

MINUTES

OF THE

MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF REGENTS

OF

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

March 23-24, 2006

(Approved May 25-26, 2006)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
March 23-24, 2006**

CONVENE – THURSDAY, MARCH 23 1

INVOCATION 1

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS 1

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS 3

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED INCREASES IN DESIGNATED TUITION 3

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED INCREASES IN GROUP HOSPITAL FEES17

RECESS18

RECONVENE AND RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION18

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – FRIDAY, MARCH 2419

RECESS19

RECONVENE19

OTHER ITEMS20

**MINUTE ORDER 055-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 30) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
 HONORING DR. NORMAN BORLAUG, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY20**

**MINUTE ORDER 056-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 31) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
 HONORING THE WOMEN’S SOCCER TEAM, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY21**

**MINUTE ORDER 057-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 34) GRANTING OF FACULTY
 DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY24**

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE25

**MINUTE ORDER 058-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 1) APPROVAL OF INCREASED
 DESIGNATED TUITION AND GROUP HOSPITAL FEE FOR THE ACADEMIC
 INSTITUTIONS AND THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, THE TEXAS A&M
 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM25**

**MINUTE ORDER 059-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 2) APPROVAL OF NEW, INCREASED,
 AND DECREASED FEES FOR THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND FOR THE
 HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM25**

**MINUTE ORDER 060-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 3) CONFIRMATION OF NEW AND
 AMENDED FIELD TRIP FEES FOR THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND FOR
 THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM26**

**MINUTE ORDER 061-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 5) AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO
 A CONTRACT WITH THE PATENT LAW FIRM OF BAKER BOTTS, L.L.P.,
 THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM26**

**MINUTE ORDER 062-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 6) AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY
 THE EXISTING SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT WITH TELEMEDICUS, INC.,
 AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AMENDED AND RESTATED SHAREHOLDERS
 AGREEMENT WITH TELEMEDICUS, INC., THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
 SYSTEM27**

**MINUTE ORDER 063-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 7) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS,
 DONATIONS, GRANTS AND ENDOWMENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
 SYSTEM27**

MINUTE ORDER 064-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 8) AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE ATHLETIC FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT WITH STEPHENVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS, TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY27

MINUTE ORDER 065-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 9) APPROVAL OF 2006 STILES FARM FOUNDATION BUDGET, TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION28

MINUTE ORDER 066-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 50) APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM DEBT PROCEEDS FOR THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS VIDEO SCOREBOARDS, FASCIA, SOUND AND CONTROL ROOM CONTRACT WITH MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTS, INC., TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY28

MINUTE ORDER 067-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 51) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SYSTEM TO OWN EQUITY IN COMPANIES COMMERCIALIZING SYSTEM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM29

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT29

MINUTE ORDER 068-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 10) APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK, APPROPRIATION FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER (A/E) DESIGN FIRM FOR THE LUEDECKE CYCLOTRON BUILDING EXPANSION, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY30

MINUTE ORDER 069-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 11) APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR A FACILITIES CONDITION ASSESSMENT AND MASTER PLAN, AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM FOR THE CHEMISTRY COMPLEX RENOVATIONS, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY31

MINUTE ORDER 070-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 12) APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM FOR THE LAB ANIMAL RESOURCES AND RESEARCH FACILITY EXPANSION, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY32

MINUTE ORDER 071-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13) APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FIRM FOR THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER AND RUDDER COMPLEX LIFE SAFETY UPGRADES, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY33

MINUTE ORDER 072-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 14) APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHSIDE UTILITY PLANTS, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY34

MINUTE ORDER 073-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15) APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI34

MINUTE ORDER 074-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16) NAMING OF THE “NATHELYNE ARCHIE KENNEDY BUILDING,” PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY35

MINUTE ORDER 075-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16) NAMING OF THE “OPAL JOHNSON SMITH AUDITORIUM,” PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY36

MINUTE ORDER 076-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16) NAMING OF THE “SAM FRECH CONCERT HALL,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI36

MINUTE ORDER 077-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16) NAMING “IN HONOR OF BUDDIE AND DEBBY BARNES,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE36

MINUTE ORDER 078-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16) NAMING “IN HONOR OF DR. LARRY AND MRS. DIANA WALKER,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE37

MINUTE ORDER 079-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16) NAMING “IN HONOR OF RAYMOND AND ELIZABETH CAMERON,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE37

MINUTE ORDER 080-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16) NAMING “IN HONOR OF GEORGIA AND RUDY DORROUGH,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE37

MINUTE ORDER 081-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16) NAMING “IN HONOR OF HOYLE AND ANN OGLESBY JULIAN,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE37

MINUTE ORDER 082-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16) NAMING “IN HONOR OF ARAMARK FOUNDATION,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE38

MINUTE ORDER 083-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, ERATH COUNTY, TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY.....38

MINUTE ORDER 084-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 18) AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, ERATH COUNTY, TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY.....38

MINUTE ORDER 085-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 19) AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM LEASE OF LAND, CHEROKEE COUNTY, TEXAS FOREST SERVICE...39

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS.....39

MINUTE ORDER 086-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 20) APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN HUMAN PERFORMANCE AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE.....40

MINUTE ORDER 087-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 21) APPROVAL OF THE REVISED 45-HOUR CORE CURRICULUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA APPROVED BY THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI40

MINUTE ORDER 088-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 22) APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE ...41

MINUTE ORDER 089-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 23) DISSOLUTION OF THE INSTITUTE OF FOOD SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AND MODIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTING OF THE CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION, AND TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION41

MINUTE ORDER 090-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 24) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUCLEAR SECURITY SCIENCE AND POLICY INSTITUTE, A JOINT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION INSTITUTE, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND, TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION42

MINUTE ORDER 091-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 25) APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATION AND NAME CHANGES FOR THE PH.D. AND MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY42

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AD HOC POLICY REVIEW.....43

MINUTE ORDER 92-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 26) APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 11.03 (*SHORTENED COURSES*), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM43

MINUTE ORDER 093-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 27) APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 11.08 (*AWARD OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES*), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM43

MINUTE ORDER 094-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 28-AMENDED EXHIBIT) APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 33.01 (*PRIVILEGES AS A CITIZEN*), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM43

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT44

OTHER ITEMS44

MINUTE ORDER 095-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 29) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE 2005-2006 HORSE JUDGING TEAM, WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY44

MINUTE ORDER 096-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 32) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE TO ELMO LÓPEZ, TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY45

MINUTE ORDER 097-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 33) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE TO PROFESSOR WOLFGANG A. HERRMANN, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY45

MINUTE ORDER 098-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 35) APPOINTMENT OF MR. FRANK M. MULLER, JR. TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON BOARD OF VISITORS, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY46

MINUTE ORDER 099-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 36) REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. CELIA GOODE-HADDOCK TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY46

MINUTE ORDER 100-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 37) APPOINTMENT OF MR. H. JARRELL GIBBS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY46

MINUTE ORDER 101-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 38) CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM47

MINUTE ORDER 102-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 39) GRANTING OF THE TITLE OF EMERITUS/EMERITA, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM47

MINUTE ORDER 103-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 40-REVISED EXHIBIT) APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM47

MINUTE ORDER 104-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 41) APPROVAL FOR DAVID R. RIDDLE AND BLAKE D. PETTY, SYSTEM EMPLOYEES, TO SERVE AS BOARD MEMBERS OF A BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING TECHNOLOGY FROM THE A&M SYSTEM AND IN WHICH THE SYSTEM HAS AN EQUITY INTEREST, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM48

MINUTE ORDER 105-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 42) APPROVAL FOR DAVID R. RIDDLE AND BRETT L. CORNWELL, SYSTEM EMPLOYEES, TO SERVE AS BOARD MEMBERS OF A BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING TECHNOLOGY FROM THE A&M SYSTEM AND IN WHICH THE SYSTEM HAS AN EQUITY INTEREST, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM48

MINUTE ORDER 106-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 43) APPROVAL FOR DR. JOHN C. CRISCIONE, A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE AND BOARD MEMBER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING TECHNOLOGY FROM THE A&M SYSTEM, TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION49

MINUTE ORDER 107-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 44) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26-27, 2006, REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM50

MINUTE ORDER 108-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 45) AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH CHARLES MCCLELLAND, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY’S ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY ...50

MINUTE ORDER 109-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 46) APPOINTMENT OF DR. PIERCE E. CANTRELL AS VICE PRESIDENT AND ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY.....50

MINUTE ORDER 110-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 47) AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS WITH GARY DARNELL AND WILLIAM CLAY, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY’S ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY51

MINUTE ORDER 111-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 52) AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AMENDED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH BILLY GILLISPIE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY’S HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY....51

MINUTE ORDER 112-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 49) RE-ELECTION OF THREE OUTSIDE DIRECTORS OF THE HEEP FOUNDATION, BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.....52

MINUTE ORDER 113-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 53) APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE REQUEST TO TRANSFER THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE TO THE TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER.....52

MINUTE ORDER 114-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 54) 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 CENTER53

REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON.....53

OTHER BUSINESS.....53

ADJOURNMENT54

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
March 23-24, 2006**

CONVENE – THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Mr. John White, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 10:17 a.m., on Thursday, March 23, 2006, Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center (MSC), Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. John White, Chairman
Mr. Bill Jones, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Lupe Fraga
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Tyson Voelkel (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Lowry Mays

INVOCATION

Mr. White called on Mr. Chris Walker, a two-year starter on TAMU's basketball team and recent graduate, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. White congratulated Mr. Nye on recently being named a distinguished alumnus of Texas A&M University.

Mr. White commented that the presence of the System is profound in what goes on at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR). He said that it was another record-setting year for HLSR with 721 TAMU students receiving \$1 million a year in scholarships.

Mr. White said that the System and a number of components were involved in getting the Pharmacy School funded and open. He said the process started with Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juárez, President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K), and his selfless approach. Mr. White said one of the issues was moving the school out from under TAMU-K and into the Health Science Center (HSC). He commended Dr. Juárez and Dr. Nancy Dickey, President and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, for making the project work. He said that it has been a challenging few years getting the program on

track. Mr. White said that Dr. Bob McTeer, Chancellor, was critical in getting the pieces of the System working together with the legislative pieces. He said that relationships are important and critical calls were made to Regents. He said that Dr. Stanton Calvert, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, continues to be a great quarterback for the System. Mr. White said that relationships with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor were critical and very helpful and that Senator Steve Ogden deserves many thanks. He said that he feels that they have a greater and higher understanding with Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, and Jim Pitts, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and we look forward to working with them as we move forward.

Mr. White said that Texas A&M was the only school in Texas to have men's and women's basketball teams in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournaments.

Mr. White said that the Board would interview a couple of finalists for the General Counsel position that afternoon and hoped to have an announcement shortly. He thanked Mr. Scott Kelly, Deputy General Counsel, and said he has done a great job as interim general counsel.

Mr. White said that the bylaws and articles of incorporation were in place for a system-wide political action committee. He said that all the presidents have been contacted regarding their involvement. Mr. White said that with the upcoming legislative session, a coordinated and unified voice needs to be heard.

Mr. White recognized Mr. Tyson Voelkel, the new Student Regent. He said that Mr. Voelkel was a native of Brenham, Texas, and graduated from TAMU with a degree in engineering. Mr. Voelkel served as Corps Commander at TAMU and after graduation, served in the U.S. Army, earning numerous honors and awards, including the Bronze Star and the United States Army MacArthur Award for Company Grade Leadership. Mr. White said Mr. Voelkel's next position will be teaching leadership at West Point. He said Mr. Voelkel is currently a graduate student at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service studying International Affairs and National Security. Mr. Voelkel was appointed as the System's first student regent by Governor Rick Perry in February 2006.

Mr. Voelkel said that it was a pleasure and an honor to be present and definitely a humbling experience to be the first student regent and to represent the more than 100,000 students within the System. He said that the learning curve was short and the student regent only had one year to make an impact and a difference. Mr. Voelkel said that he was amazed at the work that is done behind the scenes in order to take care of students. He said that he has also learned that money is probably one of the biggest issues to be dealt with. He said that he had spoken with Dr. Calvert and others about taking advantage of this first-year student regent and trying to make a difference with the legislature and trying to get more money and more of a priority in higher education for the security of our country and for the great State of Texas.

Mr. White welcomed and introduced Dr. Pat O'Brien, newly appointed President of West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). He said that Dr. O'Brien would officially start on May 15, 2006. Dr. O'Brien said that he was extremely pleased to be present.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Dr. McTeer said that the new system website was up and running. He thanked the Regents for their role in the Pharmacy School at TAMU-K. He said that this past year Dr. Juárez has had two huge problems, the Faculty Senate and the Pharmacy School. He said that the Board would need to act formally to transfer the Pharmacy School from TAMU-K to HSC. Dr. McTeer said the issue with the Faculty Senate in Kingsville is almost resolved. He said that there has recently been an election and in the coming weeks there will be the first meeting of the new faculty senate.

Dr. McTeer said that currently there are searches underway for a new provost at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) and the Director of the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI).

Dr. McTeer said that there was a first-ever competition associated with the Big XII called the New Venture Championship. He said that TAMU won first place with a spinout from our commercialization operations. He said that the winner formed a company based on technology to detect colon cancer. He thanked Mr. Guy Diedrich, Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization, for this latest accomplishment.

Dr. McTeer said that he had expected to be able to report that work he was authorized to do at the Research Foundation was complete, but it is not. He said that he has worked out an arrangement with the Research Foundation to modify their governance slightly, to give three system members voting memberships and to put some term limits on trustees.

Dr. McTeer said that he and Dr. Bob Gates, President of TAMU, have worked on building up the relationship between TAMU, the System and the community colleges of Texas.

Dr. McTeer announced that Dr. MacGregor Stephenson will officially start on April 3, 2006, as Associate Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.

Mr. Nye asked if the Research Foundation has a meeting scheduled to consider these matters. Dr. McTeer responded that they did not and apparently they have recently set up a meeting to do cost-cutting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED INCREASES IN DESIGNATED TUITION

Mr. White announced that the governing board is required by the Texas Education Code, Section 54.0513(f) to hold a public hearing to increase designated tuition beyond the amount charged as the building use fee in the past academic years. Also,

Section 54.507(e) provides that an increase of less than ten percent in group hospital and medical services fees may be imposed only after a public hearing is held by the Board and is open for student comment. He said that if it is more than a ten percent increase it requires a student referendum. Mr. White said that the group hospital and medical services fees they will discuss involve less than a ten percent increase.

Mr. White announced that the Board would proceed with conducting the public hearings on proposed increases in designated tuition and group hospital fees. He said that persons wishing to make public comment on these proposed increases should sign in on the sheets outside the meeting room. He said that the Board would hold a hearing for each of the 11 institutions seeking an increase in designated tuition. Mr. White said that in addition to hearing from each president, the Board would hear up to 10 minutes of public comment on each institution's proposal.

Mr. White said that after the hearings on designated tuition, the Board would conduct hearings on proposed increases in the group hospital fees for four institutions.

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

Prairie View A&M University

Mr. White called on Dr. George Wright, President of Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). Dr. Wright said that designated tuition at PVAMU is currently \$63 per semester credit hour (SCH). He said that they are proposing to increase this by a range of \$12.50/SCH to \$17/SCH, which would mean that tuition would go from \$63 to \$75.50 or as high as \$80. Dr. Wright said that if this is approved the minimal amount will generate \$2,500,000. He said that \$250,000 would be used for campus infrastructure and the four new buildings that have come on line and the costs associated with those buildings. Secondly, he said that like most of the institutions in Texas, PVAMU is experiencing a significant increase in its utility bills and \$500,000 would be used for this purpose. Dr. Wright said that they would like to have a two percent merit pool for faculty and staff and \$1 million would be used for this purpose. He said that as required by the State, \$500,000 would be used for student financial assistance. He said that \$250,000 would go toward new faculty and staff positions and the remainder would be a small reserve of \$125,000 used for what may come up over the course of the year.

Dr. Wright said that the PVAMU's administration is very aware of the impact on its students whenever they increase designated tuition, fees or any costs associated with the institution. He said that everyone at the university knows that 90 percent of their students are on financial aid and one-third of their students come from families that are designated at or below the poverty level in the country. Dr. Wright said that this means that they must stress to them that when costs are increased, it is an investment in their education. He said that he tries to stress to students that costs are being increased to make sure that PVAMU remains competitive with all of the other schools and that as

graduates of PVAMU they are in the same competitive position as all other college graduates.

Dr. Wright said that more than 100 students were present at the designated tuition forum held in late January. He said that even though he was recommending that the Board go forward with his proposal, he could not disagree with the comments made by his students about the impact of the cost increases. He said that during a meeting in September, the student body president said he would take a positive approach and would not be coming just to complain. Dr. Wright said that as he listened to the students speak he disagreed strongly with a comment made by one student. He said that a young woman made the strong assertion that designated tuition should not be increased at PVAMU because “everybody knows that PVAMU is the school of last resort.” Dr. Wright said he was shocked by her comments and pointed out the number of outstanding students that attend PVAMU who could have attended any other school they chose. Dr. Wright said he joked with her that he did not believe PVAMU was the school of last resort because he was there and was selected as president. He said that he did not believe that they looked around and said that they were going to take the last person on the bench to bring to PVAMU. He said that the comment by the student means that as president he has to stress to the students the value of an education; what education will do for them monetarily; and given their family backgrounds, what it will do for their family as well. Dr. Wright said that he would continue to stress to students that an education will enable them to make a significant difference in American society.

Mr. White asked if there were any persons present who wanted to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at PVAMU.

Mr. Oludayo Olusunya, Student Body President, said the students at PVAMU believe that the continuing increases in tuition were pricing them out of an education. He said that students were deeply hurt that tuition must be increased again. He said if tuition continues to be increased, students will go into a mode of “class-shopping.” He said he agreed that an education is an investment. He questioned how he would be able to enjoy the fruit of his labor by going to a four-year institution, if it took him five to ten years after he graduated to pay off the loans. He said students understand the investment of an education, they understand that an education is priceless, but they do not believe that they should be priced out of an education.

Mr. Jones asked if Mr. Olusunya was asking the Board to vote against an increase in designated tuition. Mr. Olusunya responded in the affirmative, but at the same time they want a quality education. Mr. Jones said that they would always continue to work with legislators to try to get more funding, but until the legislators changed their minds, there were very few other options. Mr. Olusunya asked if it was possible to postpone the increase since the highest increase in PVAMU’s history was implemented the previous year. He said because he wanted a quality education, the Board should approve it.

Mr. Nye said that he was impressed with the speaking ability of Mr. Olusunya and hoped that he would work with Dr. Wright. He said that he has seen Dr. Wright in

Austin working the legislature and doing his best to attract as much revenue as he can. He said that Dr. Wright has also talked to private donors about supporting PVAMU. Mr. Nye said that Dr. Wright and members of his staff work hard to make sure that every dollar that is expended is to the benefit of the students and a better education. He said that the Board knows that they are in a very difficult spot and that they have maximized the revenue to PVAMU and are continuing to try to improve the facilities and reduce operating costs as much as possible without impacting the quality of education. Mr. Nye said that at some point the ends have to come together because there is no other place to turn. He encouraged going forward, working with Dr. Wright to try to bring in more revenue, more private funding, improve operations, productivity, and efficiency; and at the same time enhancing quality.

Mr. Voelkel said that one of the dilemmas that PVAMU is going through right now is the culture change that Dr. Wright alluded to previously. He said that raising some of the standards and making everyone adhere to those standards has been difficult. He said that the impassioned speech that he heard when he visited PVAMU made an impact on him and he has since spoken with Mr. Olusunya about some of their issues. Mr. Voelkel suggested that PVAMU consider putting students on a committee such as TAMU had done with its Tuition Policy Advisory Council (TPAC), where students are actually sitting on a committee that meets with the administrators increasing or decreasing fees. He also suggested looking at other money saving avenues within the dormitories. He said that the freshman education program at PVAMU is outstanding and they are creating great students in an environment where students can learn. Mr. Voelkel suggested an energy committee that would be led by students to help reduce costs.

Mr. White asked if anyone else would like to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at PVAMU. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition for PVAMU was closed.

Tarleton State University

Mr. White called on Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of Tarleton State University (TSU). Dr. McCabe said that public hearings were held in Stephenville on January 30 and in Killeen on January 31. He said that approximately 80 students attended the meeting in Stephenville and 14 in Killeen. Dr. McCabe said that he had wonderful exchange, dialogue and questions with the students. He said that their comments were supportive in going forward with increases in the interest of maintaining quality at TSU. He said that affordability and accessibility were discussed. Dr. McCabe said that in FY 03 and FY 04, based on data from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (CB), it cost more to attend all other four-year public institutions in Texas than TSU. He said that last year they were still in the bottom 25 percent. He said that their designated fee would go from \$60/SCH to \$70/SCH. Dr. McCabe said that they are all about creating a culture of excellence for their students and he felt that this was a reasonable plan.

Mr. Jones said that since Dr. McCabe asked for a range, and because he was not sure what was included in the range, he would like to see the justification of the range

that was selected after Board approval so the Board knows the exact amount of the increase and the justification for the increase. Dr. McCabe responded that when they were putting their budget together they expected it to come out very close to the high end of the range of \$10. Mr. Jones said that he was looking for justification for the number because that lets the Board know that additional dollars are not being requested that will not be used or planned to be used.

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

Texas A&M International University

Mr. White called on Dr. Ray Keck, President of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU). Dr. Keck said that they held two hearings in January and approximately 60 students attended. He said that they have a student fee advisory committee. Dr. Keck said that the student body president at PVAMU spoke precisely the same feelings that were represented at Laredo. Dr. Keck said that they have received tremendous support from their students who recognize that there really is no choice and that it is cheaper to deliver a good education in Laredo than it is in Cambridge, New Haven or College Station. He said that if they are going to grow in numbers and the quality is going to improve, they must have increased revenue streams. Dr. Keck said that their request was a range of \$0 to \$10. Dr. Keck said that they will provide the Board with precisely how the funds will be used once the budget process is complete.

Mr. Jones said that he noticed that TAMIU did not have an increase in utilities. He asked if this was because they were not finished or because they did not expect an increase in utility costs. Dr. Keck responded that they do expect an increase in utility costs and they were not finished.

Mr. Stallings asked what the increase would cost per SCH. Dr. Keck responded that it would cost \$65/SCH. He said that they must keep this as low as possible and that this is still relatively low in the state.

Mr. Voelkel commented that TAMIU is another university that has a student fee advisory committee with students. He said that he has talked with student leaders and they were in support and although 80 percent of the students work, they feel the increase is necessary.

Dr. Keck said that this is bigger than the A&M System or even Texas. He said that now federal Pell Grants that helped most of their poor students no longer cover the full cost of a year of classes. He said that we need to ask our federal representatives to look at this. Dr. Keck said that when Pell Grants covered these fees it was a different scenario. He said that students are facing the problem of not being able to attend school during the summer.

Mr. Stallings asked what a full Pell Grant would pay. Dr. Keck responded a little over \$4,000 and a full load for a Pell Grant is defined as 12 hours, but they are telling students that they need to take 15 hours to graduate in four years. Mr. Stallings asked what percentage of students at TAMIU receive Pell Grants. Dr. Keck responded that over 80 percent are on some form of financial aid and approximately 50 percent are on Pell Grants. Mr. Stallings asked if this money goes to the university or to the student. Dr. Keck said the federal money goes to the university and then it is dispersed to the students. Mr. Stallings used the example that if a student received a full athletic scholarship, and received a Pell Grant, does the student receive the \$4,000 or does it go to the university. Dr. Keck said that the money comes to the university and that students cannot continue to aggregate scholarships one on top of the other. He said that they submit a figure to the CB as a total cost of tuition, fees, plus living and board expenses. He said that students can continue to add monies until they reach that total. Dr. Keck said that checks for Pell Grants are not written directly to students.

Mr. Jones asked Dr. McTeer if there was anything they can do as a system to help with the federal Pell Grants to have this amount increased. Dr. McTeer responded that he did not know. He said that he was asking Ms. Terri Parker, Director of Communications, to compile research comparing the characteristics of Pell Grants to school vouchers.

Dr. Lee Peddicord, Vice Chancellor for Research and Federal Relations, commented that they would like to work with the Board in terms of carrying this message. He said the federal government is reconsidering the Higher Education Act and a lot of these programs are currently under review. Dr. Peddicord said that what TAMUS has been doing in conjunction with other systems, is to try to carry exactly the messages they have been hearing today about student access, affordability of higher education and the opportunities that are afforded to them. He said that they have prepared position papers and gone to key legislators. He said that Ms. Tami Davis Sayko, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Federal Relations, has also been working with members of Congress to get this message out.

Mr. Nye said that it is a matter of significant debate at this time and the irony in all of this is that there has been pressure from the administration, both K-12 and higher education, to push more money in that direction and now there has been a little negative reaction. He said that they find some folks concluding that maybe they are putting too much into education. He said that this administration has increased the education budget a lot but it is a subject of fairly intense debate. He said that to make things more complicated everyone has their own favorite way of spending the money. Mr. Nye said that for the first time in a long time there is a great deal of debate as to whether or not we are spending too much money on education, which in his view is unfortunate. Dr. Peddicord added that there is a broader debate at the federal level in terms of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. He said that Dr. Gates' participation on the National Academy of Sciences panel is part of a whole spectrum of dialogue going on. He said that he wants to make clear that the kind of messages that we are carrying forward have strong receptive ears.

Mr. Stallings asked why the Pell Grant is based on 12 SCH when everything says that the students need to take 15 hours. Dr. Peddicord responded that this emerged over time as a benchmark. Mr. Stallings asked if this could be changed. Dr. Peddicord responded in the affirmative and said that this is one of the many issues Mr. Nye talked about that is being looked at by a number of commissions, boards and congressional committees. Mr. Stallings asked who will make this decision. Dr. Peddicord responded that ultimately it would probably be incorporated in legislation because the federal agencies, in particular the Department of Education, and some others will have flexibility in defining standards.

Mr. Nye said that it seemed to him that we need to get the amount of money up because the 12-hour business has been around a long time and it has its basis in insurance coverage and presumptions regarding full-time student status. Dr. Peddicord said that in terms of the things that TAMU has done in readjusting tuition and encouraging students to take more hours are much more key in achieving the goals of getting students through than the legislation.

Mr. White asked if anyone was present who wanted to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at TAMIU. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition for TAMIU was closed.

Texas A&M University

Mr. White called on Dr. Robert Gates, President of TAMU. Dr. Gates said that in 2003 he appointed a Tuition Policy Advisory Council (TPAC) comprised of seven student leaders, 15 members including the student body president, president of the Residence Hall Association, Corps Commander, a representative of the Greek organizations, president of the Graduate Student Council, president of the MSC, speaker of the student senate, the current president of The Association of Former Students and the president of the Federation of Aggie Mothers. He said that they meet routinely throughout the year and advise him on tuition policy, the energy fee, and have made recommendations on differential tuition. Dr. Gates said that a hearing was held on February 20 and 75 to 100 students were present. He said that the student body president presented the recommendations of the TPAC to the forum. He said that nearly all of the questions that were asked at the forum had to do with differential tuition rather than the tuition increase. Dr. Gates said that at the time of last year's tuition increase he pledged that in the second year of the biennium, he would not raise designated tuition more than 10 percent and this was their recommendation. He said that on a 15-hour basis that would mean an additional \$130.50, which would take flat tuition for 15 hours or more from \$1,305 to \$1,435.50/SCH. He said that this boils down to \$8.70/SCH for part-time students and graduate students taking the full designated tuition to \$95.70/SCH. Dr. Gates said that their recommendation also includes an increase of mandatory fees of \$54.46, which includes an increase of \$.58/SCH in the student service fee. He said that recommendation was passed by both the student senate and the graduate student council in accordance with state law. He said that it also includes \$1.50/SCH increase in computer access fee, and a \$20 per semester increase in the recreation sports fee, which

requires a student referendum. Dr. Gates said that this recommendation was passed by 80 percent of the students voting, the highest number of students that have voted in an election at TAMU.

Dr. Gates said that the TPAC recommended a \$99 energy fee. He said that a fee was decided rather than an addition to designated tuition. He said that at the University of Texas (UT), in addition to the regular increase, an additional \$150 per semester was included for an energy fee. He said that they calculated two things about going for a fee: First, because there is no financial aid set-aside, they can charge the students less. Second, it seemed to them that a fee would be more transparent and they could be more easily held accountable by the students and their parents for getting rid of it when they do not need it anymore rather than potentially burying it in the larger figure for designated tuition.

Dr. Gates said that they understand the consequences for their students of any increase in tuition and fees. He pointed out a couple of items that have been in the press recently. A couple of months ago *Kiplinger's* magazine came out with its annual article on the 100 best values in American higher education and of those 100, TAMU was ranked number 25. He said that TAMU is the most highly ranked university in Texas in this regard with two-third's academic quality and one-third affordability. He said that TAMU is also the highest ranked in the entire southwest. Dr. Gates said that *US News and World Report* ranks TAMU fifth in the nation in terms of value. He said that in terms of the quality of education that TAMU students are getting in exchange for their tuition and fees he feels that there is some justification.

Dr. Gates said that on differential tuition, they were asking the Board to approve in principle. He said that it would be applied to those programs where an additional fee or additional tuition is required to add to the quality of the program and the quality of education that the students have been given. Dr. Gates said that the TPAC has established three criteria that he has approved. He said that each college must request the authority individually and the TPAC will review each of them and then make a recommendation to him. Secondly, the tuition set-aside in differential tuition for financial aid must go to students in the college where the tuition is charged. Third, from the time differential tuition is approved, two long semesters must pass before it is actually charged or the college has to give the students a year's advance notice. Dr. Gates said that one college, the Mays Business School, has asked for the authority to charge differential tuition. He said he is still receiving information of this request, has not approved it, and is not bringing it before the Board for approval at this time.

Dr. Gates said that it is worth noting that the administration has raised Pell Grants by several hundred dollars in their budget proposal. He said the fact is that the entire higher education community is charged with this issue and is working on the administration and Congress. Dr. Gates said that he sits on the board of the American Council on Education, Association of American Universities, and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. He said that he is not optimistic about success given the current budget environment in Washington. Dr. Gates

said where the Board could really be of help to them and where he thinks that they and their colleagues at UT at Austin and elsewhere could have a significant impact would be if there were to be restored funding for the Texas Grants Scholarships. He said that these are approximately \$3,000 per year and are based on need. Dr. Gates said that three years ago TAMU was able to offer 1,800 of these scholarships to incoming freshman. He said that last year, based on the resources available to the university from the state, they offered 100. He said that this was a big difference. He said that they still get the money to help the kids who are already in the pipeline and have already received Texas Grants, so they receive millions of dollars from the grant program. He said that in terms of new scholarships that they can offer, the funding has been cut back so far that they are able to offer only about 100 to 150 of these scholarships.

Mr. Nye asked the amount of the Texas Grant and the qualifications. Dr. Gates responded approximately \$3,000 based on need. Dr. Gramm asked if this amount was per semester or year. Dr. Gates responded per year.

Mr. Stallings asked if a student could receive both the Pell Grant and the Texas Grant. Dr. Gates responded in the affirmative and that a student can stack scholarships up to the cost of attending college. He said that this is approximately \$17,000 at TAMU. He said that this was exactly what they do with Regent Scholars, they receive \$5,000 per year for four years, and then the university stacks scholarships so that most of the students that qualify for these scholarships, which is a family income of \$40,000 or less and first generation college student, attend college almost free.

Mr. Jones said that he recalled that there may have been some shifting of the Texas Grants Fund over to the “Be on Time Program” or some other program like this. Dr. Gates responded that another great Texas program that is not fully funded enough is the “Be on Time Program,” which says that if you graduate in four years with a B average, your loans obtained through the program are forgiven. He said that the problem is that the program is not fully funded so the number of students who can take advantage of the program is limited on a statewide basis. He said that there is interest in the legislature in consolidating some of these programs. Mr. Jones said that the argument he has heard is why just give the student a grant, why not give the student a grant with incentive. Mr. Nye said that he believes the net total dollars is substantially reduced.

Mr. Voelkel commented that as a student, the program that Dr. Gates has installed at TAMU with the student feedback and input is one that he feels other universities can look to as an example or a standard. He said that information is power and many of the problems the students have with raising tuition and fees is because they misunderstand where their fees are going. He said that when students are involved in the process it is easier to get things done. Mr. Voelkel said that students are not stupid. They care about their education, the universities and they want to do the right thing.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wanted to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition at TAMU. There were none. Mr. White

announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition for TAMU was closed.

Texas A&M University at Galveston

Mr. White called on Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG). Dr. Loftin said that their proposal was identical to that of TAMU, which was a 10 percent increase of \$8.70 to their current \$87 tuition. He said that a public hearing lasting more than two and one-half hours was held on January 30, 2006, and approximately 25 students were present. He said that in general, the students were supportive of the increase although they were not happy about it. Dr. Loftin said that there were two purposes for their increase: a three percent merit pool for faculty and staff and a pool for equity for their lowest paid classified staff members. He said that they also proposed increases in the student service fee by \$1.05/SCH, the computer use fee by \$1.50/SCH, and the student health fee by \$3 per student. Dr. Loftin said that a new fee for utility costs of \$6.50/SCH was also proposed. He said that the only real concern that students had was the pledge to reduce that fee based on actual usage of utility costs in the future.

Mr. Jones asked about the reference made of not being able to compete with area employees for vital positions as a reason for the increase. He asked if employees had been lost to other businesses. Dr. Loftin responded in the affirmative. He said that Galveston is an area with high tourism and the entertainment industry is large and many of their classified staff persons are qualified for jobs that those entities offer. He said that many of their lowest paid workers work two jobs.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone who wished to comment on the increases in designated tuition at TAMUG. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition for TAMUG was closed.

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Mr. White called on Dr. Keith McFarland, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C). Dr. McFarland said that the administration at TAMU-C takes the setting of tuition as one of the most serious responsibilities it has. He said that they talk to students, try to relate to them and they involve the student government and their executive committee from the beginning. He said that he feels that there is a general understanding among their students that this is a difficult balancing act that we all face. Dr. McFarland said that a hearing was held on January 24, and prior to that, information was sent that they would be asking for a \$15/SCH increase in designated tuition. He said in putting out the information about the meeting, they talked about the factors that were driving their costs up and encouraged students that if they could not come to the hearing to respond by email and they received a handful of responses. Dr. McFarland said that most of the responses expressed opposition to the increase. He said that at the actual hearing approximately 30 students attended. He said that their primary view was that although they did not like the increase, they understood the situation. He said that they talked about the electricity and gas costs at the university, and the students were able to

relate to those situations. He said that the \$15/SCH increase would move them from \$52/SCH to \$67/SCH. He said that they realize that they have to keep a balance between the needs of the students and funding the items that are needed, primarily utilities and salary increases. He said that TAMU-C has not given the increases that other system schools have been able to do during the last couple of years. Dr. McFarland added that they had no fee increases this year, only designated tuition will increase.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the increases in designated tuition at TAMU-C. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition at TAMU-C was closed.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Mr. White called on Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC). Dr. Killebrew said that they held a hearing on designated tuition on January 30. He said that prior to the hearing they held an extensive campaign on campus to make sure that students knew what they were planning. He said that 43 students attended and there was some spirited discussion about increases, but most did not have anything to do with designated tuition. He said that they dealt more with increasing energy costs which most of the students understood.

Dr. Killebrew said that what they were asking for at the time the request was submitted was a range from \$0/SCH to \$15/SCH. He said that they are now a little further along in their budgeting process and they will only exercise a \$7 increase. He said that one of the reasons they came in with a range was part of their strategy was similar to what Dr. Gates explained. Dr. Killebrew said that designated tuition has a 20 percent set-aside that keeps you to the point that you can only spend \$.80 out of every \$1 you raise tuition. He said that they looked at a range of things such as the energy fee and an athletics fee. He said that they held a referendum on the athletics fee, which passed by a huge margin (720 to 150). He said that this was their largest turnout.

Dr. Killebrew said that prior to and following the hearing, they worked vigorously with the student leadership and student government to go over different options. He said that he thinks that the proposal they came up with is one that has had a significant amount of student leadership involvement. He said that in addition to only exercising the \$7 increase they have committed and will continue the flat tuition policy that they currently have. Dr. Killebrew said that they have seen modest increases in the number of students who take 15 or more hours. He said that not only does this help get the student through school faster and saves them money, it helps with space issues. He said that with the \$7/SCH increase they would go from \$66/SCH to \$73/SCH. He said that this would keep them at or below the state average for designated tuition. Dr. Killebrew said that *US News and World Report* ranks them among the best universities in terms of affordability in the western United States.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the increases in designated tuition at TAMU-CC. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition at TAMU-CC was closed.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Mr. White called on Dr. Rumaldo Juárez, President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K). Dr. Juárez said that he believes that everyone should get involved in the issue regarding funding for higher education. He said that on the previous day the Senate passed an amendment proposing to add back some funds into higher education funding. He said that on Saturday he would go forward as a member of the Advisory Board of the Hispanic Association of College Universities with a group that will be trying to provide information to Congress regarding the higher education cuts and the impact they will have on our institutions. He said that the American College of Education and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities are very involved in this matter.

Dr. Juárez said that they are considering the same type of approach as TAMU-CC regarding flat rate tuition. He said that at the beginning of the school year, during freshman orientation, he meets with incoming students and their parents and makes the pitch of the financial and economic advantages of signing up for 15 hours versus 12 hours. He said that he echoes Dr. Gates' sentiments in trying to get the Texas Grant Fund back. He said this fund had a significant impact on their enrollment from one semester to the next once it was cut. Dr. Juárez said that currently they have a \$52/SCH rate and they propose a range of \$0 to \$14/SCH and estimate that they will need somewhere between \$6 and \$8 dollars. He said that they also propose a \$2 increase for graduate tuition and that 100 percent of those funds are going toward supporting additional graduate research assistantships.

Dr. Juárez said that they propose the same use for their funds as the other universities, such as salary increases and energy increases (they estimate approximately \$1 million for next year). He said that they held a campus-wide hearing on the proposed increases on February 13 and approximately 31 students attended including representatives from the student government association. He said that the president of the student government association spoke in favor of the increases and for the most part, although everyone expressed concern, they did not oppose the increases. He said that they propose a computer use fee increase of \$2 and at the same time they will eliminate the distance education fee of \$35. Dr. Juárez said that they also dealt with the proposition of increasing the athletic fee. He said that a referendum was held for the computer use fee increase and the athletic fee increase. He said that the athletic fee increase was not passed in the referendum.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the increases in designated tuition at TAMU-K. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition at TAMU-K was closed.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Mr. White called on Dr. Stephen Hensley, President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T). Dr. Hensley said that they held a public hearing on January 24 and no students attended. He said that he anticipated this outcome and requested to be on the agenda for the January 5 meeting of the student government association so that he could discuss the issues with those leaders. He said that they are requesting a \$2/SCH increase or 5 percent (from \$40/SCH to \$42/SCH). Dr. Hensley said that they propose to use this increase in the expansion of the university, looking to moving to the new university, studies that they would do for downward expansion and everything related to it. Dr. Hensley said that the students felt that there were good reasons for the need for the increases and were supportive.

Mr. White asked if anyone was present who wished to comment on the increases in designated tuition at TAMU-T. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition at TAMU-T was closed.

West Texas A&M University

Mr. White called on Dr. Brian Chapman, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). Dr. Chapman said that they were proposing a range increase of \$0 to \$15/SCH, but after examining their budget carefully, they decided that they would increase their designated tuition by \$15/SCH. He said that this is an increase from \$42/SCH to \$57/SCH. He said that they held a public hearing on February 9 in the Student Center Mall and approximately 40 students attended. He said that although there was some grumbling, the students were unanimously in favor of the increase. Dr. Chapman said that the proposed increase will generate approximately \$2.5 million for the university and they will spend this on a three percent merit pool increase and \$350,000 toward increasing the quality of their facilities, utility increases, scholarship increases and graduate assistantships.

Dr. Chapman said that WTAMU is ranked 31st in terms of cost out of 34 universities. He said that if their tuition increase and other increases are approved, around the state, they would be in the same position. He said that recently they conducted a survey of students who decided not to attend WTAMU and one of the things they suggested as a reason was they felt like that by being so inexpensive the university was cheap and could not offer the quality of education that other universities could. Dr. Chapman said that they are suggesting a \$3/SCH (\$7/SCH to \$10/SCH) increase in their technology fee so that they can put in “smart” classrooms.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the increases in designated tuition at WTAMU. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition at WTAMU was closed.

Mr. Stallings asked if 30 out of 8,000 was representative of the student body. Mr. White said that this tells a number of things, either they have very happy students or

they are very apathetic. Mr. White said that he was intrigued that the highest student turnout at TAMU (for student elections) was one-third of the student body, which is a disappointing number, but when compared to the number of people who show up for elections this is a high number. Dr. Gates said that in addition they have the highest turnout of students for elections among most of the major universities in the country. Mr. Jones asked if this was just for general elections. Dr. Gates responded that they could vote electronically. Mr. Stallings said that it seems that the hearings were all well publicized so he thought that more students would have attended. Mr. Nye said that it should not be assumed that students are apathetic or that they do not care, but that they expect us as trustees of their business to look after their interests. Mr. Nye said that if the Board, university administrators and faculty do a good job, he hoped that they would take the fact that people do not show up as a compliment to our activities.

Texas A&M System Health Science Center-Baylor College of Dentistry

Mr. White called on Dr. Nancy Dickey, President and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs. Dr. Dickey said that open hearings had been held at Baylor, College Station, by Trans-Texas Videoconference Network (TTVN) in Temple, the Institute for Biosciences and Technology (IBT) in Houston and the Reynolds's Building in College Station. She said that a total of four students showed up for those hearings and percentage-wise this is the same as at other universities.

Dr. Dickey said that the only proposed increase that they have in designated tuition was submitted for the Baylor College of Dentistry. She said that Baylor's rationale is that designated tuition provides a means to support the physical plant, utilities, support renovation projects and support equipment purchases. She said that Baylor does not have access to Higher Education Assistance Fund (HEAF) or Permanent University Fund (PUF) money. Dr. Dickey said that they are requesting an increase in designated tuition from \$82/SCH to \$100/SCH for the Doctor of Dental Science (D.D.S.) students, \$54/SCH to \$56/SCH for dental hygiene students and \$54/SCH to \$56/SCH for dental graduate students. She said that these increases would generate approximately \$230,000 annually of which \$200,000 would be for operations and \$30,000 would be for scholarships. She said that even with these increases the total cost of tuition and fees for students at Baylor remains nine percent below the UT San Antonio and 16 percent below the University of Texas at Houston. Dr. Dickey said that the one student who attended the hearing at Baylor was very positive about the value he thought the students received for their fees.

Dr. Dickey said that designated tuition for the College of Medicine was artificially held low at \$10/SCH and beginning in FY05 they increased it to \$28/SCH and in FY06 increased it to \$50/SCH then determined that with the substantive increases in the preceding two years they would not ask for an increase in their designated tuition at this time.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the increases in designated tuition at the Baylor College of Dentistry. There were none.

Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in designated tuition at the Baylor College of Dentistry was closed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED INCREASES IN GROUP HOSPITAL FEES

Mr. White announced that they would proceed with conducting public hearings on proposed increases in group hospital fees.

Texas A&M University

Dr. Gates said that the group hospital and medical services fee at TAMU is \$55/SEM for all students. He said that this is currently the lowest fee in the Big XII and has remained at the same level since FY02. He said that the revenue that would be generated from the \$5 increase would be used to fund increased demand for health services including extended hours, increased expenditures due to the medical inflation rate, which has averaged about seven to eight percent per year for the last six to eight years, and to fund increased overhead including utility expenses and unfunded mandates. Dr. Gates said that this increase was presented to and endorsed by the student service fee advisory board and an open forum was held on November 29. He said a presentation was made describing the budgetary needs and the rationale for the increase and there was not opposition to the fee increase.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the increases in group hospital fees at TAMU. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in group hospital fees at TAMU was closed.

Texas A&M University at Galveston

Dr. Loftin said that they propose a 10 percent increase in their student health fee from \$30/SEM per student to \$33/SEM per student. He said that this is due to an increase in their contract costs with the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He said that a hearing was held on January 30 and there were no student problems or comments.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the increases in group hospital fees at TAMUG. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in group hospital fees at TAMUG was closed.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Dr. Killebrew said that the change at TAMU-CC is primarily going from a per semester charge to a per semester credit hour charge with a cap that keeps it at the 10 percent increase rate. He said that currently they charge \$20 per semester and will go to a \$7/SCH fee, which will be capped at \$22. He said that it will be used to fund the student health clinic on their campus.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the increases in group hospital fees at TAMU-CC. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in group hospital fees at TAMU-CC was closed.

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

Dr. Dickey said that the students in College Station follow the fees for TAMU. She said that their request is for the Baylor College of Dentistry where students are charged a group hospital fee, which they are asking to be increased from \$60/SEM to \$62/SEM in the fall and spring semesters and from \$17/SEM to \$18/SEM during the summer.

Mr. White asked if there was anyone present who wished to comment on the increases in group hospital fees at the HSC. There were none. Mr. White announced that the public hearing for increases in group hospital fees at the HSC was closed.

Mr. White announced that all proposed increases would be considered by the Committee on Finance during the discussion and vote on Agenda Item 1. He said that the Board would take action on this item on Friday.

RECESS

Mr. White recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Finance convened at 12:01 p.m. and adjourned at 12:15 p.m.)

RECONVENE AND RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. White reconvened the meeting at 12:16 p.m. and announced that the Board would convene in executive session in the Board Meeting Room 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 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. White 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 convened its executive session at 1:10 p.m. and recessed at 5:08 p.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Mr. White reconvened the meeting on Friday, March 24, 2006, at 10:02 a.m., in Room 292 of the MSC. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. John White, Chairman
Mr. Bill Jones, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Mr. Lupe Fraga
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings *(left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.)*
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Tyson Voelkel (Student Regent)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Lowry Mays

Mr. White announced that the Board met in executive session on Thursday, March 23, from 1:10 p.m. until 5:08 p.m. and on Friday, March 24, from 9:05 a.m. until 9:55 a.m. He said that in executive session the Board considered Items 17 through 19, 45 through 48 and 52. Mr. White said that they would vote on these items at the end of the meeting during the reports from the standing committees. He said that they had also conferred with the Chancellor, several System administrators, and attorneys on personnel, land and legal matters.

RECESS

Mr. White recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 10:07 a.m. and adjourned at 10:44 a.m. The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 10:45 a.m. and adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The Committee on Ad Hoc Policy Review convened at 11:21 a.m. and adjourned at 11:26 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. White reconvened the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. White called on Dr. Gates who presented Items 30, 31 and 34. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

**MINUTE ORDER 055-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. NORMAN BORLAUG,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, Nobel Laureate and Distinguished Professor of International Agriculture at Texas A&M University, is recognized as a scientist, teacher, humanitarian and Father of the Green Revolution who is credited with developing a high-yielding, short-strawed, disease-resistant wheat that he introduced as new cereal strains to Third World countries to feed the hungry; and

Whereas, Dr. Borlaug, the scientist, graduated from the University of Minnesota with degrees in forestry and plant pathology and advanced science through his research contributions at the du Pont de Nemours Foundation, the Mexico/Rockefeller Foundation's Wheat Improvement in Cooperative Mexican Agricultural Program, and at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Mexico; and

Whereas, the teacher, Dr. Norman Borlaug continues to serve as a role model and mentor at Texas A&M University during the fall semester, sharing his research prowess and international experiences with faculty, staff and students; and during the spring and summer, he travels to Mexico to train young scientists in research and production methods at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, and because of his work over 1,900 young scientists from more than 16 countries studied and worked at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center from 1991 to 1998; and

Whereas, Dr. Borlaug, the humanitarian and world-renowned agronomist, is recognized as the Father of the Green Revolution for utilizing his research results on new cereal strains to introduce on the vast acreage of wheat planted and harvested in Mexico, India and Pakistan, while also advancing new wheat varieties in six Latin American countries, six countries in the Near and Middle East, and several African countries; and

Whereas, in recognition of his work in 1970, Dr. Norman Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his research on breeding hardier and more nutritious dwarf varieties of wheat in Mexico, and introducing these crops into India and Pakistan; thus, increasing the diversification of crop yields in less-advanced agricultural regions of the world and reducing world hunger, thus, saving millions from starvation; and

Whereas, in recognition of his distinguished scholarship, scientific achievements, collegial mentoring, international leadership, and tireless efforts to extend science and technology to end world hunger, President George W. Bush presented the National Medal of Science to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug on February 13, 2006, during ceremonies at the White House; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Administration of Texas A&M University, Texas A&M Agriculture, and the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System gratefully recognizes Dr. Norman E. Borlaug upon his receipt of the National Medal of Science; and, be it, further

Resolved, that Dr. Borlaug is lauded for his tireless efforts to enhance food production and improve the nutritional needs of an increasing world population through his leadership in sharing new technologies and furthering international diplomacy through science and technology with countries around the world; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and that it be presented to Dr. Borlaug and to the archives of Texas A&M University as an expression of appreciation and respect for Dr. Borlaug's contributions to science and his personal crusade to end global hunger.

**MINUTE ORDER 056-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Texas A&M soccer team has made 11 consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the Sweet 16 seven times and the Elite 8 twice; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M soccer team has brought home a Big 12 Championship in four of the last five seasons; and

Whereas, the Aggies, in the past 10 years, have had 11 players deemed All-American; and

Whereas, two A&M soccer players were selected to participate on the 2006 Under-21 United States National Team; and

Whereas, Texas A&M head coach G. Guerrieri has been named the 2005 Central Region Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, 11 players were honored as a part of the 2005 Academic All Big 12 Soccer Team; and

Whereas, the team has provided a tremendous amount of positive publicity for Texas A&M on national television including, but not limited to, FSN and FOX Soccer; and

Whereas, the Texas A&M soccer team is dedicated to giving back to the Bryan/College Station community through various projects, such as youth clinics; and

Whereas, the 12<sup>th</sup> Man has helped to make the Aggie Soccer Stadium one of the toughest soccer venues in which to compete in the nation by setting numerous attendance records; and

Whereas, the Aggies garnered their second consecutive Big 12 Regular Season and Tournament Championships this past November; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our sincere congratulations to the members of the Texas A&M University Soccer Team for the honor and recognition their accomplishments have brought to Texas A&M University and to The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

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

~~~~~

Coach Guerrieri said that they were very appreciative and honored to be a part of what TAMU stands for. He recognized four members of the team: Ms. Annie Burnett, captain; Ms. Julie Spearink, goalkeeper; Ms. Linda Pierson, and Ms. Suzzette Devloo, who scored the winning goal. Coach Guerrieri also recognized assistant coaches Mr. Phil Stephenson and Ms. Lori Stephenson, and Mr. Curt Magnuson, director of operations. Mr. White presented a framed resolution to Coach Guerrieri and the team members and coaches who were present.

Dr. Gates said Item 34 is a request to grant faculty development leave for FY 07. He said these applications for faculty development leave are reviewed for scholarly merit by a university-wide committee of faculty members and recommended to the provost and president for approval. He said that the request for FY 07 requests approval for 75 faculty members in contrast to 61 in FY 06. Dr. Gates said that faculty development leave is funded through a combination of central administration funding, departmental funds, and funds from The Association of Former Students.

Dr. Gates said that he would like to respond to previous questions from Mr. Stallings, who believes that the time required for being eligible for faculty development leave should be 10 years. Dr. Gates said that Mr. Stallings asked him directly whether he thought the faculty development leaves were of value to the university. Dr. Gates said that the value of faculty development leave is in fact recognized in Texas State Law. Dr. Gates said that the law requires two years of consecutive employment for any faculty member to be eligible for faculty development leave. He said that TAMUS policy follows State law and requires two years of consecutive employment and can apply to any full-time faculty member. He said that TAMU has a more stringent rule than either the State or the System. Dr. Gates said that Texas A&M requires five years of consecutive employment and limits the faculty development leave only to those faculty members who have been awarded tenure at the time they begin their faculty development leave. He said that all of the candidates for faculty development leave that they are presenting will have completed that five-year requirement by the time they begin their faculty development leave.

Dr. Gates said that the reason why they do this is because faculty research and publication is central to their career and the quality of their teaching. He said that faculty write many books and articles and often they need to carry out their research in distant parts of the world, which is very difficult to do at the same time that they are carrying out other responsibilities. Dr. Gates said that a faculty member's time at work is not just the time spent in the classroom, but also involves time for class preparation, mentoring and advising students, serving on search committees for new faculty, time spent on university-level task forces and committees, time and professional meetings, editing journals, professional association responsibilities, committees of the national academies and much more.

Dr. Gates said that during their development leave, faculty work all over the world and at other top universities such as Stanford. He said that this also enhances TAMU's reputation. He said that sometimes there is an inclination to underestimate how hard most of the faculty actually works, and to judge the time a faculty member spends in the classroom as comparable to the time a member of Congress spends on the floor of the House or Senate, a lawyer in the courtroom or a doctor in the operating theater.

Dr. Gates said that faculty development leave is a conventional practice in top universities in this country and we already have a more demanding requirement for eligibility than either the State or the System. He said that in his view, if they were to eliminate or impose a much longer period such as what was suggested by Mr. Stallings, he believe it would be the "kiss of death" for the faculty reinvestment program and they would lose a number of their high quality faculty. He said that there is a very competitive marketplace.

Dr. Gates said that quality scholarly research is not the kind of activity that can be accomplished while running the class, countless meetings, phones ringing, emails pouring in from departments and students. He said that he is convinced that faculty leave

as they do it is rigorously applied and is essential to their efforts to take TAMU to the next level of excellence.

Mr. Nye asked what was the average time to gain tenure at TAMU. Dr. Gates responded six years.

Mr. Jones asked by basis of comparison, how do other “like” institutions, whether they be land-grant or institutions that we would consider our competitors for gaining deans, professors, etc., what is their continuous serving time before they are allowed to go on development leave. Dr. Gates responded that he did not know what the rule is at other universities, but he suspects that the state requirement and the System requirement when they were established bear some resemblance. Dr. Karan Watson, Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost, commented that in many states where they have sabbaticals instead of development leave, the faculty member gets it automatically after seven years without having to apply for it or be reviewed.

Dr. Wright commented that he started his teaching year at the University of Texas at Austin, and in his third year they gave him a full paid leave to go to Harvard for a year to conduct his research. He said that as Dr. Gates said, it makes it very attractive for other institutions.

Dr. Gates asked that the record reflect that he did present the report as requested by Mr. Stallings.

The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

**MINUTE ORDER 057-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones 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 A**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2007, Texas A&M University.

~~~~~

Mr. White said that no requests had been received in the Board Office to provide public testimony at this Board Meeting.

Mr. White 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 met on Thursday, March 23 and considered and approved Items 1 through 3, 5 through 9, 50 and 51. (*Item 4 was withdrawn prior to the meeting*). The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

**MINUTE ORDER 058-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**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. Nye 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 B**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective with the Fall 2006 semester.

**MINUTE ORDER 059-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW, INCREASED, AND DECREASED FEES FOR THE  
ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER,  
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:

All 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 tuition and fees recommended by the academic institutions and the health science center of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibits C and D**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective with the Fall 2006 semester.

**MINUTE ORDER 060-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**CONFIRMATION OF NEW AND AMENDED FIELD TRIP FEES FOR THE  
ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER,  
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:

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

**MINUTE ORDER 061-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE  
PATENT LAW FIRM OF BAKER BOTTS, L.L.P.,  
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 requests that the Attorney General of Texas approve a contract with the law firm of Baker Botts, L.L.P. with a proposed fee cap of \$900,000 and an expense cap of \$1,800,000 to provide patent prosecution legal services and associated expenses to The Texas A&M University System for FY 06.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, subject to approval by the Attorney General of Texas, authorizes The Texas A&M University System to expend up to \$900,000 in fees and \$1,800,000 in associates expenses with the law firm of Baker Botts, L.L.P. in exchange for legal services and associated expenses in the area of patent prosecution for FY 06.



**MINUTE ORDER 062-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO RATIFY THE EXISTING SHAREHOLDERS  
AGREEMENT WITH TELEMEDICUS, INC.,  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AMENDED AND  
RESTATED SHAREHOLDERS AGREEMENT WITH TELEMEDICUS, INC.,  
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 ratifies the existing shareholders agreement between The Texas A&M University System and Telemedicus, Inc., a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F** and authorizes the acceptance of equity in Telemedicus, Inc.; ratifies the Amendment to the Shareholders Agreement of Telemedicus, Inc., a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**; and, authorizes the Chancellor to execute, on behalf of the Board of Regents for the System, all documents required in the purchase, sale, assignment, transfer and management of TAMUS' interest in Telemedicus, Inc., subject to approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

**MINUTE ORDER 063-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**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 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. 06-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**.

**MINUTE ORDER 064-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE ATHLETIC FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT  
WITH STEPHENVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS,  
TARLETON STATE 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 grants authority to the President of Tarleton State University to execute a new athletic facilities use agreement with Stephenville Independent School District that allows the school district to periodically use Tarleton State University's Memorial Stadium Complex and Recreational Sports Complex. The new agreement has a term of three (3) years for \$321,000 or \$417,000, in accordance with its provisions.

**MINUTE ORDER 065-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL OF 2006 STILES FARM FOUNDATION BUDGET,  
TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

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

The operating budget for the Stiles Farm Foundation for calendar year 2006, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**, is hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 066-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 50)**

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM DEBT  
PROCEEDS FOR THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS VIDEO  
SCOREBOARDS, FASCIA, SOUND AND CONTROL ROOM CONTRACT  
WITH MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTS, INC.,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Revenue Financing System debt proceeds (Athletics multi-media rights contract) in an amount up to \$13,000,000 are appropriated for the Texas A&M University Athletics video scoreboards, fascia, sound and control room contract with Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc.

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

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

**MINUTE ORDER 067-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 51)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SYSTEM TO OWN EQUITY IN COMPANIES COMMERCIALIZING SYSTEM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, 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 grants an exception to The Texas A&M University System Investment Policy, 22.02 SPRM, to allow the System to take or own equity in an amount up to and including One Hundred Percent (100%) in a company formed for the purpose of developing and/or commercializing System intellectual property and pursuant to an agreement relating to rights in intellectual property owned by the System or in which it has an interest. Notwithstanding the above exception, the amount invested by the System in such a company shall not exceed \$250,000.

~~~~

Mr. White 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, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day. He said the Committee recommended approval of Items 10 through 19, and the selection of Architect/Engineer (A/E) firms as recommended in the six construction project presentations. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 068-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 10)

**APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK, APPROPRIATION FOR A
FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SELECTION OF THE
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER (A/E) DESIGN FIRM FOR THE
LUEDECKE CYCLOTRON BUILDING EXPANSION,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The statement of work for the Luedecke Cyclotron Building Expansion at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$25,000 is appropriated from Account No. 270490 Cyclotron Operations and \$25,000 is appropriated from Account No. 292001 Available University Fund Phase II Faculty Reinvestment for a feasibility study of the Luedecke Cyclotron Building Expansion at Texas A&M University.

The firm of P&W Architects of Houston, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team to prepare a feasibility study for the Luedecke Cyclotron Building 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 J**, until an agreement for a design contract is reached.

This firm is also authorized to prepare the design and bid documents for the expansion of the Luedecke Cyclotron Building as determined by the feasibility study after a program of requirements is prepared by Facilities Planning and Construction and approved by the Board of Regents.

Any gifts received for this project are hereby appropriated and a like amount of previous appropriations will be reverted.

MINUTE ORDER 069-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 11)

**APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK AND PROJECT BUDGET,
APPROPRIATION FOR A FACILITIES CONDITION ASSESSMENT AND
MASTER PLAN, AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER
DESIGN FIRM FOR THE CHEMISTRY COMPLEX RENOVATIONS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The statement of work for the Chemistry Complex Renovations at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$20,000, the amount of \$520,000 is appropriated from Account No. 083518 Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for the facilities condition assessment and master plan for the Chemistry Complex Renovations at Texas A&M University.

The amount of \$20,000 of previously appropriated funds is reverted from Account No. 806318 to Account No. 02-292001.

The firm of PGAL (Pierce, Goodwin, Alexander & Linville) of Houston, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team to prepare the statement of work to develop a facilities condition assessment and master plan for the Chemistry Complex Renovations 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 K**, until an agreement for a design contract is reached.

This team is also authorized to prepare the design and bid documents for the scope of work to be included in the initial phase of construction within approved project funding after a program of requirements is prepared based on findings and recommendations from the facilities condition assessment and master plan.

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).

Any gifts received for this project are hereby appropriated and a like amount of previous appropriations will be reverted.

MINUTE ORDER 070-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 12)

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM FOR THE LAB ANIMAL RESOURCES AND RESEARCH FACILITY EXPANSION, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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

The program of requirements for the Lab Animal Resources and Research Facility Expansion at Texas A&M University is approved.

The project budget of \$7,800,000 for the Lab Animal Resources and Research Facility Expansion at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$777,000 is appropriated from Account No. 083518 Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for design of the Lab Animal Resources and Research Facility Expansion at Texas A&M University.

The previously appropriated amount of \$25,000 is reverted from Account No. 806302 to Account No. 02-212340.

The firm of PageSoutherlandPage of Houston, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the Lab Animal Resources and Research Facility 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 L**, 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).

Any gifts received for this project are hereby appropriated and a like amount of previous appropriations will be reverted.

MINUTE ORDER 071-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER FIRM FOR THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER AND RUDDER COMPLEX LIFE SAFETY UPGRADES, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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

The program of requirements for the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Complex Life Safety Upgrades at Texas A&M University is approved.

The project budget of \$5,500,000 for the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Complex Life Safety Upgrades at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$510,000 is appropriated from Account No. 085008 Designated Tuition for design and pre-construction services for the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Complex Life Safety Upgrade at Texas A&M University.

The firm of Patterson Architects of Bryan, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the Memorial Student Center and Rudder Complex Life Safety Upgrades 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 M**, 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 072-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 14)

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHSIDE UTILITY PLANTS, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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

The program of requirements for the Upgrade of the Central and Southside Utility Plants at Texas A&M University is approved.

The project budget of \$13,500,000 for the Upgrade of the Central and Southside Utility Plants at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$1,105,000 is appropriated from Account No. 083518 Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for design and pre-construction services for the Upgrade of the Central and Southside Utility Plants 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 the Upgrade of the Central and Southside Utility Plants 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 N**, 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).

MINUTE ORDER 073-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

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

The program of requirements for the Wellness Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is approved.

The project budget of \$17,500,000 for the Wellness Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$1,545,000 is appropriated from Account No. 830483 CIP-Local-Wellness Center for design and pre-construction services for the Wellness Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The firm of F&S Partners of Dallas, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the Wellness Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

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 O**, 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.

Any gifts received for this project are hereby appropriated and a like amount of previous appropriations will be reverted.

MINUTE ORDER 074-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**NAMING OF THE
“NATHELYNE ARCHIE KENNEDY BUILDING,”
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Architecture and Art Building on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the “Nathelyne Archie Kennedy Building.”

MINUTE ORDER 075-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**NAMING OF THE
“OPAL JOHNSON SMITH AUDITORIUM,”
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Auditorium in the Memorial Student Center Building on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the “Opal Johnson Smith Auditorium.”

MINUTE ORDER 076-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**NAMING OF THE
“SAM FRECH CONCERT HALL,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The Performing Arts Center Concert Hall on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hereby named the “Sam Frech Concert Hall.”

MINUTE ORDER 077-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**NAMING “IN HONOR OF BUDDIE AND DEBBY BARNES,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Integrated Science Lab, Room 146, located in the New Science Building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named “In Honor of Buddie and Debby Barnes.”

MINUTE ORDER 078-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**NAMING “IN HONOR OF DR. LARRY AND MRS. DIANA WALKER,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Biology Lab, Room 205, located in the New Science Building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named “In Honor of Dr. Larry and Mrs. Diana Walker.”

MINUTE ORDER 079-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**NAMING “IN HONOR OF RAYMOND AND ELIZABETH CAMERON,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

Conference Room 103 located in the New Science Building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce be named “In Honor of Raymond and Elizabeth Cameron.”

MINUTE ORDER 080-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**NAMING “IN HONOR OF GEORGIA AND RUDY DORROUGH,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Planetarium Reception Area located in the New Science Building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named “In Honor of Georgia and Rudy Dorrough.”

MINUTE ORDER 081-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**NAMING “IN HONOR OF HOYLE AND ANN OGLESBY JULIAN,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Advanced Lab, Room 116, located in the New Science Building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named “In Honor of Hoyle and Ann Oglesby Julian.”

MINUTE ORDER 082-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**NAMING “IN HONOR OF ARAMARK FOUNDATION,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Science Tutoring Lab, Room 110, located in the New Science Building on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named “In Honor of ARAMARK Foundation.”

MINUTE ORDER 083-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF
LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, ERATH COUNTY,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones 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 for the purchase approval process and to execute all documents necessary to purchase the land and improvements located at 1379 West Jones Street, being more particularly described as Lot 13, Block 5, College Heights Addition, City of Stephenville, Erath County, Texas. The purchase price of \$44,000, plus closing costs, is hereby approved.

MINUTE ORDER 084-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 18)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF
LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, ERATH COUNTY,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones 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 for the purchase approval process and to execute all documents necessary to purchase the land and improvements located at 1910 West Sloan Street, being more particularly described as the West 80 feet of the East 93.3 feet of the North 156.2 feet of Lot 2, Block 40, Park Place Addition, City of Stephenville, Erath County, Texas. The purchase price of \$72,000, plus closing costs is hereby approved.

MINUTE ORDER 085-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 19)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO
A LONG-TERM LEASE OF LAND, CHEROKEE COUNTY,
TEXAS FOREST SERVICE**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones 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 renew and amend a lease agreement with TIN, Inc. d/b/a Temple-Inland for two (2) tracts of land containing approximately 96.44 acres and being described as 75.25 acres out of the Asa Dossett Survey, Abstract No. 237 and a part of the I.&G.N.R.R. Survey, Abstract No. 422; and 21.19 acres out of the I.&G.N.R.R. Survey, Abstract No. 422, Cherokee County, Texas. The term of the lease will be extended for thirty (30) years commencing on December 11, 2005, and expiring on December 10, 2035, with rental consideration being an amount equal to the ad valorem taxes owed on the subject property each year.

~~~~~

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

~~~~~

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

Dr. Gramm, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, said that the Committee meet earlier the same day, and considered and approved Items 20 through 25. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

**MINUTE ORDER 086-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

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

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Fraga 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-Commerce leading to a Bachelor of Science in Human Performance.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 087-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED 45-HOUR CORE CURRICULUM  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA APPROVED BY THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Fraga 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 45-semester credit hour core curriculum for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as outlined in **Exhibit P**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, effective with the fall semester of 2006.

**MINUTE ORDER 088-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
WITH A MAJOR IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Fraga 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-Kingsville leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Biomedical Sciences.

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 089-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**DISSOLUTION OF THE INSTITUTE OF FOOD SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING AND MODIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTING OF THE CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION,  
AND TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

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

The Institute of Food Science and Engineering, established by Board Minute Order 306-90, is hereby dissolved as of March 24, 2006. The Center for Food Safety will continue in its present capacity and will function under the governance of the Department of Animal Science. The Director of the Center for Food Safety will report to the head of the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 090-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUCLEAR SECURITY SCIENCE AND  
POLICY INSTITUTE, A JOINT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION INSTITUTE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

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

The Nuclear Security Science and Policy Institute, a joint Texas A&M University and Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) institute, is hereby established, reporting to the Dean of the College of Engineering and Director of TEES.

**MINUTE ORDER 091-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATION AND NAME CHANGES FOR THE  
PH.D. AND MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE  
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES,  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the consolidation of seven Master of Science degree programs within the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences into a single Master of Science Degree in Biomedical Sciences and the consolidation of two Ph.D. programs within the College into a single Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences.

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

~~~~~

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

~~~~~



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

Mr. Nye said that the Committee met earlier the same day and considered and approved Items 26 through 28. He said the word “peculiar” was changed to “particular” in Item 28. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 92-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 26)

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO
SYSTEM POLICY 11.03 (*SHORTENED COURSES*),
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Revisions to System Policy 11.03 (*Shortened Courses*), as shown in **Exhibit Q**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 093-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 27)

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO
SYSTEM POLICY 11.08 (*AWARD OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES*),
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Revisions to System Policy 11.08 (*Award of Posthumous Degrees*), as shown in **Exhibit R**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 094-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 28-AMENDED EXHIBIT)

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO
SYSTEM POLICY 33.01 (*PRIVILEGES AS A CITIZEN*),
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Revisions to System Policy 33.01 (*Privileges as a Citizen*), as shown in **Exhibit S**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

~~~~~

Mr. White called on Mr. Jones to present the report from the Committee on Audit.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said that the Committee met on Thursday, March 23. He said that most of their time was spent on lively discussion about System “IT” issues and how we can better and more efficiently conduct our IT affairs throughout the System. Mr. Jones said that at some point in the future, they may be coming to the Board with a recommendation for a policy on this issue.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Mr. White presented Item 29. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 095-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 29)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION
TO THE 2005-2006 HORSE JUDGING TEAM,
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the West Texas A&M University Horse Judging Team has excelled in skill and mastery in horse judging; and

Whereas, it was Third High Team at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio, October 14, 2005; and

Whereas, it was the Reserve High Team at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 16, 2005; and

Whereas, it capped its season with a fifth consecutive championship performance at the National Reining Horse Association Championship in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 1 and 2, 2005; and

Whereas, Jessica Johnson was High Individual at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and Tyler Crouse was High Individual at the National Reining Horse Association; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of the team’s coaches, Dr. John Pipkin and Ms. Alexis Adams, resulted in the team’s outstanding accomplishments in bringing national recognition to the University; now, therefore, be it

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

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

~~~~~

Mr. White called on Dr. Keck to present Item 32. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 096-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 32)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF
HUMANE LETTERS DEGREE TO ELMO LÓPEZ,
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

Texas A&M International University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Elmo López.

~~~~~

Mr. White called on Dr. Prior to present Items 33 and 35 through 37. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 097-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 33)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AN HONORARY
DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE TO
PROFESSOR WOLFGANG A. HERRMANN,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Texas A&M University is authorized to award an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Wolfgang A. Herrmann, President and Professor of Inorganic Chemistry, Technical University of Munich.

MINUTE ORDER 098-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 35)

**APPOINTMENT OF
MR. FRANK M. MULLER, JR.
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON BOARD OF VISITORS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective April 1, 2006, Mr. Frank M. Muller, Jr. is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

MINUTE ORDER 099-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 36)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF
MS. CELIA GOODE-HADDOCK
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Approval of Ms. Celia Goode-Haddock, Class of 1972, to be reappointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University Private Enterprise Research Center, effective March 24, 2006.

MINUTE ORDER 100-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 37)

**APPOINTMENT OF
MR. H. JARRELL GIBBS
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Approval of Mr. H. Jarrell Gibbs, Class of 1960, to be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University Private Enterprise Research Center, effective March 24, 2006.

~~~~~

Mr. White called on Dr. McTeer to present Items 38 through 42. Dr. McTeer said there was a revision to the exhibit for Item 40. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 101-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 38)

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

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

MINUTE ORDER 102-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 39)

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

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**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Emeritus Title List No. 06-04, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 103-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 40-REVISED EXHIBIT)

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE,
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:

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 V**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Tenure List No. 06-04.

MINUTE ORDER 104-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 41)

**APPROVAL FOR
DAVID R. RIDDLE AND BLAKE D. PETTY,
SYSTEM EMPLOYEES, TO SERVE AS BOARD MEMBERS OF A
BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING TECHNOLOGY FROM THE
A&M SYSTEM AND IN WHICH THE SYSTEM HAS AN EQUITY INTEREST,
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:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves David R. Riddle, Manager of Licensing and Intellectual Property, and Blake D. Petty, Business Development Associate, to serve, on behalf of The Texas A&M University System, as members of the Board of Directors of Texas EnteroSorbents, Inc., a business entity licensing technology from The Texas A&M University System and in which The System has an equity interest, and shall report to the Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization. David R. Riddle and Blake D. Petty shall each serve for a term not to exceed two years. The Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization is authorized to reappoint either or both individuals for an additional two-year term or terms.

MINUTE ORDER 105-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 42)

**APPROVAL FOR
DAVID R. RIDDLE AND BRETT L. CORNWELL,
SYSTEM EMPLOYEES, TO SERVE AS BOARD MEMBERS OF A
BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING TECHNOLOGY FROM THE
A&M SYSTEM AND IN WHICH THE SYSTEM HAS AN EQUITY INTEREST,
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:

The Board of Regents hereby approves David R. Riddle, Manager of Licensing and Intellectual Property and Brett Cornwell, Manager of Commercialization Services, employees of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization, to serve, on behalf of The Texas A&M University System, as members of the board of directors of Telemedicus, Inc., a business entity licensing technology from The Texas A&M University System and in which the System has an equity interest reporting to Guy Diedrich, Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization. David R. Riddle and Brett Cornwell shall each serve a term not to exceed two years. The Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization is authorized to reappoint either or both individuals for an additional two-year term or terms.

~~~~~

Mr. White called on Dr. G. Kemble Bennett, Vice Chancellor and Dean of Engineering, who presented Item 43. Mr. White commented that it was worth noting this is the first one from the System that has gone through the Governor’s Emerging Technology Fund process that was awarded funding to move forward. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 106-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 43)

**APPROVAL FOR
DR. JOHN C. CRISCIONE,
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE
AND BOARD MEMBER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING
TECHNOLOGY FROM THE A&M SYSTEM,
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Mr. Jones, 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 approval for Dr. John C. Criscione, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Texas Engineering Experiment Station Researcher, to serve in his individual capacity as an officer, employee, and member of the board of directors of CorInnova, Inc., a business entity that has an agreement with The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property conceived, created, discovered, invented and developed by Dr. Criscione.

~~~~~

Mr. White presented Item 44. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 107-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 44)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE
JANUARY 26-27, 2006, REGULAR MEETING,
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The minutes of the January 26-27, 2006, Regular Board Meeting, held in College Station, Texas, are hereby approved.

~~~~~

Mr. White called on Dr. McTeer to present Items 45 through 47 and 52. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 108-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 45)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH
CHARLES MCCLELLAND,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY'S ATHLETIC DIRECTOR,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones 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 Prairie View A&M University to execute an employment contract with Prairie View A&M University's Athletic Director, Charles McClelland.

MINUTE ORDER 109-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 46)

**APPOINTMENT OF
DR. PIERCE E. CANTRELL
AS VICE PRESIDENT AND ASSOCIATE PROVOST
FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective April 1, 2006, Dr. Pierce E. Cantrell is hereby appointed Vice President and Associate Provost for Information Technology at Texas A&M University at an initial full-time salary of \$200,000.

MINUTE ORDER 110-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 47)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS WITH
GARY DARNELL AND WILLIAM CLAY,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY’S ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones 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 each of the following persons:

Gary Darnell – Assistant Football Coach
William Clay – Assistant Football Coach

MINUTE ORDER 111-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 52)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AMENDED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
WITH BILLY GILLISPIE
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY’S HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones 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 amended employment contract with the following person:

Billy Gillispie – Head Men’s Basketball Coach

~~~~~

Mr. White presented Item 49. He said that Item 48 had been withdrawn and would be considered at another meeting. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 112-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 49)

**RE-ELECTION OF THREE OUTSIDE DIRECTORS OF
THE HEEP FOUNDATION,
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Effective immediately, H.C. (Dulie) Bell, Frank W. Denius and John Mobley are hereby re-elected to serve two-year terms as directors of the Herman F. Heep and Minnie Belle Heep Texas A&M University Foundation Board of Directors.

~~~~~

Mr. White called on Dr. McTeer to present Items 53 and 54. The Board took action as set forth below:

~~~~~

MINUTE ORDER 113-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 53)

**APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE REQUEST TO TRANSFER THE
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE
TO THE TEXAS A&M HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AND
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the administrative change to transfer the College of Pharmacy from Texas A&M University-Kingsville to The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (HSC) on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, thereby creating a College of Pharmacy within the HSC, named “Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy.”

The Board also authorizes the President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center to submit this administrative change request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board have been met.

MINUTE ORDER 114-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 54)

**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 Mr. Nye, seconded by Ms. Steen and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents approves the amended Table of Programs for The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, as shown in **Exhibit W**, 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.

~~~~~

Dr. Dickey recognized and thanked Dr. Indra Reddy, Dean of the Pharmacy School, and Dr. Juárez.

~~~~~

REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON

Mr. Jones, the Board's System Athletic Liaison, said that we are proud of the TAMU Men's and Women's Basketball Teams, both of which made the "Big Dance." He said he also wanted to congratulate the WTAMU Men's and Women's Basketball Teams as they both won the Lone Star Conference Championship for the first time since 1991. Mr. Jones congratulated the PVAMU Baseball Team, currently ranked number 1 in the nation among the Black College Poll and is currently in first place in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. White announced that the next regular meeting was scheduled for May 25-26, 2006, at the Emergency Operations Training Center located on the Brayton Fire Field adjacent to Disaster City® in College Station.

Mr. Robert L. Smith, Director of TEEEX, said that they are planning a host of things for the meeting. He presented the Chancellor and members of the Board with shirts to be worn at the May Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. White 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 12:10 p.m.

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

VBS:jb