$20.5 million and reallocated it to academics. Dr. Gates said that even with the faculty reinvestment program, A&M has fewer full-time employees than it had three years ago. He said that A&M continues to examine every function on campus, especially those that are running deficits and are not critical to the academic mission. He said that more changes and eliminations are coming. Dr. Gates said that they expect to have almost 250 additional faculty members on campus by September 1, 2005. He said that this fall they expect to see an improvement in the quality of undergraduate educational experience such as smaller classes, more tenured/tenured-track teaching, faculty teaching freshmen and sophomores, greater course selection, more sections for in-demand courses and more tenured/tenured-track faculty available for mentoring and advising. Dr. Gates said that they are building the foundation for TAMU in the 21st century as one of America's greatest public universities.

Dr. Gates said that the reason they have offered a range is because what they have recommended would depend entirely on what happens in the legislature. He said that in their open forum on January 31, they presented three scenarios. He said that the first was where the legislature would provide them with the three items they had asked for. He said that this would involve a tuition increase of approximately \$3/SCH. Dr. Gates said that if the legislature does not give TAMU anything beyond the current level of appropriation, the increase in designated tuition would be approximately \$19/SCH. He said that in this worst-case scenario, designated tuition for next year would still be slightly less than UT was this year before their new increase. He said that this increase would also fall below Senator Williams' threshold. He said we all await the outcome of the appropriations process and legislative action to see what increase will be required. He said that we, like you and the students, earnestly hope that the legislature will make it possible for us to impose as small increase in tuition on students and their parents as possible.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any questions for Dr. Gates.

Dr. Bailey asked that if the intent of the flat-rate tuition plan was to speed students along at a more rapid pace toward graduation, what has been the experience of other universities around the country that have implemented this policy.

Dr. Gates responded that their advisory council might have looked at this, but the only experience that he was personally familiar with was at UT, where they experimented with this approach in two colleges and found that it did in fact increase the students' course load and they have adopted flat-rate tuition for the entire university.

Dr. Bailey said that she has yet to be convinced that the plan will have the effect that they want it to have and she worries about many unintended consequences the policy might have. She referred to information that she had taken from the Baylor University's website, where their new freshmen retention rate has actually decreased since implementing the policy. Dr. Bailey said that the University of Florida implemented a plan to get students to graduate more quickly in 1990 and their four-year graduation rate has increased from 38 percent to almost 51 percent, but this was done by guaranteeing a slot in any course required for a student's major and not by making them take more hours per semester. She said that their semester hour load only increased from 13.1 to 13.5. Dr. Bailey said that if this was an experiment, they needed to be honest with themselves that the data was not there. She said that she begs the university to follow the impact of the policy, if it is passed, on many different things such as what happens to matriculation rates, will students perceive that A&M is now harder than it was before and will we lose some students who might have attended otherwise. She said that they must track what kind of hours are being taken and are there students that will actually be counterproductive and take easier courses that might not be in their major just because they are worried about their success in their major courses. She said that they should track if there is a change in the percentage of full-time students versus part-time students and will they actually see an increase in the number of part-time students. She asked if they would see major changes such as fewer students in engineering and more students in liberal arts. Dr. Bailey said that they need to look at freshmen retention rates, whether transfer rates will go up, and does this policy affect different student populations in different ways, such as are we going to reverse the progress they have been making in minority enrollment, Corps participation and first-generation students. She asked what happens to student grade point averages (GPA) and will more students be on scholastic probation and require tutoring or academic help, require counseling or health care because of stress; will they see fewer students at sporting events and student organizations and will they do better or worse in getting students into professional schools or graduate school. Dr. Bailey said that she is glad to hear that since we are not mandated to implement the policy by the legislature, they are willing to re-evaluate this program in the future if they decide after looking at the data that the flat-rate tuition policy is not achieving the goals they want to achieve.

Dr. Gates responded that there are clearly merits to the approach because an overwhelming majority of major universities in the U.S. have adopted this policy over the last 20 years. He said that he thinks that it is the experience and the precedence set by a number of the other universities that the council looked into and addressed. He said that it is important not to forget that this is a blend of fixed and flat tuition, so there is a second purpose in addition to moving the students more quickly to degree and that is to make the whole range of costs more predictable for the students. Dr. Gates said that they are working very hard in terms of what the needs might be for next fall. He said that each

of the deans have calculated what may be needed in additional classroom spaces, additional faculty, additional courses, additional sections and they recognize that they have a responsibility to be able to meet the demands that exist. Dr. Gates said that they expect the largest shift will be in the freshman class. He said that freshmen have been told for the last 10 years that they need to start with 12 hours. He said that better counseling and advising for freshmen and other students would be required. Dr. Gates said that what makes this different from any other university's flat tuition approach is the creation of an appeals process and the opportunity to take advantage of summer school.

Mr. Jones said that considering the effect the policy might have on football games, etc., as he understands, currently if a student makes a decision not to take the recommended 15 hours, the major consequence falls to the university as that student matriculates past the four-year period of time and the cost is borne primarily by the university, but with the flat-rate tuition policy, if a student made a decision not to take 15 hours then the university shared the consequences with the student. He said that ultimately the decision is up to the students, their counselors and parents. Dr. Gates concurred and added that several legislators have pointed out that the cost of students who stay longer than five years is borne by the state and is also borne by students who would like to become Aggies but cannot get in. Mr. Jones asked if these students would include minority students. Dr. Gates responded that he does not think that the numbers at this point differ very much by race, but they will track the students that they have recruited.

Mr. Adams said that he likes the concept of flat-rate tuition and the incentive element. He said that he does have some concern about the students who have jobs. Dr. Gates commented that for those that have a special burden, they have an appeals process. Mr. Mays asked if there were further questions. There were none.

Mr. Mays called for comments from the public. The following individuals raised questions and commented on the proposed designated tuition at TAMU:

Ms. Marcella Colbert (political science major)

Dr. Gramm commented that the legislature has looked into ways to cut costs and students might be able to help by looking around campus to see if there are areas where money is being spent that are not academic and do not to advance the students' education.

Mr. Russell Dempsey (senior wildlife fisheries science major)

Mr. Mark McCaig (senior marketing major)

Mr. Adams asked why Mr. McCaig did not have a problem with students taking five to six years to graduate. Mr. McCaig responded that he does and that he does not oppose a penalty on those students. He said that he does not think that forcing students who cannot or do not have to take 15 hours/SCH would solve the problem. He said that he feels the solution is a penalty/financial incentives as proposed by the state legislature such as loan forgiveness. Mr. Adams asked if he felt there was any benefit to a flat

tuition program that requires taking 15 hours. Mr. McCaig responded that there is an incentive for students to take extra hours except he feels the harm caused by the policy does not justify its implementation.

Mr. Logan Renfro (speaker of the Student Senate and member of TPAC)
Ms. Sarah Peña (senior human resource development major)

Mr. Sosa responded that he thinks everyone who works to help TAMU become more diverse and address the changing demographics is committed. He said that Dr. Gates' commitment to continue to increase diversity will be there and that he has thought the process through. Mr. Sosa said that he thinks that there is something in the spirit of Latino families that always says that "if we are going to be there, there will not be any barriers to keep us from getting what we want and we will overcome." He said the relentless spirit that we have in the Latino culture is something that he thinks more and more of us are beginning to put forth. He said he truly believes that it is still the best bargain, and we will find a way with more scholarships, with more types of financial help, to make it happen.

Mr. Jones asked if Ms. Peña was graduating in the four-year time period. Ms. Peña responded that it has been four years and one summer session. Mr. Jones asked if she has been involved in extracurricular activities. Ms. Peña responded in the affirmative. Mr. Jones suggested that Ms. Peña give a message to the people back home that they can do it by giving them a message of hope and not despair.

Mr. Stevens commented that Ms. Peña is a prototype of the type of student that Dr. Gates' plan will benefit. He said that her message to the 52 students back home should be that "she did" and the plan that will be put in place will give them advantages.

Ms. Brenda Berg (46-year old student majoring in sociology and parent of a TAMU freshman)

Mr. Michael Ferguson (senior agricultural development major)
Mr. Jackson Hildebrand (Student Body President)

Mr. Mays asked if there were any more comments. There were none. Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for the proposed increase in designated tuition at TAMU was closed.

RECESS

Mr. Mays recessed the meeting at 12:05 pm.

RECONVENE PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Mays reconvened the meeting at 1:01 pm.

Texas A&M University at Galveston

Mr. Mays called on Mr. William C. Hearn, Interim Vice President and CEO of Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG). Mr. Hearn said that a public hearing was held on January 25, and 15 students attended. He set that he met with 35 student leaders during the past week and discussed their proposal. Mr. Hearn said that they are proposing a range of \$0 to \$23. He said that the \$23 range was based on if they took cuts that were in the original base bill. He said that the meetings were very positive and that he was proud of their students. Mr. Mays asked if there were any questions for Mr. Hearn. There were none.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons present who wished to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at TAMUG. There were none. Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for the increase in designated tuition at TAMUG was closed.

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Keith McFarland, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C). Dr. McFarland said that they held a hearing regarding designated tuition on December 1. He said that 21 students attended which was one of the best turnouts they have had. He said that no one spoke out against their proposed \$4 increase. Dr. McFarland said that some students questioned whether tuition should be increased even more to provide funds necessary for excellence.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons present who wished to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at TAMU-C. There were none. Mr. Mays announce that the public hearing for the increase in designated tuition at TAMU-C was closed.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC). Dr. Killebrew said that they held a hearing on January 25, and 48 students attended. He said that they are proposing a range from \$0 to \$15, which was proposed because of the Governor's plan to cut budgets by 5 percent. He said that in order for them to recover the 5 percent cut it would take a minimum \$10 increase. Dr. Killebrew said that their institution has had a 20 percent increase in enrollment over the biennium. He said that 15 percent of the increase would be used for financial aid. He said that only a few students made comments and expressed their concerns.

Dr. Killebrew said that they made a commitment to continue their flat-rate tuition program. He said that he was also committed to look at how the budget is being spent. Mr. Mays asked if there were any questions for Dr. Killebrew. There were none.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons present who wished to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at TAMU-CC. There were none. Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for the increase in designated tuition at TAMU-CC was closed.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Stephen Hensley, President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T). Dr. Hensley said that a hearing was held on December 2, but no students attended. He said that the lack of attendance might have been because they have spent time working with student leadership and notified them of their intentions. Dr. Hensley said that they are requesting a \$6 increase, which raises their designated tuition from \$34 to \$40/SCH. Mr. Mays asked if there were any questions for Dr. Hensley. There were none.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons present who wanted to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at TAMU-T. There were none. Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition at TAMU-T was closed.

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Nancy Dickey, President and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs for TAMUS HSC. Dr. Dickey said the HSC held two hearings; one at BCD on January 12, and the other in College Station on January 19. She said that one student attended the Baylor hearing and four students attended the hearing in College Station. Dr. Dickey said that most of their changes are in the \$2 range with the exception of a designated tuition change at the College of Medicine (COM) from \$28 to \$50. She said that this is a multi-year attempt to bring COM up to the state rate. Mr. Mays asked if there were any questions for Dr. Dickey. There were none.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons present who wanted to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at the HSC. There were none. Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition at the HSC was closed.

West Texas A&M University

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Russell Long, President of West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). Dr. Long said that they held a hearing on February 3, 2005. He said that students were curious but understood the issues of rising costs. Dr. Long said that they were asking for a range from \$38 to \$50/SCH. He said that if funding were level there would probably be a \$4 increase.

Dr. Long said that the other issue they were facing was a student hospital fee, which is basically campus medical service. Dr. Long said that they provide a clinic for students with a medical doctor on staff full-time, a nurse practitioner, three registered nurses, and full-scale medical treatment. He said that they are requesting an increase of \$3, going from \$35 per semester to \$38. Mr. Mays asked if there were questions for Dr. Long. There were none.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons present who wished to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition or the proposed increase in the group hospital fee.

Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for the increase in designated tuition and the group hospital fee for WTAMU was closed.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Rinaldo Z. Juárez, President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K). Dr. Juárez said that currently their designated tuition is \$46/SCH and they propose a range increase of \$14/SCH. He said that at the time they submitted their request they were under the impression that a 5 percent budget cut was going to take place on special items, which translates to \$2.1 million. He said that since then, there has been disturbing discussion about cutting institutional enhancement items by 50 percent. Dr. Juárez said that they held a hearing on January 26, and student government was involved. He said that they made campus announcements, emails, flyers, residence hall postings and the student newspaper. He said approximately 25 to 30 students attended. Dr. Juárez said that Mr. Steve Crandall, Vice President for Finance and Administration, gave a power point presentation showing the need for the increase in fees and justifications. He said that students did not question the increase in designated tuition, but they did have questions and concerns regarding the decreases in the Texas Grant Program. Dr. Juárez said that this resulted in a loss of \$305,000. He said that students were also concerned about increasing parking facilities.

Dr. Juarez said that they plan to use the increase in designated tuition to continue faculty and staff salary increases, merit-based scholarship, recruitment, retention, and remediation programs. Mr. Mays asked if there were questions for Dr. Juárez. There were none.

Mr. Mays asked if there were any persons who wished to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at TAMU-K. There were none. Mr. Mays announced that the public hearing for the increase in designated tuition for TAMU-K was closed.

Mr. Mays said that the proposed increases would be considered by the Committee on Finance during their discussion and vote on Item 8. He said that the Board would take action on the item later that same day.

RECESS

Mr. Mays recessed the meeting at 1:17 pm.

(Secretary's note: The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 1:18 pm and adjourned at 1:40 pm. The Committee on Finance reconvened at 1:41 pm and adjourned at 1:59 pm. The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 2:00 pm and adjourned at 2:48 pm. The Committee on Ad Hoc Policy Review convened at 2:49 pm and adjourned at 2:50 pm.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Mays reconvened the meeting at 2:51 pm. He called on Mr. Adams to present the report of the Committee on Finance.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day. He said that they considered and approved Items 1 through 8. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 33-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 01)**

**APPROVAL OF THE STILES FARM FOUNDATION  
OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005,  
TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

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

The operating budget for the Stiles Farm Foundation for calendar year 2005, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 34-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 02)**

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

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

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

**MINUTE ORDER 35-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 03)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN  
AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH THE  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR  
SPONSORED PROGRAMS SUPPORT SERVICES,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Adams, 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 authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to execute an agreement to extend the term of the Agreement between Prairie View A&M University and Prairie View A&M Research Foundation for Sponsored Programs Support Services.

**MINUTE ORDER 36-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 04)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH  
MISSION CONNECT/TIRR (THE INSTITUTE FOR REHABILITATION  
AND RESEARCH) FOUNDATION,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

On motion of Mr. Adams, 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 grants authority to the Chancellor, or his designee, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the General Counsel, to execute the agreement with Mission Connect/TIRR Foundation to further collaborative research.

**MINUTE ORDER 37-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 05)**

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

On motion of Mr. Adams, 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 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. 05-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**.

**MINUTE ORDER 38-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 06)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW AND AMENDED FIELD TRIP FEES FOR THE  
ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Sosa 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 of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibit D**, are hereby confirmed.

**MINUTE ORDER 39-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 07)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW, INCREASED AND DECREASED FEES FOR THE  
ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

All recommendations and referendums required by law for increases in student fees have been properly conducted and reported to the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System in accordance with the Texas Education Code.

The request for new, increased, and decreased fees for the academic institutions and the health science center of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibits E** and **F**, attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective with the Fall 2005 semester.

**MINUTE ORDER 40-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 08)**

**APPROVAL OF INCREASED DESIGNATED TUITION AND  
GROUP HOSPITAL FEE FOR THE ACADEMIC  
INSTITUTIONS AND THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

In accordance with Sections 54.0513 and 54.507, Texas Education Code, and System Policy 26.02 (*Approval of Student Fees*), public hearings were held at each campus recommending increases in designated tuition and group hospital fee. The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System also held a public hearing to receive input from students, as well as, from the presidents of the academic institutions and the health science center concerning such proposed increases.



All hearings required by law have been properly conducted and reported to the Board in accordance with the Texas Education Code.

The requests for increased designated tuition and group hospital fee for the academic institutions and the health science center of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibit G**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective with the Fall 2005 semester.

*(Secretary's Note: Prior to these minutes being approved at the May 26, 2005, meeting, Mr. Jones requested that once it is known what the Legislature is going to do in regards to each institution, before they actually implement their tuition for the next year, and since each of them had presented a range that was based on the Legislature's decision, each institution should contact the Chancellor's Office so they have an opportunity to look at them and make sure that everyone is on the same page, before the information is published.)*

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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 9, 10, 11 and 12. He said he would first like to recommended Items 9, 10 and 12.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 41-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 09)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE  
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR THE NEW DINING HALL,  
TARLETON STATE 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 the New Dining Hall at Tarleton State University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$755,000 is appropriated from Account No. 030335 Dining Hall Reserve for design of the New Dining Hall at Tarleton State University.

The firm of Kirksey of Houston, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the New Dining Hall at Tarleton State University.

Authorization is granted to begin negotiations with this firm. If negotiations are unsuccessful with this firm, authorization is granted to terminate those negotiations and begin negotiations with the firm next in order of ranking as listed on the Recommendation of Ranked Order, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**, 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 42-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE  
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR  
THE NEW STUDENT CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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 the New Student Center at Texas A&M University-Commerce is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$40,000, the amount of \$2,092,000 is appropriated from Account No. 810000-20303 Reserve Capital Project MSC for design of the New Student Center at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

The firm of Gideon Toal, Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the New Student Center at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

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 I**, 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 43-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL ROAD  
RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT ON TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY PROPERTY,  
BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS, TO THE CITY OF BRYAN,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Adams 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 all documents necessary to grant a conditional road right-of-way easement to the City of Bryan, across a portion of property owned by The Texas A&M University System in the J.E. Scott Survey, Abstract No. 50, Brazos County, Texas. This conditional road right-of-way easement will be a variable width easement approximately 542 feet in length (0.71 acres) and will remain in full force and effect for as long as the property is used by the City of Bryan as a road right-of-way.

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Mr. Nye said he would like to bring forward Item 11 pertaining to the naming of facilities. Mr. Nye said he would like to call for a show of hands, since they needed to have an affirmative vote of all members, with the Chairman abstaining. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 44-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“WOFFORD CAIN POOL,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The Student Recreation Center Outdoor Pool on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Wofford Cain Pool.”

**MINUTE ORDER 45-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“ARTIE MCFERRIN DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The Chemical Engineering Department on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Artie McFerrin Department of Chemical Engineering.”

**MINUTE ORDER 46-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“AYDIN AKGERMAN CONFERENCE ROOM,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The conference room (3C2) on the third floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named “In Memory of Aydin Akgerman.”

**MINUTE ORDER 47-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“HANSON HALLWAY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The corridor leading to the undergraduate lockers, study areas, and computer labs on the first floor of the Jack E. Brown Building is hereby named the “Hanson Hallway.”

**MINUTE ORDER 48-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“DOW CHEMICAL FLOOR,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The first floor in the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Dow Chemical Floor.”

**MINUTE ORDER 49-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“FLUOR UNDERGRADUATE COMPUTER LABORATORY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The undergraduate computer laboratory on the first floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Fluor Undergraduate Computer Laboratory.”

**MINUTE ORDER 50-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“T. MICHAEL AND OLIVE E. O’CONNOR CONFERENCE ROOM,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The conference room on the second floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “T. Michael and Olive E. O’Connor Conference Room.”

**MINUTE ORDER 51-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“BASF PROCESS SAFETY LABORATORY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The process safety lab on the fourth floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “BASF Process Safety Laboratory.”

**MINUTE ORDER 52-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“SHELL OIL COMPANY FOUNDATION CLASSROOM,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The undergraduate classroom on the first floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Shell Oil Company Foundation Classroom.”

**MINUTE ORDER 53-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“RAY B. NESBITT ’55 UNDERGRADUATE STUDY AREA,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The undergraduate study area on the first floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Ray B. Nesbitt ’55 Undergraduate Study Area.”

**MINUTE ORDER 54-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“GENE L. TROMBLEE ’70 GRADUATE STUDY AREA,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The graduate study area on the first floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Gene L. Tromblee ’70 Graduate Study Area.”

**MINUTE ORDER 55-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“BASF STUDENT LOUNGE,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The student lounge on the first floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “BASF Student Lounge.”

**MINUTE ORDER 56-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“ROHM & HAAS AICHE STUDENT OFFICE,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The AICHE student office on the third floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Rohm & Haas AICHE Student Office.”

**MINUTE ORDER 57-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“ERNEST A. BAETZ, JR. ’47 CONFERENCE ROOM,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The conference room on the second floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Ernest A. Baetz, Jr. ’47 Conference Room.”

**MINUTE ORDER 58-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“BROWN-INGRAM GALLERY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The mezzanine on the second floor of the Jack E. Brown Engineering Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Brown-Ingram Gallery.”



**MINUTE ORDER 59-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“PEGGY AND LOWRY MAYS PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY PLAZA,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The George Bush Library Plaza on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Peggy and Lowry Mays Presidential Library Plaza.”

**MINUTE ORDER 60-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“BLANCHE DAVIS MOORE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The Early Childhood Development Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hereby named the “Blanche Davis Moore Early Childhood Development Center.”

**MINUTE ORDER 61-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“IRMA LERMA RANGEL COLLEGE OF PHARMACY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The College of Pharmacy Building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby named the “Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy.”

**MINUTE ORDER 62-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“BUDDY TEMPLE WILDLIFE  
PATHOLOGY AND DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The Wildlife Pathology and Diagnostic Laboratory on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby named the “Buddy Temple Wildlife Pathology and Diagnostic Laboratory.”

**MINUTE ORDER 63-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“TIO AND JANELL KLEBERG WILDLIFE RESEARCH PARK,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The Wildlife Research Park on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby named the “Tio and Janell Kleberg Wildlife Research Park.”

**MINUTE ORDER 64-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“CAESAR KLEBERG WILDLIFE CENTER,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The Wildlife Conference and Interpretive Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby named the “Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Center.”

**MINUTE ORDER 65-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“DUANE M. LEACH RESEARCH AVIARY,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote by a show of hands of all members of the Board, with Chairman Mays abstaining, the following minute order was adopted:

The Research Aviary on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville is hereby named the “Duane M. Leach Research Aviary.”

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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 13 through 20. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 66-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 13)

**APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE OFFICIAL SEAL,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents hereby approves the change in the official seal of Prairie View A&M University from “Prairie View A&M University of Texas” to “Prairie View A&M University,” as shown in **Exhibit J**, attached to the official minutes.

MINUTE ORDER 67-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 14)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS EDUCATION WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Center for International Business Education, within the College of Business at Prairie View A&M University, is hereby established, effective March 24, 2005.

MINUTE ORDER 68-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 15)

**APPROVAL OF REVISED MISSION STATEMENT AND AMENDED
TABLE OF PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL
FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, 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 approves the revised Mission Statement and amended Table of Programs for Texas A&M International University, as shown in **Exhibits K** and **L**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes. The Board also authorizes the President to submit the revised Mission Statement and amended Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

MINUTE ORDER 69-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH THE
CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN DOHA, QATAR,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT QATAR**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Center for Environmental Sustainability was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit M**.

MINUTE ORDER 70-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH THE
CENTER FOR PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION OF
NATURAL RESOURCES IN DOHA, QATAR,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT QATAR**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Bailey and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Center for Production and Utilization of Natural Resources was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit N**.

MINUTE ORDER 71-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 18)

**APPROVAL OF REVISED MISSION STATEMENT AND AMENDED
TABLE OF PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL
FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, 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 approves the revised Mission Statement and amended Table of Programs for Texas A&M University, as shown in **Exhibits O** and **P**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes. The Board also authorizes the President to submit the revised Mission Statement and amended Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

MINUTE ORDER 72-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 19)

**APPROVAL OF REQUESTS TO ESTABLISH A NEW B.S. DEGREE IN
ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING, A NEW DEPARTMENT OF
CIVIL AND ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING, AND AUTHORIZATION
TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, 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 approves the request to establish a new Bachelor of Science Degree in Architectural Engineering at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The Board of Regents also approves the request to divide the Department of Environmental and Civil Engineering and establish a new Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The Board authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville to submit this new degree program and request to divide the departments 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 73-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 20)

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS AND
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, 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 approves the amended Table of Programs for The Texas A&M University Health Science Center, as shown in **Exhibit Q**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

The Board authorizes the President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center to submit this amended Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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Mr. Mays called on Mr. John White to present the report from the Committee on Ad Hoc Policy Review.

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REPORT FROM THE AD HOC POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. White, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day and considered and approved Item 21. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 74-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

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

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

Revisions to System Policy 33.05 (*Employee Training*), as shown in **Exhibit R**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved, effective immediately.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Mays called on Dr. Gates who presented Items 22 and 24 (*Item 23 was withdrawn prior to the meeting*). The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 75-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**APPROVAL OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 06,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm 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 members as shown in **Exhibit S**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, Faculty Development Leave List FY 06, Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 76-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF  
RANDOLPH W. HOUSE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Randolph W. House is hereby be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University Private Enterprise Research Center, effective March 2005.

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Mr. Mays called on Dr. McTeer who presented Items 25 through 27. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 77-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**CONFIRMATION OF 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 hereby confirms the appointment and commissioning of the peace officer by the President of the respective component of The Texas A&M University System, as shown in **Exhibit T**, a copy is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 78-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**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 U**, Emeritus Title List No. 05-04, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 79-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**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 Tenure List No. 05-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit V**.

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Mr. Mays presented Item 28. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 80-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2005,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the January 27, 2005, Regular Board Meeting held in College Station, Texas, are approved.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mays said that the next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for May 26-27, 2005, on the campus of TAMU. He asked if there was any additional business to come before the Board in open session. There was none.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mays recessed the meeting at 2:57 pm. He announced that the Board would convene in executive session to consider matters 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 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 from 3:20 pm until 5:25 pm.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Mays reconvened the meeting in open session at 5:27 pm. He said the Board met in executive session from 3:20 pm until 5:25 pm. He said that the Board discussed items that related to litigation, personnel, and land acquisitions. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**OTHER ITEMS**

**MINUTE ORDER 81-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT  
WITH ROBERT KLEINECKE,  
HEAD WOMEN’S TENNIS COACH,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Dr. Gramm 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 an employment contract with the following person:

Robert Kleinecke – Head Women’s Tennis Coach.

**MINUTE ORDER 82-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. ALICIA M. DORSEY  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATION  
AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

Effective April 1, 2005, Dr. Alicia M. Dorsey is hereby appointed Vice President for Communication and Program Development at The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, at an initial salary of \$150,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 83-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. EDWARD G. SMITH  
AS THE SOLE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF  
DIRECTOR OF TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
AND APPOINTMENT OF DR. EDWARD G. SMITH AS  
ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR AGRICULTURE,  
TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

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

Dr. Edward G. Smith is hereby named as the sole finalist for the position of Director of Texas Cooperative Extension. As required by state law, final action will be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

Effective April 1, 2005, Dr. Edward G. Smith is hereby appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Agriculture.

**MINUTE ORDER 84-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH  
MR. JAMES HOOTON  
FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR FINANCE,  
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 hereby authorizes the Chancellor to negotiate a contract with Mr. James Hooton for the position of Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance. Following negotiations, the Board will meet to vote on this item.

**MINUTE ORDER 85-2005 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. R. BOWEN LOFTIN  
AS VICE PRESIDENT AND CEO FOR  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective May 25, 2005, Dr. R. Bowen Loftin is hereby appointed Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston, at an initial salary of \$200,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Mays asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nye, and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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

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