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**MINUTES OF THE
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**CONVENE – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Mr. John White, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 12:15 p.m., on Thursday, November 30, 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 (*joined meeting at 1:50 p.m.*)
Mr. Lowry Mays
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen (*joined meeting at 1:50 p.m.*)
Mr. Tyson Voelkel, Student Regent

Mr. White announced that a quorum of the Board was present and presented Item 40. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 278-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 40)**

**GRANTING OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE  
REGENTS PROFESSOR AWARDS AND  
THE REGENTS FELLOW SERVICE AWARDS  
FOR THE 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR,  
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 grants the designation of “Regents Professor” for 2005-06 to the following nine faculty members, effective November 30, 2006:

**Dr. Ronald D. Boyd**, *Prairie View A&M University*  
**Dr. Linda L. Putman**, *Texas A&M University*  
**Dr. Mary Jo Richardson**, *Texas A&M University*  
**Dr. Bernd G. Würsig**, *Texas A&M University at Galveston*  
**Dr. Suzzette F. Chopin**, *Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi*  
**Dr. William W. Hallmon**, *The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center*  
**Dr. Catherine Hawes**, *The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center*  
**Dr. Thomas W. Boutton**, *Texas Agricultural Experiment Station*  
**Dr. John M. Niedzwecki**, *Texas Engineering Experiment Station*

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants the designation of “Regents Fellow” for 2005-06 to the following five agency service, extension, and research professionals, effective November 30, 2006:

**Dr. Charles A. Taylor, Jr.**, *Texas Agricultural Experiment Station - Sonora*  
**Mr. Billy A. Kniffen**, *Texas Cooperative Extension*  
**Dr. Carol A. Rice**, *Texas Cooperative Extension*  
**Mr. Billy D. Parker**, *Texas Engineering Extension Service*  
**Mr. Robby S. Dewitt**, *Texas Forest Service*

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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: Section 71, for consultation with System attorneys regarding legal matters or pending and/or contemplated litigation or settlement offers; Section 72, for deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (including Items 18 through 21, and 50); Section 73, for deliberations regarding negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations (including Item 7); and Section 74, for deliberations regarding personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal or to hear complaints against an officer or employee (including Items 48 and 49).

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 12:18 p.m. and recessed at 6:01 p.m.)

(Secretary's Note: A reception and dinner recognizing recipients of The Texas A&M University System 2005-2006 Regents Professor Awards and Regents Fellow Service Awards was held at the Jon L. Hagler Center, Texas A&M University.)

RECONVENE – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2006,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

(Secretary's Note: A meeting of the Committee on Audit was convened at 9:10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 a.m., in the MSC Ballroom C&D.)

Mr. White reconvened the meeting at 10:40 a.m., Friday, December 1, 2006, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), MSC, Ballroom A&B, Prairie View, Texas. He said that the Board met in executive session on Thursday, November 30, 2006, from 12:18 p.m. until 6:01 p.m. Mr. White said that in executive session the Board considered Items 7, 18 through 21, and 48 through 50. He 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 and university administrators and System attorneys on personnel, land, and legal matters.

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

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Lowry Mays
Mr. Tyson Voelkel, Student Regent

INVOCATION

Mr. White called on Mr. LaQuincy Arnold, PVAMU's Student Government Association President, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. White introduced Michael D. McKinney, M.D., newly appointed Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. Mr. White said that in the Chancellor's search, the Board was looking for someone with experience in both the public and private sectors and who was committed to public service. Mr. White said that Dr. McKinney fit all those

requirements. Mr. White said that Dr. McKinney attended high school in Pasadena, Texas, where he was voted the most versatile student in his class. He said that Dr. McKinney describes himself as a “country doctor” who has served Texas during the past years in many areas. He came to the A&M System from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston where he was senior executive vice president and chief operating officer. He managed eight university campuses and the medical school’s clinical practice plan. He also won high praise for organizing the Houston response to Hurricane Katrina and was responsible for setting up the medical clinic in the George R. Brown Convention Center. Prior to this, Dr. McKinney was the vice chancellor of health affairs for the entire University of Texas System (UTS), chief of staff for Governor Rick Perry, Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Operations where he oversaw 11 agencies, 64,000 employees and a \$24 billion annual budget. Dr. McKinney practiced family medicine in Centerville, Texas, for 16 years and was a member of the Texas House of Representatives, representing Leon, Madison, Grimes, Houston and Montgomery Counties from 1984 to 1991 and was speaker pro-tempore from 1989 to 1990. Dr. McKinney graduated from the University of Houston and UT Medical Branch at Galveston.

Mr. White said that they got a great package deal with Dr. McKinney and his wife Lou Ann. He said that Mrs. McKinney is a great believer in what Dr. McKinney and the A&M System is about. He said the McKinneys have two sons who attended TAMU, Seth and Steve, and a third son, Sean, a junior at Centerville High School. Mr. White welcomed Dr. McKinney and said the Board looked forward to working with him for many years to come.

Mr. White welcomed and congratulated Dr. Dennis Christiansen who was attending his first meeting as the Director of the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI). He said that Dr. Christiansen had been Deputy Director of TTI since 1993. He started there in 1972 and worked his way through the organization from Assistant Research Engineer to Associate Research Engineer, Associate Director and Deputy Director. Mr. White said that TTI is the “gold standard” for transportation issues and research, not only in the state but also around the country.

Mr. White announced that Dr. Elaine L. Chao, U.S. Secretary of Labor, chose Texas A&M and the A&M System for the Opportunity Award. He noted that Mr. James Fletcher, Vice Chancellor for Administration, did a great job in presenting programs that the System and Texas A&M specifically have done in the area of equal opportunity. Mr. White said that he attended the ceremony where Secretary Chao did a great job of talking about the System and Texas A&M, and all that has been accomplished. He said this is the highest award given by the Secretary of Labor and in the award’s 18-year history this is the first time it has been given to a university.

Mr. White said that on a sad note, Senator Frank Madla passed away during the Thanksgiving holiday. He said he was a great friend of the A&M System and a tireless worker for the San Antonio campus.

Mr. White said that Dr. Robert Gates, President of TAMU, was not present because he was preparing for the upcoming confirmation hearing to become the new U.S. Secretary of Defense. He said that, while it was tough to hear that Dr. Gates was leaving, it was certainly a higher calling. Mr. White said that Dr. Gates was a great university president and would be a great Secretary of Defense.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Dr. McKinney thanked Mr. White and the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve as Chancellor of the A&M System. He thanked Dr. George C. Wright, President of PVAMU, for hosting the Board meeting and for the work he does for PVAMU and the A&M System.

Dr. McKinney said that on Thursday evening the Regents hosted the recipients of the Regents Professors and Service Awards.

Dr. McKinney said he was committed to the A&M System and the State of Texas to do his best and to be as open as he could be with no hidden agenda.

Mr. White thanked PVAMU for hosting the Board meeting. He said that when he came on the Board three years earlier, the first vote they took on hiring an employee was to select Dr. Wright, and it was one of the best decisions the Board had made.

Mr. White said that Dr. Wright has done great things and would continue to do great things at PVAMU. In October, the Secretary of Education asked Dr. Wright to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; and in November, the Secretary of Agriculture asked Dr. Wright to serve on the USDA/1890 Task Force. Mr. White said that Dr. Wright leads with integrity.

UPDATE ON PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Dr. Wright welcomed everyone to "The Hill." He said that PVAMU is located on the highest point west of Galveston. He acknowledged the department heads, directors, deans and vice presidents who were present. He said that, founded in 1876 as the Alta Vista Agriculture and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youths, PVAMU is the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas. Confederate President Jefferson Davis recommended Mr. Thomas Gathwright to serve as President of Texas A&M College and he brought Mr. L.W. Minor to serve as the first principal of this school. On March 11, 1878, just a little over a decade after the end of slavery, eight young African American males became the first members of their race to enroll in a public school in Texas. During its second year, Prairie View enrolled a female student, with TAMU being all male, Prairie View was the first co-educational public institution in Texas. From those seeds, Prairie View grew and developed. Dr. Wright said that he tells their faculty, staff and students that it is their responsibility to see that they continue to plant more seeds for the future so that others can reap rewards from their efforts, just as they have reaped the rewards from others in the past.

Currently, Prairie View has 7,962 students of which 2,091 (26 percent) are masters students and 113 are doctoral students. At Prairie View, 62 percent of their students are female and 88 percent of their students are African American. This fall their Hispanic enrollment increased by 2.5 percent and they are committed to increasing this number even more. Dr. Wright said that at the last Board meeting, information was highlighted about the fall enrollment for all of the universities in the A&M System and the information the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) had provided at that time said that PVAMU's enrollment would be down 10 percent this fall. He said that their enrollment is up at least 1 percent. Dr. Wright said that at PVAMU the preliminary enrollment figures are very misleading because many of their students pay their fees late and do not find out about their financial aid packages until too late because they applied late. Dr. Wright said that it was important to note that almost 90 percent of their students are on financial aid and one-third of their students come from families that live below the poverty level in the U.S. Dr. Wright said that as fate would have it, December 1 is the day that all enrollments in Texas public schools must be fully verified. He said that he was informed that morning that 7,962 was not the correct figure. Instead their final enrollment will be 8,006 students. He said that whatever their enrollment is, they are committed to increasing their enrollment at all levels. To reach this goal they realize that promoting the university, aggressively recruiting, offering attractive scholarship packages and having strong academic programs and good faculty will lead to students enrolling at PVAMU. He said that with the local community colleges in the Houston area producing so many outstanding students, they are working with the community colleges in a way that they had not done previously to increase enrollment at PVAMU.

Dr. Wright said that not only are they committed to increasing the number of students, but they are equally committed to increasing the diversity of their students. He said that he believes that this is a classic win-win situation, meaning that diversity will help them reach their enrollment goals and at the same time provide access to many first-generation college students who come from historically under-represented groups. He said that PVAMU is very proud of the fact that it is a Historically Black College/University (HBCU) and will proudly remain a predominately Black college, yet at the same time, they have a responsibility to open their doors to all students regardless of race and they will find a welcoming and receptive environment for all students. Dr. Wright said that as president of PVAMU he wants to provide the same opportunities to students of other races that were provided to him when he attended predominately white universities 40 years ago.

Dr. Wright said that as a person that has been affiliated with other universities, he could vouch for the large number of truly outstanding students they have. He said that they have a wide range of student leaders. He introduced Miss PVAMU 2006-2007, Ms. Lindsey Slay, a senior architecture major from Greenfield, Mississippi, who discussed her experiences at PVAMU.

Dr. Wright said that during its 130 years, PVAMU has produced over 47,000 degrees and has more African American generals and admirals than any other institution in the U.S. including the military academy. At their annual gala in April, they honored their military traditions by recognizing nine generals and admirals including former PVAMU president General Julius Becton and General Marvin Brailfoot. Recently, Vice Admiral Retired David L. Brewer, III was named superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Dr. Wright said that any comments he could make about the wide range of outstanding alums would fail to do justice to the things they have accomplished since graduating. Dr. Wright said that at the beginning of last month, Mr. White joined them in a ceremony in the naming of the Nathylene Archie Kennedy Arts and Architecture Building. Ms. Kennedy was the first African American female licensed engineer in the State of Texas. He said that one of their most productive business alums is Mr. Roy Perry, former vice president for Dell Computer. One of their most ardent supporters is Mr. Don Clark, who graduated with an engineering degree in 1967 and serves on The Texas A&M University System's Chancellor's Council and a host of other boards. After leaving PVAMU, Mr. Clark attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Mr. Clark is a retired FBI Director and currently works for Sharp Holding Corporation in Houston, Texas, as well as being a security analyst for NBC Houston affiliate KPRC television.

Dr. Wright said that PVAMU and Langston University are recipients of a \$7 million transfer technology grant supporting the training of Ethiopian goat and sheep farmers to improve the nutrition, breeding, care and management of animals in that country.

Dr. Wright said that one of the most visible groups on their campus comes from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Marching Storm Band. He said that the band has been consistently recognized as one of the top ten HBCU bands in the country and has been invited every year to the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Wright said that their undergraduate medical academy increased its enrollment to 55 students and that the first graduate is now in medical school. He said that for fall 2007, four of their students have been admitted to other medical schools in Texas. He said that every summer virtually every one of those students participates in an intern research program at various medical centers throughout the State of Texas and also places like the University of Chicago, University of California-San Francisco and Duke University.

Dr. Wright said that the School of Arts and Architecture's new building opened this past fall and the College of Business continues to make headway. He said that he accompanied Dr. Munir Quddus, Dean of the College of Business, to the annual Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International Meeting where PVAMU received accreditation. PVAMU is one of the few HBCUs that has that accreditation. Dr. Wright said that in education they have been involved for years in the northwest part of Houston, bringing courses to teachers who desire to receive masters and doctoral degrees.

Dr. Wright said that the new doctoral program in electrical engineering is now underway. He said that they are very pleased with the quality of the research faculty that this facility has attracted. He said that this has increased the number of research dollars PVAMU receives. Dr. Wright said that the Juvenile Justice and Physiology Building opened in October. Dr. Wright said that their College of Nursing is now in its new building in the Texas Medical Center in downtown Houston. He said that Dr. Betty N. Adams and her faculty are doing an outstanding job and that is evidenced by every student passing the licensing exam last year. He said that they are also very excited that the College of Nursing is fully accredited by two national bodies and the fact that they received a \$2.5 million grant from the Houston Endowment that is being used to infuse technology into this new building.

Dr. Wright said that at PVAMU and other universities, student activities play a major part. While athletics historically has not been as successful as PVAMU would like, under the direction of their athletic director, Charles McClelland, progress is now being made. The baseball team won the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament this year, the Lady Panthers volleyball team just won the SWAC in their area and the men's cross-country also won a championship.

Dr. Wright said that they believe that student success in college as well as in life is linked to having a true sense of purpose and finding prevalence between learning and living. He said that they promote service learning at PVAMU and that they are engaged in a number of community projects. He said that they have had students from the Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS) program travel during the summer to New Orleans to help with Hurricane Katrina clean up. Dr. Wright said that they are proud that their students understand the importance of giving back even while they are still in school.

Dr. Wright said that as a history professor, he knows that it is essential that students have a sense of the past, their culture, literature and the fine arts. He said that they have made it a goal to make sure their students finish PVAMU knowing a wide range of things outside of the classroom. He said that two years ago when the Board met on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), he noticed that their school's mission statement was prominently displayed in the student center. He said that he believes that this makes a powerful statement about what their university is all about and PVAMU will emulate this example by displaying their mission statement prominently in their student center. He said that last year when the Board met on the campus of Tarleton State University (TSU), he was impressed with the artwork in their student center that told the history of Tarleton.

Dr. Wright said that he has been promoting reading since his first day on campus and has distributed his reading list of 20 books. He said that he sincerely appreciates the A&M System for devoting attention and spotlight to his reading list. He said that earlier this year a group chaired by Dr. Laretta Byars, Vice President of Institutional Relations

and Public Service, began work on expanding that list and developing a PVAMU reading list.

Dr. Wright said that at PVAMU they are committed to students receiving an education that will prepare them for the next phase of their life and beyond. They want them to obtain a degree, but more than that, they want them to obtain an education that will serve them the rest of their lives. He said that he tells everyone that they must harvest the fruit that other people planted, and at the same time plant other things so that future generations will benefit. Dr. Wright concluded by thanking the Regents for supporting him and PVAMU.

RECESS

Mr. White thanked Dr. Wright and recessed the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Finance convened at 11:26 a.m. and adjourned at 11:29 a.m. The Committee on Buildings on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 11:30 a.m., recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m., reconvened at 1:06 p.m., and adjourned at 1:53 p.m. The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 1:54 p.m. and adjourned at 2:43 p.m.)

(Secretary's Note: Mr. Stallings departed the meeting at 2:24 p.m.)

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Ad Hoc Policy Review convened at 2:44 p.m. and adjourned at 2:46 p.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. White reconvened the meeting at 2:47 p.m. He said that one request was received to provide public testimony at this meeting relating to Items 37 and 38. He said that these items were withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting; therefore, no public testimony would be heard. Mr. White said that they invited the person who wished to make public testimony on Items 37 and 38 if and when these items are on a future agenda. 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 earlier the same day. He said that this meeting was different from other meetings in that they had reports from the Health Science Center (HSC), Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) and TAMU. He said that they gave brief presentations on what they were doing and where they were in their enterprise risk management arena. He said that one of the things they discussed was that it was impossible to eliminate all risks, so you have to identify those risks that are most imminent and then figure out the cost benefit analysis of what you do to take a reasonable approach to all of those.

Mr. Jones said that they reviewed the annual report on System Internal Audit Department performance measures. He praised Ms. Cathy Smock, Chief Auditor, and her staff for the numbers. He said that they changed some guidelines that did not require Board approval. He said that the final draft of those guidelines would be available over the next several weeks. Mr. Jones said that they also reviewed the Audit Tracking Report and proposed changes to the report to make it more user-friendly and meaningful.

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. He said the Committee considered and approved Items 1 through 5 and 7. The Board took action as set forth below:

(Secretary's Note: Item 6 was withdrawn prior to the meeting.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 279-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT NAMED  
"STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP QUASI-ENDOWMENT,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

Authorization is hereby granted to the President/CEO of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to establish a quasi-endowment to be called the "Student Scholarship Quasi-Endowment." The account will be created with designated tuition income. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support scholarships for students at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.



**MINUTE ORDER 280-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

**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 members of The Texas A&M University System concerned as shown on Gifts, Donations, Grants, and Endowments List No. 07-02, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 281-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**APPROVAL OF WELLS FARGO  
AS A DEPOSITORY FOR THE A&M SYSTEM,  
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 The Texas A&M University System Policy 22.02 (*System Investment*), Wells Fargo Bank is hereby approved as a depository for The Texas A&M University System.

**MINUTE ORDER 282-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN OUTSIDE COUNSEL 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, subject to the approval by the Attorney General of Texas, authorizes the General Counsel of The Texas A&M University System to execute and deliver on behalf of The Texas A&M University System an Outside Counsel Contract for legal services in the area of patent services with the law firm of Baker Botts, L.L.P. in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for FY 07.

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., by amendment or initial execution, with a cap amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide patent services to The Texas A&M University System for FY 07.

**MINUTE ORDER 283-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW SYSTEM POLICY 24.03 (INSURABLE RISK),  
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:

System Policy 24.03 (*Insurable Risk*), shown in **Exhibit B**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 284-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A GIFT AND THE ASSOCIATED  
NAMING OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION 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:

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System is hereby authorized to negotiate the gift and naming agreement related to a cash gift to support commercialization activities. The gift may be accepted by the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System on behalf of the Board of Regents, provided that the final acceptance of the gift shall be conditioned upon satisfactory review and concurrence of the agreement by the Chancellor, the Office of General Counsel, and the Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization.

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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. He said that they considered and approved Items 8 through 11, 13, 15, 18 through 20, and 50, and to approve the selection of the A/E firms that were presented during the meeting of the Committee, recognizing that 12, 14 and 21 were withdrawn. The Board took action as set forth below:

(Secretary's Note: Items 16 and 17 were withdrawn prior to the meeting.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 285-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK, APPROPRIATION FOR A FACILITY EVALUATION AND MASTER PLAN STUDY AND SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER AND UNIVERSITY CENTER COMPLEX, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The statement of work for Renovate the MSC and University Center Complex at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$350,000 is appropriated from Account No. 300990 University Center Renovations for a facility evaluation and master plan study for Renovate the MSC and University Center Complex at Texas A&M University.

The firm of Perkins + Will of Dallas, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team to prepare a facility evaluation and master plan study for Renovate the MSC and University Center Complex at Texas A&M University.

Authorization is granted to begin negotiations with this firm. If negotiations are unsuccessful with this firm, authorization is granted to terminate those negotiations and begin negotiations with the firm next in order of ranking as listed on the Recommendation of Ranked Order, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit C**, until an agreement for a design contract is reached.

This firm is also authorized to prepare the design and bid documents for Renovate the MSC and University Center Complex initial construction phase as determined by the facility evaluation and master plan 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 286-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF WORK AND PROJECT BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND  
SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN FIRM  
FOR RHODE HALL RENOVATIONS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The statement of work for Rhode Hall Renovations at Texas A&M University-Kingsville is approved.

The project budget of \$4,000,000 for Rhode Hall Renovations at Texas A&M University-Kingsville is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000, the amount of \$345,400 is appropriated from Account No. 877000 Rhode Hall Renovation for pre-construction services for Rhode Hall Renovations at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The firm of SolkaNavaTorno Architects of Corpus Christi, Texas, is selected as the firm ranked first to head the architect/engineer design team for Rhode Hall Renovations at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

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 D**, until an agreement for a design contract is reached.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 287-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET  
AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR  
THE MITCHELL PHYSICS BUILDINGS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The revised project budget of \$63,000,000 for the Mitchell Physics Buildings at Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$1,100,000, the amount of \$18,900,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-809005 Unappropriated Plant Funds – Local, \$33,000,000 from Account No. 01-085330 Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds and \$4,600,000 from Account No. 01-083536 Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Gifts) for construction contract award and related project costs for the Mitchell Physics Buildings at Texas A&M University.

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.

In accordance with the donor agreement, all gifts received for this project from Mr. and Mrs. George P. Mitchell are hereby appropriated, and a like amount of previous appropriations of Revenue Financing System and Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds are reverted.

**MINUTE ORDER 288-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN-BUILD  
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE NEW RESIDENTIAL HOUSING,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The revised project budget of \$12,800,000 for the New Residential Housing at West Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$9,950,000, the amount of \$1,550,000 is appropriated from Account No. 083536 RFS Debt Proceeds (Housing Revenue) and the amount of \$1,300,000 is appropriated from Account No. 12-1795020 Housing Revenue for design-build construction services for the New Residential Housing at West Texas A&M University.

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 289-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PROJECT SCOPE AND  
PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The revised project scope for the Wellness Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is approved.

The revised project budget of \$21,800,000 for the Wellness Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$1,570,000, the amount of \$464,000 is appropriated from Account No. 15-030010 Student Services Fee for pre-construction services for the Wellness Center at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

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

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

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

**MINUTE ORDER 290-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“DR. LEROY G. MOORE, JR. INTRAMURAL GYMNASIUM,”  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Intramural Gymnasium located on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the “Dr. Leroy G. Moore, Jr. Intramural Gymnasium.”

**MINUTE ORDER 291-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“WILLIE ALBERT TEMPTON MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER,”  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Memorial Student Center located on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the “Willie Albert Tempton Memorial Student Center.”

**MINUTE ORDER 292-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“WHITLOWE RADCLIFFE GREEN COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,”  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The College of Education located on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the “Whitlowe Radcliffe Green College of Education.”

**MINUTE ORDER 293-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“ELMER E. O’BANION SCIENCE BUILDING,”  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The New Science Building located on the campus of Prairie View A&M University is hereby named the “Elmer E. O’Banion Science Building.”

**MINUTE ORDER 294-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF  
“THE HAMILL FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATIVE SUITE,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Administrative Suite located in the Cushing Memorial Library and Archives on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named “The Hamill Foundation Administrative Suite.”

**MINUTE ORDER 295-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“WM. HUGH MEYER ’51 CLASSROOM,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Classroom 106 located in the E.L. “Pete” Wehner Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named “Wm. Hugh Meyer ’51 Classroom.”

**MINUTE ORDER 296-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“BARNETT L. ’69 AND SAM GERSHEN LECTURE HALL,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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



The Lecture Hall Room 161 located in the E.L. “Pete” Wehner Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Barnett L. ’69 and Sam Gershen Lecture Hall.”

**MINUTE ORDER 297-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“BARNETT L. ’69 AND SAM GERSHEN EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Dean’s Executive Conference Room 440 located in the E.L. “Pete” Wehner Building on the campus of Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Barnett L. ’69 and Sam Gershen Executive Conference Room.”

**MINUTE ORDER 298-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“JOHN O. CHAPMAN FIELD,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The Baseball/Softball field located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is hereby named “John O. Chapman Field.”

**MINUTE ORDER 299-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“SYBIL B. HARRINGTON FINE ARTS COMPLEX,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The New Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Sybil B. Harrington Fine Arts Complex.”

**MINUTE ORDER 300-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“HAPPY STATE BANK STUDIO THEATRE,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 138 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Happy State Bank Studio Theatre.”

**MINUTE ORDER 301-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“PIEHL-SCHAEFFER VOICE LAB,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Room 215 in the Fine Arts Complex on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named the “Piehl-Schaeffer Voice Lab.”

**MINUTE ORDER 302-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE  
OF CLASSROOM AND LABORATORY SPACE FROM THE  
MESQUITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IN  
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The President of Texas A&M University-Commerce, or his designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate and take all steps necessary to enter into a lease agreement with the Mesquite Independent School District for the lease of approximately 36,478 square feet of classroom and laboratory space located in the Motley Road Professional Building, 2600 Motley Road, City of Mesquite, Dallas County, Texas. The term of the lease will be for five (5) years and will commence on January 1, 2007, and expire on December 31, 2011. The annual rental consideration will be \$305,775.

**MINUTE ORDER 303-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**SELECTION OF THE SITE LOCATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System selects Option 1, as described on the attached briefing sheet, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, as the location for The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center campus. In furtherance of this selection, the Board of Regents authorizes the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, to perform those actions as defined in the attached briefing sheet for the selected Option, subject, however, to expanding such authority to include a larger parcel of land from which such 200-acre tract may be selected.

**MINUTE ORDER 304-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**APPROVAL OF BUILDING LEASE WITH  
SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to lease the school campus located at 1450 Gillette, San Antonio, Texas, from the South San Antonio Independent School District (the "School District"), for use by Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio and its successors and assigns.

The material terms of the lease shall include: (i) a term of four (4) years, with the option to renew on a year-to-year basis thereafter, (ii) rent of \$1 per year, plus the extension of ten (10) scholarships (tuition, books and fees) per semester to academically qualified students selected by the School District to attend Palo Alto College and/or Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio, its successors and assigns, (iii) the obligation of the A&M System to assume all maintenance and repair obligations and all utility charges during the lease term, (iv) a requirement that the School District approve all material modifications to the buildings on the campus, and (v) construction of an additional parking lot by the A&M System at a location approved by the School District.

The lease agreement must grant to the A&M System the right to conduct a due diligence inspection of the improvements on the campus to confirm that the improvements are in good condition.

**MINUTE ORDER 305-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 50)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LEASE WITH  
WEBB COUNTY FOR THE USE OF CASA ORTIZ,  
A TEXAS HISTORIC LANDMARK, TO BE USED IN  
SUPPORT OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by The Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute, and deliver a lease agreement between The Texas A&M University System and Webb County for the lease of Casa Ortiz, a Texas historical building located at 915 Zaragoza Street, Laredo, Texas, for use by Texas A&M International University.

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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 22 through 30 and 32 through 36. The Board took action as set forth below:

(Secretary's Note: Items 31, 37 and 38 were withdrawn prior to the meeting.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 306-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO  
SYSTEM POLICY 33.04 (USE OF SYSTEM PROPERTY),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The changes to System Policy 33.04 (*Use of System Property*), as shown in **Exhibit F**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 307-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE  
PRELIMINARY AUTHORITY FOR SURVEYING ENGINEERING  
AT THE MASTER’S LEVEL AND FOR MARINE BIOLOGY AT THE  
DOCTORAL LEVEL 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. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was adopted:

The Board of Regents approves amending the Table of Programs for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to include preliminary authority for surveying engineering at the master’s level and for marine biology at the doctoral level.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 308-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE  
TEXAS SPATIAL REFERENCE CENTER  
WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,  
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 Texas Spatial Reference Center is hereby established as an organizational unit of the Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying and Science in the College of Science and Technology at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

**MINUTE ORDER 309-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**APPROVAL FOR PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY-CY-FAIR  
COLLEGE JOINT-ADMISSIONS/CO-ENROLLMENT PROGRAM IN  
BUSINESS ON THE CY-FAIR COLLEGE, BARKER-CYPRESS CAMPUS,  
NORTH HARRIS MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The joint admission/co-enrollment program in Business offered by the Prairie View A&M University College of Business on the Cy-Fair College, Barker-Cypress campus and available to all North Harris Montgomery Community College District students is approved, effective December 2006.

**MINUTE ORDER 310-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
MANUFACTURING QUALITY AND LEADERSHIP AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS  
HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TARLETON STATE 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 approves the establishment of a new degree program at Tarleton State University leading to a Master of Science degree with a major in Manufacturing Quality and Leadership.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 311-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE  
PRELIMINARY AUTHORITY FOR FORENSIC SCIENCE AT THE  
BACHELOR LEVEL AND HOMELAND SECURITY AT THE MASTER  
AND DOCTORAL LEVELS 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 approves amending the Table of Programs for Texas A&M University to include preliminary authority for forensic science at the bachelor level and homeland security at the master and doctoral levels.

The Board also authorizes the President to submit this request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 312-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN URBAN AND REGIONAL 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 establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Sciences.

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 313-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH THE CENTER FOR SPORT MANAGEMENT RESEARCH AND EDUCATION WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, 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 Center for Sport Management Research and Education is hereby established as an organizational unit of the Department of Health and Kinesiology in the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 314-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH THE CENTER ON DISABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Center on Disability and Development within the College of Education and Human Development is hereby approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**.

**MINUTE ORDER 315-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH THE  
TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR PRECLINICAL STUDIES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Texas Institute for Preclinical Studies at Texas A&M University is hereby approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit H**.

**MINUTE ORDER 316-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH THE  
BRENT SCOWCROFT INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WITHIN  
THE GEORGE BUSH SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Brent Scowcroft Institute for International Affairs within the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University is hereby approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**.

**MINUTE ORDER 317-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH THE  
CENTER FOR STATISTICAL BIOINFORMATICS,  
A JOINT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Center for Statistical Bioinformatics, a joint Texas A&M University and Texas Engineering Experiment Station Center, is hereby approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.



**MINUTE ORDER 318-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER TO ESTABLISH THE CENTER  
FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION,  
A JOINT TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION AND  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CENTER,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Mr. Fraga and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper to establish the Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Transportation, a joint Texas Engineering Experiment Station and Texas A&M University Center, is hereby approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**.

**MINUTE ORDER 319-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

**DISSOLUTION OF  
THE INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND DESIGN IN ENGINEERING;  
THE CENTER FOR ELECTRONIC MATERIALS, DEVICES AND SYSTEMS;  
THE TEXAS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTITUTE;  
THE THERMODYNAMICS RESEARCH CENTER;  
THE CENTER FOR MARINE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING; AND  
THE HIGHWAY SAFETY RESEARCH CENTER,  
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 Institute for Innovation and Design in Engineering, established by Board Minute Order 338-92; the Center for Electronic Materials, Devices and Systems, established by Board Minute Order 277-95; the Texas Occupational Health and Safety Institute, established by Board Minute Order 214-71; the Thermodynamics Research Center, established by Board Minute Order 268-92; the Center for Marine Geotechnical Engineering, established by Board Minute Order 83-80; and the Highway Safety Research Center, established by Board Minute Order 58-68, are hereby dissolved as of December 1, 2006.

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

REPORT FROM THE AD HOC POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Nye reported that the Committee met earlier the same day. He said that the Committee confirmed the Committee on Finance's recommendation for approval of

Item 5 and the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs' recommendation for approval of Item 22. He said that the Committee also considered and approved Item 39. The Board took action as set forth below:

(Secretary's Note: Items 6, 16 and 17 were withdrawn prior to the meeting.)

(Secretary's Note: Item 5 is listed as Minute Order 283-2006 on page 12 and Item 22 is listed as Minute Order 306-2006 on page 22.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 320-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW SYSTEM POLICY 24.04 (ENVIRONMENT),  
AND REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 24.02  
(HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT),  
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:

System Policy 24.04 (*Environment*), and revisions to System Policy 24.02, (*Health and Safety, and Environmental Management*), shown in **Exhibit L**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. White called on Dr. Wright to present Item 41. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 322-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A POSTHUMOUS DEGREE TO  
MS. LORNA BAILEY,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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 authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to award the posthumous degree, Bachelor of Arts in Communication, to Ms. Lorna Bailey at its December 2006 Commencement.

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Mr. White called on Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG).

Mr. Nye asked how the members are appointed and approved. Dr. Loftin responded that the process in the current bylaws suggests that the CEO provides the president of TAMU with a nomination that is seconded by the individual that goes to the Board for approval. He said that he was proposing a change in that they would do this in consultation with the Board of Visitors. He said that he has already asked the Board of Visitors to confirm or concur with a particular nomination before it goes to Dr. Gates. Mr. Nye asked if they would be presented to the Board of Regents. Dr. Loftin responded in the affirmative. He said that the bylaws would remain where the Board of Regents has the final authority to appoint members. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 323-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 42)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS  
FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON,  
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 December 2006, the operational rules governing the Board of Visitors of Texas A&M University at Galveston shall be amended as shown in the attached document as **Exhibit M**.

A copy of the current by-laws of the Board of Visitors shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents.

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Mr. White called on Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juaréz, President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, to present Item 43. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 324-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 43)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR SPRING 2007,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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 N**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Faculty Development Leave List Spring 2007, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

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Mr. White called on Dr. McKinney to present Items 44 through 46 and 48. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 325-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 44)**

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE,  
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 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 O**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Tenure List No. 07-02.

**MINUTE ORDER 326-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 45)**

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

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 P**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Emeritus Title List No. 07-02, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 327-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 46)**

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

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 Q**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 328-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 48)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. J. MARTYN GUNN  
AS DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS AND  
ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR ACADEMICS SERVICES,  
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 January 1, 2007, Dr. J. Martyn Gunn is hereby appointed Dean of Undergraduate Programs and Associate Provost for Academic Services at Texas A&M University at an initial salary of \$150,000, plus an administrative stipend of \$12,000.

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Dr. Gramm commented that very good resumes were submitted.

Mr. White presented Item 47. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 329-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 47)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2006, BOARD MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, 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 September 21-22, 2006, Regular Board Meeting, are hereby approved.

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Mr. White said that no action would be taken on Item 49. Mr. White said that it was premature and inappropriate to select an interim until Dr. Gates was confirmed as the Secretary of Defense. He said the Board was poised to move on short notice. He said the Board was supportive of Dr. Gates and wished him well.

Mr. White called on Dr. McKinney to present Item 51. The Board took action as set forth below:

Dr. McKinney said that Senator Frank Madla was his legislative colleague, mentor and a close friend. He said that the resolution listed a number of things that Senator Madla had done as a legislator. He said that in addition to being his friend, Senator Madla was always a strong supporter of the A&M System and the San Antonio campus. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 330-2006 (AGENDA ITEM 51)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF  
SENATOR FRANK MADLA,  
BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Frank Madla grew up on a ranch near Helotes but lived his adult life on the South Side of San Antonio; and

Whereas, after graduating from St. Mary's University, he taught junior high school; and

Whereas, his commitment to improving the lives of residents of the South Side led him to serve on the South San Antonio School Board and, in 1973, to election to the Texas House of Representatives; and

Whereas, in 1993 he was elected to the Texas Senate, representing the largest geographic district in the state, which is home to nearly 650,000 residents and stretches from El Paso to San Antonio, across two-thirds of the Texas-Mexico border; and

Whereas, as a conservative Democrat, Frank Madla passed more than 100 bills in the House and more than 570 bills in the Senate in his 33 years of legislative service; and

Whereas, he had a higher percentage of bills introduced and signed by the Governor than any other senator, and chaired the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, which processed more bills than any other committee; and

Whereas, Frank Madla will be remembered for championing many causes throughout his career, including working tirelessly for nearly a decade to bring access to higher education to the long-underserved South Side of San Antonio by passing S.B. 800 in 2003 that authorized the creation of a new university to be named Texas A&M University-San Antonio; and

Whereas, during the spring 2006 special legislative session he succeeded in gaining legislative authorization of \$40 million in tuition revenue bonds for development of the new campus, which is set to open in 2009; and

Whereas, he continued to be a steadfast advocate for Texas A&M University-San Antonio after leaving office; and

Whereas, he also paved the way for a new arena for the San Antonio Spurs; secured \$20 million in state funding for the redevelopment of Kelly Air Force Base; wrote the amendment that was the forerunner of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and authorized legislation that created the In-Home and Family Support Program to help elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities remain in their own homes; and

Whereas, Frank Madla introduced the legislation that helped bring a new Toyota plant to South San Antonio, which produced its first truck in November 2006 and is expected to add more than 4,000 new jobs and pump more than \$2.4 billion into the Texas economy over the next decade; and

Whereas, the lives of Frank Madla, his mother-in-law and five-year-old granddaughter were tragically cut short in a house fire early on the morning of November 24, 2006; and

Whereas, Frank Madla will be remembered as a deeply spiritual gentleman who always carried with him a weathered prayer book that was held together with tape; as a statesman whose courteous demeanor helped him win many friends across the political spectrum; and as a political giant who always sought to better the lives of those he served; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System desires to express its profound appreciation for the outstanding leadership shown by The Honorable Frank Madla during his 33 years of public 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 members of the Madla family as a sincere expression of its abiding gratitude for his leadership and dedication to the people of Texas and The Texas A&M University System.

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Mr. Nye said that he had the privilege to work with Senator Madla and thought that he was one of the finest men he had ever met. He said that he was a friend of higher education but his interests served many people over a long period and was a great American.

Mr. White said that at an appropriate time, the Board would present the framed resolution to Mrs. Madla.

REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON

Mr. Jones said that the PVAMU women's volleyball team beat Mississippi State to win the SWAC Conference Championship. He said that the baseball team also had a successful season.

Mr. Jones said that TAMU's women soccer team was one point away from the final four. He said that for the first time in the history of TAMU, the men and women's basketball teams were ranked in the top 10. He said that the men's basketball team would play number one ranked UCLA at the Wootton Classic on December 9. Mr. Jones said that TAMU was currently one of only three schools in the nation that has a ranked men's basketball team, women's basketball team and a football team. He said that the women's track team was currently ranked number 1 and the men's track team was in the top ten. Mr. Jones said that the women's swimming and diving team was ranked number 5 in the nation. Mr. Jones said that TAMU's football team would practice in the new indoor facility for the first time later that same day. He said that construction would begin on the track and football facility adjacent to the indoor facility within the next six weeks. He said that a groundbreaking ceremony had been held for the Cox-McFerrin Basketball Center.

Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of TSU, shared a story from his campus about a nine-year-old girl named Madison McElroy; her father Sam McElroy, head football coach at TSU; and Don Carthel, head football coach at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). He said that athletics provides a vehicle for all of our universities to impact our students and our communities. In May 2005, Madison was diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia and unbeknownst to Mr. McElroy the good people of WTAMU were aware of Madison's condition and during half time a message was displayed and a hat was passed. Dr. McCabe said that over \$14,000 was collected among the WTAMU fans to be distributed to the McElroy family as well as research. He said that this is a reflection on WTAMU as it exhibited compassion and kindness.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. White thanked Dr. Wright was hosting the board meeting. He announced that the next Board meeting was scheduled for February 1-2, 2007, on the campus of TAMU.

Mr. White thanked Mr. Bill Bielamowicz, and his staff, for their excellent work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. White asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Jones and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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

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