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**MINUTES OF THE
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CONVENE – THURSDAY, JULY 27

Mr. John White, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 11:26 a.m., on Thursday, July 27, 2006, Board of Regents Meeting Room, 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. Lowry Mays
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Tyson Voelkel, Student Regent

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. White announced that the Board would convene in executive session to consider matters as provided in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code: 551.071, for consultation with System attorneys regarding legal matters or pending and/or contemplated litigation or settlement offers; 551.072, for deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; 551.073, for deliberations regarding negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; and 551.074, for deliberations regarding personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal or to hear complaints 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 11:30 a.m. and recessed at 5:30 p.m.)

RECONVENE – FRIDAY, JULY 28

Mr. White announced that a quorum of the Board was present. He reconvened the meeting at 8:36 a.m., MSC, Room 292. He said that the Board had met in executive session on Thursday, July 27, from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Mr. White said that in

executive session the Board considered Items 18 and 40 through 43. He said that they would vote on those 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 and university administrators, and attorneys on personnel, land, and legal matters.

INVOCATION

Mr. White called on Mr. Jonathan Hawkins, a sophomore speech communications major at TAMU, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. White thanked Mr. Robert L. "Lanny" Smith, Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), for hosting the May Board meeting at the Brayton Fire School. He said that he felt everything went well and that everyone that participated had been impressed not only with the mission but with the people.

Mr. White said that later in the afternoon there would be an announcement and signing ceremony for a bioenergy alliance. He said that the System has the best agriculture and engineering schools in the nation and the two together are a powerful force. He said that they have taken the initiative to look at ways that they can collaborate and form this alliance. Mr. White said that Dr. G. Kemble Bennett, Vice Chancellor and Dean of Engineering, and Dr. Elsa Murano, Director and Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences, have been working on this project for some time.

Mr. White said that the previous month the Board held an initial strategic planning meeting for the System. He said that Mr. Steve Moore, Vice President for Communications at Texas A&M, was the meeting facilitator. Mr. White said that he had asked Mr. Nye to lead the committee that determines how they are going to go forward with the strategic planning process. He said that Mr. James Hooton, Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance, Dr. Murano and Dr. Keith McFarland, President of Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C), are also involved with the project.

Mr. Nye said that the committee had met earlier that same morning and that Dr. McFarland was not present due to a previous commitment. Mr. Nye said that in the meeting the committee set a preliminary course to have something drafted for consideration by the Chancellor and then brought to the Board within the next three months. He said that they believe that there is a drop dead date for the Board to enact the plan by the end of the year. Mr. Nye said that they identified a number of other planning processes around the country that they think they can mimic. They are taking a look at some of the documents that have been produced by other large university systems. He said that they intend to proceed with a shortened version of the strategic plan. Mr. Nye said that they are looking for an 80 percent solution to get us started with the understanding that the document can be changed as we move forward. Mr. Nye said that the committee would like the sanction of the Board to have a small amount of funds to use a consultant for telephone interviews. He said that the feeling is that people may be

willing to share more candidly through a third party. He said that he did not have a budget but assumes that it may be \$50,000. Mr. Nye said that he thinks that the important thing from the point of view of the Board is that they understand that they are bringing back a draft of the document for consideration by the Chancellor and the Board. He said that their sources would include all System institutions and some external people. Mr. Nye said that it would be ideal to have the report done by the end of the year.

Mr. White thanked Mr. Nye for his efforts and commented that the Board would not slow down the process.

Mr. White introduced Mr. Neal Adams, Vice Chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (CB). Mr. Adams said that they are thankful for a Governor who has had the foresight to appoint, for the first time in the 40-year history of the CB, five members who are graduates of A&M System universities.

Mr. Adams introduced two of his colleagues who were present. Mr. Joe Hinton and his wife Betty. He said Mr. Hinton was a graduate of TAMU-C and a recent appointee to the CB. He received two degrees from TAMU-C in 1957 and 1958. Mr. Adams said that the “rookie” of the group, appointed by the Governor three weeks earlier, was Mr. Fred Heldenfels, Texas A&M Class of 1979. He said the following members could not be present: Mr. George McWilliams ‘63 and Ms. Elaine Mendoza ‘87. Mr. Adams also introduced his wife Sonja.

Mr. Adams spoke about four specific areas that are important to the System and the State of Texas as a whole. The Accountability System, Capital Funding for Higher Education, Higher Education/Public Education Initiative and Closing the Gaps Challenges.

Mr. Adams said that in January 2004, the Governor directed the CB and the higher education institutions to create for the first time in this state a state-wide accountability system for higher education. He said that the CB adopted the system in October 2004. Mr. Adams said that part of the adoption was that they would look at it every two years. He said that they also told the institutions that there would not be a permanent grouping. He said that each institution is grouped under the accountability system according to their missions, but if their mission changed or they wished to go in a different direction they would not be held to a particular group. He said that there is a work in progress to reevaluate where they have been for the past two years in accountability. Mr. Adams said that while this is not a perfect system and never will be, they can make it better. He said that as they strive to make the system better they are looking forward to the wisdom of the people on the various taskforces to work with them. Mr. Adams said that one of the things he was concerned about when they implemented the accountability system was that many in the legislature wanted to put money immediately into the accountability system by using current funding. He said that he and his colleagues believed that this was a mistake and were able to convince the legislature to let them get the system in place; make it work and then tie new money to it. He said

that he was confident that in the next legislative session they will see funding for the accountability system.

Mr. Adams said that the capital funding for higher education process is broken. He said interestingly the Governor, Lieutenant Governor; Speaker and the leadership in the House and Senate feel the same way. He said that he and Chair Bob Shepard had an opportunity to meet with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker, Senator Ogden, Senator Zaffirini, Chairman Pitts and Chairman Morrison during the last six months and they are aware of the issue and they are moving forward to form a taskforce to look at capital funding. Mr. Adams asked for the Board's input in this taskforce and hoped to bring to the legislature during the next session a proposal for capital funding for higher education. He said that some have discussed the California system which is a statewide bond election every five years that is projected out 10 years. He said that he and Dr. Gates have discussed the possibility of a process that looks similar to the base-closing process. He said that whatever they end up with will not be perfect. He said that he hopes that they will give the institutions and the boards of regents in this state the ability to plan in terms of capital funding long-term.

Mr. Adams said that he was particularly excited about the formation of the higher education, public education initiative taskforce. He said that a *Dallas Morning News* article quoted a professor from Stanford talking about higher education and public education in America. The professor said that unlike Europe where the two systems (public education and higher education) have grown up together, our system in America has grown up as two silos that do not talk to each other. He said that higher education has its own group and public education has its own group, but yet they are producing the product that we have to deal with. Mr. Adams said that we can talk about higher education not getting the product from public education, but higher education produces the teachers and administrators that teach those kids. He said that we all have a vested interest in working together and communicating, but have done very little of this in this state. Mr. Adams said that the previous week, for the first time in the history of this state, the CB met with a group in Austin that represented the leadership of public education and higher education. Mr. Adams said that the response after this meeting had been phenomenal. He said that House Bill 1 that came out of the special session forces both groups to work together. He said that we do not need the legislature to force us to do this; we should do this on a voluntary basis. He said that they would hold another meeting in November.

Mr. Adams said that annually they report on the challenges and where they are in meeting the goals of "Closing the Gaps" in participation, success, academic excellence and research. He said that they had a good report in many areas, but participation continues to be an issue. He said that participation particularly in the Hispanic community is a major concern. He said that they are meeting the goals of "Closing the Gaps" for Caucasian and African American students. Mr. Adams said that Commissioner Raymund Paredes is committed to working with the institutions to rethink this process. He said that when the "Closing the Gaps" initiative was adopted in 2000 by the CB, it was to add 500,000 new students above normal growth by 2015. He said that

two years ago with input from Dr. Steve Murdock, they realized that based on changing demographics this needed to be revised to 630,000 new students. He said that the challenges are great in this area, but with the collective wisdom that we have there is no reason why we can not reach this challenge.

Mr. White introduced and welcomed Mr. Mike Godfrey, General Counsel, who started his new position with the System on July 17.

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS

Dr. Bob McTeer, Chancellor, said that on August 3, 2006, the System Office along with the Governor’s Office was scheduled to host a Regional Economic Opportunity Forum. And, on August 31, 2006, the System was scheduled to host an energy conference on the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Dr. McTeer reported that ground had recently been broken on the George Mitchell Physics Building and the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine. He said that this project was made possible by a \$50 million investment by the Governor’s Enterprise Fund.

Dr. McTeer said that the System has lots of people to thank for the authorization to issue \$465.6 million in TRBs to the various components. He thanked Governor Perry for adding these important construction bonds to the called special session of the legislature. He also thanked Lt. Governor Dewhurst and Senator Zaffirini for their work in getting the bonds through the legislature.

Dr. McTeer congratulated two of the System’s universities for their recent performances in the National Collegiate Rodeo Championship (NCRC) in Kasper, Wyoming. He said that Tarleton State University (TSU) won both the men’s and women’s division last year had several good individual results this year and their coach was named the Coach of the Year. Dr. McTeer said that West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) won the overall men’s championship.

RECESS

Mr. White recessed the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

(Secretary’s Note: A joint meeting of the Committees on Finance and Ad Hoc Policy Review convened at 9:11 a.m. The Committee on Finance continued its agenda and adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 10:16 a.m. and adjourned at 10:49 a.m. The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 10:50 a.m. and adjourned at 11:14 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. White reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m. He said that no requests were received in the Board Office to provide public testimony. He 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, reported that the Committee met on Thursday, July 27. He said that in addition to discussing the internal audit report and audit tracking report, they discussed the fact that our internal auditors were audited by their auditing peers. He said that the auditing team included representatives from the University of California San Diego, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, the University of Houston System and the University of Texas at Dallas. Mr. Jones said that the System internal auditing department passed with flying colors. He said the review team concluded that the Board of Regents provides exceptional support for the (Audit) department. He said they also indicated that the internal audit staff members were highly professional and provided a variety of value-added assurance services to the System and that it is well respected by its many stakeholders in its efforts to improve corporate governance by endorsing enterprise risk management or commitment. Mr. Jones said that he believes that our internal auditors do a wonderful job and they do what they do very well. He said that in spite of what they do very well there are some places where we can improve even on their excellent job and that they will be looking at those things over the next several months. He said that they will come to the Audit Committee with proposals for possible changes.

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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 earlier that same day in a joint meeting with the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee and considered and approved Item 1. He said the Committee also considered and approved Items 2 through 12. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 162-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 1)

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO
SYSTEM POLICY 22.02 (SYSTEM INVESTMENT),
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revisions to System Policy 22.02 (*System Investment*) as shown in **Exhibit A**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 163-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 2)

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2007 SERVICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The service department accounts for the members of The Texas A&M University System for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2007, included as **Exhibit B**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are hereby approved subject to the provisions contained in System Regulation 21.01.05 (*Service Departments*).

MINUTE ORDER 164-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 3)

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2007 OPERATING BUDGETS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The operating budgets included as **Exhibit C**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, as submitted by the members of The Texas A&M University System for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2007, are hereby approved and adopted subject to the provisions contained in System Policy 27.04 (*Budget Authorizations, Limitations, and Delegations of Authority*).

MINUTE ORDER 165-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 4)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXCEED
LIMITATIONS ON STATE EMPLOYMENT LEVELS,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Adams, 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 hereby approves the request by the System Offices listed in **Exhibit D**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, for an exception to the limitations on state employment levels specified in House Bill 1, 79th Legislature.

MINUTE ORDER 166-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 5)

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

On motion of Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fraga 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 members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Donations, Grants, and Endowments List No. 06-06, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**.

MINUTE ORDER 167-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 6)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
WITH BARNES & NOBLE COLLEGE BOOKSELLERS, INC.,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Adams, 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 hereby grants authority to the President of Tarleton State University to negotiate and the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, upon review for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute a lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc. The agreement, once negotiated will have a term of five (5) years.

MINUTE ORDER 168-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 7)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE
LONE STAR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH NETWORK (LEARN)
FOR THE SALE OF ASSETS RELATED TO A FIBER OPTIC NETWORK,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Adams, 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, upon review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, hereby grants authority to the President of Texas A&M University, or his designee, to execute a contract with LEARN for the sale of assets related to a fiber optic network, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**.

MINUTE ORDER 169-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 8)

**APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR A
SHARED REMOTE LIBRARY STORAGE FACILITY
WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Approval of the expenditure of \$1,250,000 for a shared remote library storage facility with the University of Texas at Austin to be paid during fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

MINUTE ORDER 170-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
ADVERTISING MEDIA CONTRACTS, FOR THE MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL,
WITH CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University or his designee is authorized, on behalf of the Mays Business School, to execute advertising media contracts of \$100,000 or less with Clear Channel Communications.

MINUTE ORDER 171-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 10)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE
“BURRUSS MCDANIEL ENTOMOLOGY SYSTEMATICS
ENHANCEMENT QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment to be called the “Burruss McDaniel Entomology Systematics Enhancement Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with proceeds received from the Estate of Burruss McDaniel. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support research, teaching, and educational outreach activities associated with the systematics program in the Department of Entomology at Texas A&M University or for the best use determined by the Department, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, or the University.

MINUTE ORDER 172-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 11)

**AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY THE
“DAVID BULLOCK HARRIS CHAIR IN GEOPHYSICS”
TO THE “DAVID BULLOCK HARRIS CHAIR IN GEOSCIENCES,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authority is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to modify the “David Bullock Harris Chair in Geophysics” to the “David Bullock Harris Chair in Geosciences.” Endowment earnings will continue to support Texas A&M acquiring and retaining outstanding and distinguished professors.

MINUTE ORDER 173-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 12)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE
“BAKER ENDOWED TRUST FOR PERIODONTAL
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH QUASI-ENDOWMENT,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

Authority is hereby granted to the President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center to establish a quasi-endowment account to be called the “Baker Endowed Trust for Periodontal Education and Research Quasi-Endowment.” Interest earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to fund periodontal education and research.

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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 and considered and approved Items 13 through 18. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 174-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER (A/E) DESIGN FIRM FOR THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE STATE HEADQUARTERS AND RESEARCH BUILDING, TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

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

The program of requirements for the TTI State Headquarters and Research Building, Texas Transportation Institute at College Station, Texas, is approved.

The project budget of \$11,600,000 for the TTI State Headquarters and Research Building, Texas Transportation Institute at College Station, Texas, is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$20,000, the amount of \$730,000 is appropriated from Account No. 085330 Permanent University Fund Bonds, Series 2006, for design of the TTI State Headquarters and Research Building, Texas Transportation Institute at College Station, Texas, is approved.

The firm of Brown, Reynolds, Watford Architects of Dallas, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for the TTI State Headquarters and Research Building, Texas Transportation Institute at College Station, Texas is approved.

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 G**, 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 175-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 14)

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND PROJECT BUDGET
AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN FOR THE
VETERINARY RESEARCH BUILDING ADDITION,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The revised project scope for the Veterinary Research Building Addition at Texas A&M University is approved.

The revised project budget of \$18,000,000 for the Veterinary Research Building Addition at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$1,265,000, the amount of \$311,000 is appropriated from Account No. 021234 Available University Fund for design of the Veterinary Research Building Addition at Texas A&M University is approved.

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 176-2006 (REVISED AGENDA ITEM 15)

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND
PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL SERVICES COMPLEX,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The revised project scope for the General Services Complex at Texas A&M University is approved.

The revised project budget of \$37,707,000 for the General Services Complex at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$34,106,897, the amount of \$3,432,000 is appropriated from Account No. 084240 Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds, and \$168,103 appropriated from Account No. 210070 Interest Income for the General Services Complex at Texas A&M University, is approved.

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 177-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE
JOHN B. COLEMAN LIBRARY EXTERIOR REPAIRS,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The revised project budget of \$3,749,660 for the John B. Coleman Library Exterior Repairs at Prairie View A&M University is approved.

MINUTE ORDER 178-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“ALICE AND ERLE NYE ’59 ACADEMIC CENTER,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Bright Football Complex Center for Student-Athlete Services on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Alice and Erle Nye ’59 Academic Center.”

MINUTE ORDER 179-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“JOY AND THOMAS DABNEY ’62 WRITING LABORATORY,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Bright Football Complex Writing Laboratory on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Joy and Thomas Dabney ’62 Writing Laboratory.”

MINUTE ORDER 180-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“MCFERRIN ATHLETIC CENTER,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Indoor Athletic Center on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “McFerrin Athletic Center.”

MINUTE ORDER 181-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“LAUREN AND GLENN D. HART ’78-PILLAR OF FOOTBALL,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Indoor Athletic Center-Outdoor Donor Column located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Lauren and Glenn D. Hart ’78-Pillar of Football.”

MINUTE ORDER 182-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“CINDY AND JERRY HOLDITCH ’78-PILLAR OF FOOTBALL,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Indoor Athletic Center-Outdoor Donor Column located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Cindy and Jerry Holditch ’78-Pillar of Football.”

MINUTE ORDER 183-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“CAROLYN AND JACK LITTLE ’60-PILLAR OF FOOTBALL,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Indoor Athletic Center-Outdoor Donor Column located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Carolyn and Jack Little ’60-Pillar of Football.”

MINUTE ORDER 184-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“BARBARA AND R.W. BRIGGS ’55-PILLAR OF FOOTBALL,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Indoor Athletic Center-Outdoor Donor Column located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Barbara and R.W. Briggs ’55-Pillar of Football.”

MINUTE ORDER 185-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“KIM AND DENNIS FRANCHIONE-PILLAR OF FOOTBALL,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Indoor Athletic Center-Outdoor Donor Column located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Kim and Dennis Franchione-Pillar of Football.”

MINUTE ORDER 186-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“COX-MCFERRIN CENTER FOR AGGIE BASKETBALL,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Reed Arena Expansion-Aggie Basketball Center located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Cox-McFerrin Center for Aggie Basketball.”

MINUTE ORDER 187-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“CAROLYN AND TOMMIE LOHMAN ’59 GRAND LOBBY,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Reed Arena Expansion-Aggie Basketball Center-Grand Lobby located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Carolyn and Tommie Lohman ’59 Grand Lobby.”

MINUTE ORDER 188-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“WELDON JAYNES ’54 MEN’S HEAD COACH’S OFFICE,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Reed Arena Expansion-Aggie Basketball Center-Men’s Head Coach’s Office located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Weldon Jaynes ’54 Men’s Head Coach’s Office.”

MINUTE ORDER 189-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“COKINOS FAMILY MEN’S PLAYERS LOUNGE,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Reed Arena Expansion-Aggie Basketball Center-Men’s Players Lounge located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Cokinos Family Men’s Players Lounge.”

MINUTE ORDER 190-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“LORRIE AND JEFFERY A. TOOLE ’80
ASSISTANT MEN’S COACH’S OFFICE,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Reed Arena Expansion-Aggie Basketball Center-Assistant Men’s Coach’s Office located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Lorrie and Jeffery A. Toole ’80 Assistant Men’s Coach’s Office.”

MINUTE ORDER 191-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“STEVEN M. AND KAREN MORRIS
WOMEN’S COACHES DRESSING ROOM,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Reed Arena Expansion-Aggie Basketball Center-Women’s Coaches Dressing Room located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Steven M. and Karen Morris Women’s Coaches Dressing Room.”

MINUTE ORDER 192-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**NAMING OF THE
“SANDRA AND JERRY G. GRIFFITH TRAINER’S OFFICE,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Reed Arena Expansion-Aggie Basketball Center-Trainer’s Office located on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Sandra and Jerry G. Griffith Trainer’s Office.”

MINUTE ORDER 193-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 18)

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Mays 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 1345 West Jones Street, being more particularly described as Lot 10, Block 5, College Heights Addition, City of Stephenville, Erath County, Texas. The purchase price of \$52,500, plus closing costs, is hereby approved.

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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, Chair of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day and considered and approved Items 19 through 25. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 194-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 19)

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN
CLASSICS AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL
FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, 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 approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Classics.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this 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 195-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 20)

APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

On motion of Dr. Gramm, 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 approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Science in Ecological Restoration.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this 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 196-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 21)

APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SPORT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT 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. Nye 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 Sport and Recreation Management.

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 197-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 22)

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
HEALTH PROMOTION 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. Nye 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 Health Promotion.

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 198-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 23)

**APPROVAL OF THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ACADEMIC
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THREE COLLEGES
(COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES, COLLEGE OF NURSING AND
HEALTH SCIENCES AND THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, 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 approves the reorganization of the academic administrative structure of three colleges at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as shown in **Exhibit H**, effective September 1, 2006.

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

MINUTE ORDER 199-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 24)

APPROVAL OF NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN RANCH MANAGEMENT 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. Nye 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 Master of Science Degree with a major in Ranch Management.

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 200-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 25)

APPROVAL OF CONCEPT FOR THE NORMAN E. BORLAUG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE, TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Nye and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the establishment of the Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture is hereby approved.

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

Mr. White said that because the Board had already voted on the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee agenda item, no report or action was necessary. He asked Mr. Stallings if he had any comments. Mr. Stallings did not have any additional comments.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Mr. White called on Mr. Voelkel to present Item 26. Mr. Voelkel said that each day that he sits as a member of the Board he learns something new and becomes more proud of the System, its uniqueness and the fact that our agencies and universities push the envelope in science, research, scholarly work, technology and education to make our lives more productive and safer. Mr. Voelkel said that more importantly our system produces some of the finest graduates in the State who become productive citizens and productive leaders of our state and nation. He said that the future of our system is tied to

the quality of these graduates and our ranchers, farmers, engineers, teachers, nurses, firemen, business men and women and scientists are some of the best in the nation.

Mr. Voelkel said that our system also has a great legacy of military service. He said that right now our nation is at war and these young men and women who earn a commission in our system should be recognized for their voluntary service in the armed forces to protect our country. He recommended adoption of Item 26.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 201-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 26)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING NEWLY-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
GRADUATING FROM A&M SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES,
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Voelkel, seconded by Mr. Nye and unanimous vote of the Board, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, more than 48 million Americans have served in the military since 1776; and

Whereas, a tradition of military service has been deeply ingrained in The Texas A&M University System since the founding of Texas A&M University in 1876; and

Whereas, thousands of students and former students from universities in The Texas A&M University System have fought for freedom, uplifting millions of lives and making our country and world more secure through their military service; and

Whereas, with the commissioning of officers during this ceremony, additional young men and women will join this noble cause; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents and the entire Texas A&M University System family hereby express their great debt of gratitude and deep appreciation to those who volunteer to serve our country, uphold our liberty, and promote the cause of democracy around the world through military service; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to the university ROTC programs in The Texas A&M University System to be read at their commissioning ceremonies.

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Mr. White said that Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) recently held a dinner honoring its military heritage. He said that nine flag officers and several others were recognized at the dinner.

Mr. Voelkel said that Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) just became a host ROTC school. Mr. Nye commended Mr. Voelkel for the resolution.

Mr. White called on Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of TAMU-CC, to present Item 27. Dr. Killebrew said that their athletic program is relatively young and began about seven years ago. He said that the program does not have a lot of history. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 202-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 27)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING
MR. SHADRACK SONGOK,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Whereas, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi sophomore Shadrack Songok reached the finals of the NCAA Championship meet by winning the 5,000-meter run at the South Central Region meet; and

Whereas, Shadrack Songok placed fifth in the finals of the NCAA Championship meet with a time of 14:20.18, in Sacramento, California, on Friday, June 16, 2006; and

Whereas, Shadrack Songok ran a final lap of 59 seconds; and

Whereas, Shadrack Songok became the first All-American in Islander history; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System recognizes the accomplishment of Shadrack Songok and his contribution to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; 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 Mr. Shadrack and to the archives of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as an expression of appreciation and respect for Shadrack Songok.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Pat O'Brien, President of WTAMU, to present Item 28. Dr. O'Brien said that six student athletes comprise the WTAMU Men's Rodeo Team that was named to the College National Finals Rodeo Championship for 2005-2006. He said that two of the students especially distinguished themselves, Mr. Marty Eakin was recognized with the Walt Garrison Award and Mr. Zack Cobb won the National Championship in Steer Wrestling. Dr. O'Brien said that these two students also won scholarships. The Board took action to set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 203-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 28)

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

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

Whereas, the 2005-2006 West Texas A&M University Rodeo Team attended the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper, Wyoming; and

Whereas, the West Texas A&M University Rodeo Team was named the CNFR National Champion Men's Team; and

Whereas, West Texas A&M's Marty Eakin was recognized for the Walt Garrison Award which is a \$2,500 scholarship for himself and a \$2,500 scholarship for the WTAMU Rodeo Club; and

Whereas, West Texas A&M's Zack Cobb won the national championship in steer wrestling; and

Whereas, six students--Wes Bums, Zack Cobb, Marty Eakin, Ike Hanes, Chad Mask and Jarrett Stovall--won the National Champion Men's Team title; and

Whereas, Zack Cobb was awarded the Bill Robinson Timed Event Award and a \$1,500 scholarship; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of Mark Eakin, assistant director of recreational sports and rodeo coach, resulted in the team's outstanding accomplishments and national recognition for the University; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 28th day of July 2006 at College Station, Texas, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Rodeo 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, 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.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of TSU, to present Item 29. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 204-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 29)

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, 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, 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 I**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2007, Tarleton State University.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Robert Gates, President of TAMU, to present Items 30 and 31. Dr. Gates said that Dr. Michael Kemp recently stepped down as the Dean and CEO of the Qatar campus. He said that Dr. Kemp served for the last nine years in senior administrative leadership positions for TAMU (seven years as vice president and CEO of TAMUG and two years at TAMUQ). Dr. Gates said that Dr. Kemp is planning on returning to the faculty and will use this faculty development leave to restart his research program and prepare for teaching. He said that part of his leave will be spent in Washington, D.C. working on funding for projects relating to genetic engineering and bioengineering.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 205-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 30)

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION FOR
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, 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, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101–108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty member as shown in **Exhibit J**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2007, Texas A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 206-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 31)

**APPOINTMENT OF MR. STEVEN P. VALERIUS
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON BOARD OF VISITORS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective August 1, 2006, Mr. Steven P. Valerius is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

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Mr. White called on Dr. McTeer to present Items 32 through 35. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 207-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 32)

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

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 (*Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure*), hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth in **Exhibit K**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Tenure List No. 06-06.

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Mr. Stallings said that Dr. Gramm told him that we have a strong review policy for tenured professors. He said that he would like to see some kind of report that shows if we have ever turned anybody down or took tenure away, do they have tenure for a lifetime. He said that he is one of the people that feel that you need to approve it (tenure) every year and he wants the presidents to run their universities, not tenured professors. Dr. McTeer responded that we do a post-tenure review process and it is fairly rare for people to be turned down because there is such a strict “weeding-out” process in the granting of tenure in the first place. Dr. McTeer said that they can provide Mr. Stallings with a report. Mr. Nye said that they have had that report before. Dr. Gramm said it is important to have continuing review by the Board of Regents to see what is happening in regards to post-tenure review and to make sure this is a process that is strong and effective. Dr. Gramm said that she believed that information was being collected and that it is time to have another report.

Mr. Jones added that he noticed that there was never mention of any reference to what the students thought of the professor, if there was any survey or some sort of tool by which you measure what the students thought of their teaching ability. He said that he often runs into students that have had Dr. (George) Wright as a professor and they unanimously said that they enjoyed his class. Mr. Jones said for himself, that was important and that he understands that you will have some disgruntled students but he thinks there should be some reference to what the students think.

Dr. Gramm said that student evaluations are a very important part of the tenure process and in her view should remain an important part of post-tenure review. She said that the CEOs should set standards to check to see that the professor not only does research and have publications but also that their teaching and work with the students remain at a very high level. She said that they should not feel that just because they have tenure they have more job security. Dr. Gramm said that student evaluations should be taken at the end of every course. She said that this allows the professor to receive feedback on how they do in that course and how they do relative to other benchmarks.

Mr. Jones said that he would like to see this information reflected in their briefing materials. He said that they are briefed on their papers, research and other categories. He said that something should be included about what the students thought. Dr. Gramm said that was a good suggestion.

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MINUTE ORDER 208-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 33)

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

On motion of Mr. Fraga, seconded by Dr. Gramm 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 L**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Emeritus Title List No. 06-06, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 209-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 34)

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

On motion of Mr. Fraga, seconded by Dr. Gramm 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 members of The Texas A&M University System, as shown in **Exhibit M**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

MINUTE ORDER 210-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 35)

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2007 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Holidays for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2007, for the System Offices of The Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston, West Texas A&M University, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, the Texas Engineering Extension Service, the Texas Transportation Institute, The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (A&M campus employees), the Texas Cooperative Extension (A&M campus employees) and the Texas Forest Service, not otherwise excepted, shall be as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Date
Thanksgiving	2	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas	5	December 25-29, 2006
New Year’s Day	1	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 15, 2007
Spring Break	3	March 14-16, 2007
Memorial Day	1	May 28, 2007
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2007

Exceptions are established as set forth below:

The proposed holiday schedule for Prairie View A&M University is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Date
Labor Day	1	September 4, 2006
Thanksgiving	2	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas	5	December 25-29, 2006
New Year’s Day	1	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 15, 2007
Spring Break	1	March 16, 2007
Memorial Day	1	May 28, 2007
Emancipation Day	1	June 19, 2007
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2007

The proposed holiday schedule for Tarleton State University is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Date
Labor Day	1	September 4, 2006
Thanksgiving	2	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas	5	December 25-29, 2006
New Year’s Day	1	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 15, 2007
Spring Break	2	March 15-16, 2007
Memorial Day	1	May 28, 2007
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2007

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M International University is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Date
Labor Day	1	September 4, 2006
Thanksgiving	2	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas	5	December 25-29, 2006
New Year’s Day	1	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 15, 2007
Spring Break	2	March 15-16, 2007
Memorial Day	1	May 28, 2007
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2007

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University at Qatar is as follows:

Holiday*	Number of Days	Date
Qatar Independence Day	1	September 3, 2006
Fid al-Fitr	3	October 22-24, 2006
Christmas	5	December 24-28, 2006
Eid al-Adha	3	December 31-January 2, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 14, 2007
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2007

*Standard work week is Sunday - Thursday.

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Commerce is as follows:

Holiday*	Number of Days	Date
Thanksgiving	2	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas	5	December 25-29, 2006
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 15, 2007
Spring Break	5	March 19-23, 2007
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2007

*A&M Commerce will work 10-hour days on Jan. 2-5; and May 29-31, June 1, in order to be closed on these additional holidays:

New Year’s Day	1 day	Jan. 1, 2007
Memorial Day	1 day	May 28, 2007

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is as follows:

Holiday*	Number of Hours*	Date
Labor Day	08	September 4, 2006
Thanksgiving	14	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas - New Year's Day	48	December 25-January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	08	January 15, 2007
Spring Break	18	March 14**-16, 2007
Memorial Day	08	May 28, 2007
Independence Day	08	July 4, 2007

*Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi operates a ten-hour day on Tuesdays and a six-hour day on Fridays.

** 4 hours only on Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Kingsville is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Date
Labor Day	1	September 4, 2006
Thanksgiving	2	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas	5	December 25-29, 2006
New Year's Day	1	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 15, 2007
Spring Break	2	March 15-16, 2007
Memorial Day	1	May 28, 2007
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2007

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas A&M University-Texarkana is as follows:

Holiday*	Number of Days	Date
Thanksgiving	2	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas	5	December 25-29, 2006
New Year's Day	1	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 15, 2007
Spring Break	5	March 5-9, 2007

*Texas A&M University-Texarkana will work four, ten-hour days during the following weeks in order to be closed on these public holidays:

Labor Day	September 4, 2006	(Four ten-hour days on September 5, 6, 7 and 8)
Memorial Day	May 28, 2007	(Four ten-hour days on May 29, 30, 31 and June 1)
Independence Day	July 4, 2007	(Four ten-hour days on July 2, 3, 5 and 6)

The proposed holiday schedule for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Date
Labor Day	1	September 4, 2006
Thanksgiving	2	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas	2	December 25-26, 2006
New Year's Day	1	January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 15, 2007
President's Day	1	February 19, 2007
Texas Independence Day	1	March 2, 2007
Spring Break	2	March 15-16, 2007
Memorial Day	1	May 28, 2007
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2007
LBJ's Birthday	1	August 27, 2007

The proposed holiday schedules for District Extension Offices, Expanded Nutrition Offices, special programs (satellite) offices, Research and Extension Centers, Research Stations, and Wildlife Services of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Cooperative Extension are shown on **Exhibit N**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

The proposed holiday schedule for Texas Forest Service's Indian Mound Nursery is shown on **Exhibit O**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

The proposed holiday schedule for The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center is as follows:

Holiday	Number of Days	Date
Labor Day	1	September 4, 2006
Thanksgiving	2	November 23-24, 2006
Christmas	6	December 22, 25-29, 2006
New Year’s Day	2	January 1-2, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1	January 15, 2007
Memorial Day	1	May 28, 2007
Independence Day	1	July 4, 2007

The Chancellor is hereby authorized to modify the holiday schedule when such a change is deemed to be in the public interest.

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

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MINUTE ORDER 211-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 36)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE
MAY 25-26, 2006, REGULAR BOARD MEETING,
BOARD OF REGENTS, 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 Minutes of the May 25-26, 2006, Regular Board Meeting are hereby approved.

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Mr. White called on Dr. McTeer to Present Items 37 through 43. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 212-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 37)

**APPROVAL FOR
DR. LYNNE A. OPPERMAN, A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE,
TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE AND BOARD MEMBER OF
A BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING TECHNOLOGY FROM
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, hereby approves Dr. Lynne A. Opperman, Associate Professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences of the Baylor College of Dentistry, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, to serve as an officer, employee and member of a business entity, Craniotech ACR Devices, LLC, that desires to enter into various agreements, including research agreement(s), option agreement(s), and/or commercial license(s) for technologies developed by herself, Dr. Mohammed El-Salanty, and Mr. Timothy Mulone (Co-Owner of Craniotech).

MINUTE ORDER 213-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 38)

**APPROVAL FOR DR. MOHAMMED EL-SALANTY,
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE
AND BOARD MEMBER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING
TECHNOLOGY FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, hereby approves Dr. Mohammed El-Salanty, Assistant Research Scientist in the Department of Biomedical Sciences at the Baylor College of Dentistry, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, to serve as an officer, employee and member of the board of directors of a business entity, Craniotech ACR Devices, LLC, that desires to enter into various agreements, including research agreement(s), option agreement(s), and/or commercial license(s) for technologies developed by himself, Dr. Lynne A. Opperman, and Mr. Timothy Mulone (Co-Owner of Craniotech).

MINUTE ORDER 214-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 39)

**APPROVAL FOR DR. GEORGE C.Y. CHIOU,
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE
AND BOARD MEMBER OF A BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSING
TECHNOLOGY FROM THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves Dr. George C.Y. Chiou, Professor in the Department of Neuroscience and Experimental Therapeutics of the College of Medicine, The Texas A&M Health Science Center, and Director of the Institute of Ocular Pharmacology, to serve as an officer, employee and member of the board of directors of MacuCLEAR, Inc., a business entity that desires to enter into various agreements, including research agreement(s), option agreement(s), and/or commercial license(s) for technologies conceived, created, discovered, invented and developed by Dr. Chiou.

MINUTE ORDER 215-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 40)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AMENDED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS
WITH GARY BLAIR, HEAD WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COACH, AND
BILLY GILLISPIE, HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

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

Gary Blair – Head Women’s Basketball Coach
Billy Gillispie – Head Men’s Basketball Coach

MINUTE ORDER 216-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 41)

**APPOINTMENT OF
DR. TITO GUERRERO, III
AS VICE PRESIDENT AND ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR DIVERSITY,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective September 1, 2006, Dr. Tito Guerrero, III is hereby appointed Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity of Texas A&M University at an initial full-time salary of \$225,000.

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Dr. Gates commented that Dr. Guerrero is stepping down as President of Stephen F. Austin College. He said that they are very proud and pleased that they were able to attract Dr. Guerrero. Dr. Gates said that Dr. Guerrero brings with him a wealth of experience from every aspect of higher education. He said that TAMU is also happy to have a Hispanic in a very key leadership position.

Mr. Fraga commented that he thought that this was a huge accomplishment and speaks well for TAMU that they are able to attract a person of the caliber of Dr. Guerrero.

Mr. Nye commented that they have to recognize that they are attracting the president of at least two other universities who want to come to TAMU and work in a secondary position.

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MINUTE ORDER 217-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 42)

**APPOINTMENT OF
DR. VIRGINIA E. WHEELLESS
AS PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Effective August 15, 2006, Dr. Virginia E. Wheelless is hereby appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi at an initial salary of \$150,000.

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Dr. Killebrew introduced Dr. Wheelless and said that she comes to them from Central Missouri State where she was the Dean of Arts and Sciences. He said that she spent 11 years with the University of North Texas and brings with her a wealth of experience.

Mr. White welcomed Dr. Wheelless to the System.

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MINUTE ORDER 218-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 43)

**APPOINTMENT OF
DR. EDDIE W. HENDERSON
AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES,
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective September 1, 2006, Dr. Eddie W. Henderson, Tenured Professor of Education, is hereby appointed Dean of the College of Education and Social Sciences at West Texas A&M University, at an initial salary of \$115,000.

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**REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON**

Mr. Jones presented a general overall report of what is happening in the athletic departments across the System. He said that he had asked each athletic director to give him a very brief outline of their successes for the past year, challenges and what they hope to accomplish this coming year.

Mr. Jones said that he wants to make sure that everyone appreciates the effort and time that our student athletes put into what they do. He said that if a student is doing something other than studying, it is going to take extra effort whether they are participating in student government or other organizations on campus. He said that he thinks that student athletics require more time and effort and we should recognize the student that puts forth the effort and the people that help them. Mr. Jones said that this is an important part of all of what we do and for many people in our communities and across the state that is all they know about our institutions. He said that through these organizations, we provide an opportunity for students to get an education that might not otherwise have that opportunity.

Mr. Jones said that the TAMU Women's Soccer Team was the Big XII Tournament and Season Champ and were ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) and eleventh in *Soccer Times* magazine. The women's basketball team ended up 20<sup>th</sup> in AP and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN). The men's golf team was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> according to *Golf Week* and women's golf were the Big XII Champions and ranked 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jones said that in indoor track and field the women were ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA and the men 25<sup>th</sup> and outdoor track and field women were 10<sup>th</sup> and the men were 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jones said that TAMU has started a summer bridge program which was implemented this past summer for incoming freshman student athletes for transition to college life. He said a nutrition-teaching kitchen was added to the Bright Center and a committee was established to deal with eating disorders for student athletes.

Mr. Jones said that for external operations, TAMU set a single game record for attendance for soccer, softball, men's basketball and women's basketball this past year. He said that the challenges facing TAMU are very similar to what you hear from other universities and that is the budget crisis with increases in utilities and university assessments and deteriorating facilities including football, baseball and G. Rollie White Coliseum with its limited capacity and fire code issues.

Mr. Jones said that Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) is in the process of looking at moving from National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to NCAA Division II. He said that they have focused their efforts on graduation rates for student athletes, individual grade point averages (GPAs) and team GPAs, seeking funding for scholarships, retaining the student athletes, recruitment, equipment and travel. He said that they are looking for a facility build-out in the baseball complex, locker rooms, soccer stadium, field house, tennis courts and an oval outdoor track.

Mr. Jones said that WTAMU, during the past year, had three Lone Star Conference Championships in football, men's and women's basketball. He said that they led the nation in NCAA Division II football attendance with 14,000 per game, set a single game Lone Star Conference and WTAMU football attendance record of 22,000. Mr. Jones said that WTAMU had eight all-America honorees, 19 all academic honorees and 53 all conference honorees. He said that they had one national freshman of the year in women's basketball and five conference coach of the year honors. Mr. Jones said that WTAMU's immediate concerns are rising medical insurance claims and costs, substandard quality conditions of several athletic facilities, rising travel costs and increase in scholarship costs. He said that they look to fund scholarships at levels needed to compete, improve academic performance of student athletes and develop athletic facilities master plan to address aging facilities and to increase fund-raising.

Mr. Jones said that PVAMU, for the first time in its history, won the Southwest Athletic Conference Championship (SWACC) in baseball. He said the men's cross country team won first in SWACC in the school's history and the overall athletic program finished 4<sup>th</sup> best athletic program in the conference out of 10 schools. This is the highest finish since the rankings started in 1986. Mr. Jones said that the athletic graduation rate is 60 percent, which ranks in the top 5 in Texas public institutions. He said that 58 percent of PVAMU's student athletes receive special recognition, named to the University Honor Roll Dean's List, which is a 3.0 GPA or higher. Mr. Jones said the challenge for PVAMU is that funding is the lowest in the conference, with approximately \$3.2 million, and the average in the conference is \$5.5 million. He said that they are in desperate need of an expanded football stadium, the current stadium only seats 6,000; the loss of revenue is estimated to be between a .5 million and .75 million dollars per year. He said that they are looking to improve their NCAA academic progress rate (APR) and

need more full-time assistant coaches in non-revenue producing sports. Mr. Jones said that PVAMU's goals include finishing in the top three in the SWACC Commissioner's Cup Race, to have a winning football season in 2006, improved APR scores in football, basketball and baseball, and improved corporate sponsorships.

Mr. Jones reported that TSU had an overall athletic graduation rate of 47.6 percent, which is up from 41.5 percent last year. They had six programs represented in the NCAA Division II National Championships including women's cross country, women's tennis, women's basketball, women's track and field, men's track and field and men's basketball. He said that Lance Drake, the women's head tennis coach, was named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Central Region Coach of the Year. The golf team finished second in the Lone Star Conference Championship Tournament and ranked as high as number 9 in the nation earlier this year. They won two tournaments this season and set two new school records. The golf coach, Jerry Don Doyle, was named Lone Star Conference Coach of the Year. The Booster Club had a record year with 140 corporate sponsors contributing more than \$140,000. This club continues to be one of the largest booster clubs in NCAA Division II. Mr. Jones said that the TSU football stadium needs to be upgraded with the home side moved to west side of the stadium, seating needs to be expanded and facility upgrades such as new restrooms and concession stands. They would like to fully fund each sport's scholarship needs. The men's and women's track, field and cross country programs still lack 2.5 scholarships to reach the maximum NCAA total. They would like to increase their number of support staff by two in sports medicine.

Mr. Jones said that TAMU-CC's women's cross country won its 4<sup>th</sup> independent championship in five years and men's basketball finished with a 20-8 record for the second consecutive season. Women's basketball finished the year 17<sup>th</sup> in the country in team overall GPA with a 3.33. Mr. Shadrack Songok became the school's first all American in any sport with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 5,000 meter run at the NCAA track and field championship. Men's tennis won its third consecutive regular season Southwest Conference title and women's tennis won its second independent title in three years. TAMU-CC's priorities for the next year include increased community involvement, increased attendance at home games, increased student attendance at home athletic events, building new baseball and softball press box, increasing sales of corporate sponsorships, fund-raising, hiring good and experience coaches and improving the APR. They recently hired a new athletic director, Mr. Brian Teter, to assist with these efforts.

Mr. Jones reported that Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K) is looking to obtain a new daktronics scoreboard for the Javelina football team, purchase a 35-passenger bus, and improve tutoring sessions and develop a strategic plan for updating athletic facilities. They are also looking for a \$5 million endowment for athletic scholarships for the upcoming year.

Mr. Jones reported that Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) has two sailing programs and a rowing program. They have recently received a donation from Mr. George Mitchell of a 38-foot, top-of-the-line sailing craft. They have been

recognized in *Sailing World* magazine and are members of the Southeastern Intercollegiate Sailing Conference. They have won three conference championships qualifying the team for national championships and earned third place in three-man rowing at the National Championship and 9<sup>th</sup> place in the two-man team rowing event. The team is ranked eighteenth in the nation. TAMUG is looking to solicit additional financial support, increase the team roster, qualify for intercollegiate national championship in all five disciplines, and recruit talented sailors. Mr. Jones said that most of the students that join the sailing team have never sailed before.

Mr. Jones reported that TAMU-C's football team won second place in the Lone Star Conference North Division, and in women's basketball they set the school record for wins in a season, first ever undefeated season at home, in women's soccer they made a LSC postseason appearance. In men's golf they had an individual qualifier in the NCAA postseason tournament, in men's track they had three national qualifiers and one all-America recipient, in women's track they had one national qualifier, in men's cross country they had a qualifier for the NCAA regional meet and in women's cross country they had two individual regional qualifiers. TAMU-C looks to complete the renovation of the football stadium and track within the next two weeks and initiate a Lion athletic club, which will be the first ever booster club at TAMU-C. The booster club has raised more than \$20,000 so far.

Mr. Jones said that he felt it would be appropriate for the System to understand what is happening in the System in athletics, to appreciate the effort and time that coaches and students put into these programs and keep in mind that any time they make an appearance whether it is statewide, regionally, nationally or internationally they are representing all of us.

Mr. Stallings said that there used to be a Sears trophy that ranked how our university ranked among all of the other universities. He asked how the TAMU athletic department ranks. Mr. Jones responded that he did not have that information. Mr. Stallings said that he thinks this is something that athletic directors take a lot of pride in trying to win. Mr. Hooton responded that he believes that this is now called the Director's Cup and he believes that TAMU is ranked in the top 25 percent.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. White commented that he appreciates all the work that everyone does before each Board meeting. Mr. White said that it can not go without comment, a \$2.6 billion budget that we are involved in and all the work that goes into that. He thanked the Regents for their conscientious efforts that they undertake.

Mr. White announced that the next Board meeting will be held September 21-22, 2006, in College Station, Texas. He said that they have invited all former regents to come back for this meeting.

There were no further comments or questions.

**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 11:55 a.m.

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