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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
March 26-28, 2008**

CONVENE – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008

Mr. Bill Jones, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 2:05 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, Texas A&M University (TAMU), College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Bill Jones, Chairman
Mr. John D. White, Vice Chairman
Mr. Morris Foster
Mr. Lupe Fraga
Mr. J.L. Huffines
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Jim Wilson
Ms. Cassie Daniel, Student Regent (*joined the meeting at
3:00 p.m.*)

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Erle Nye

Mr. Jones announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

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**RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Jones announced that the Board would recess to 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; Section 73, for deliberations regarding negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations; 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 38 and 57 through 63).

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

*(Secretary's Note: The Board met in executive session from 2:09 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – THURSDAY, MARCH 27**

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 9:33 a.m. in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Bill Jones, Chairman  
Mr. John D. White, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Morris Foster  
Mr. Lupe Fraga  
Mr. J.L. Huffines  
Mr. Erle Nye  
Mr. Gene Stallings  
Ms. Ida Clement Steen  
Mr. Jim Wilson  
Ms. Cassie Daniel, Student Regent

Mr. Jones announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

**INVOCATION**

Mr. Jones called on Mr. Carson Fairbanks, a senior biomedical sciences student from the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, who presented the invocation.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Mr. Jones thanked everyone for their show of love and support during the loss of his brother the previous week. He said it was one of those issues that you do not expect but when it does happen, it is nice to know that you have friends and other people who care enough about you to express their sympathy.

Mr. Jones said he had finally made it to every campus in the A&M System. He said he had given remarks at the Change of Command Ceremony at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG).

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Elsa Murano, President of TAMU, who introduced Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ) students who were visiting the campus. Dr. Murano said that for the last four years they have held a student leadership exchange program where some of their student leaders travel to Qatar for a week to visit the facilities and meet the students to learn more about their culture. She said they reciprocated by inviting the student leaders from Qatar to College Station.



Mr. Jones said he appreciated the students taking the time to visit College Station.

**CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS**

Dr. Michael D. McKinney, Chancellor, introduced Dr. Maria Hernandez Ferrier, executive director of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio. He said Dr. Ferrier currently serves as the Southwest Independent School District’s executive director for external funding and grants and of the Southwest Independent School District Education Foundation in San Antonio. Dr. McKinney added that Dr. Carolyn Green, interim dean and executive director of the center, had accepted the position of academic dean. He said that Dr. Ferrier and Dr. Green would form a wonderful team.

Dr. McKinney announced that the annual programmatic budget review process had been scheduled with each university and agency. He said the Regents were welcome to attend. Dr. McKinney said he had talked with Mr. Nye and they would schedule an abbreviated presentation for the Regents. Mr. Nye said it was important that at least the Finance Committee and all members of the Board have the opportunity to visit with each of the chief executive officers to discuss their goals and aspirations, budget limitations and needs. He said that he was working with the Chancellor and Mr. Jones on a schedule that would allow them to meet during the week of the May board meeting. Mr. Nye said the budget meetings are valuable and need to have thoughtful consideration.

Dr. McKinney said that they were continuing to develop the strategic plan for the System.

Dr. McKinney mentioned that the legislature would convene in 2009 and has already started the process of preparing the budget for next year. He said they have had two hearings and passed out an outline of what was presented during the hearings. He said they stressed to the Senate and the House of Representatives that base funding was most important. He said they also discussed the Texas Grants financial aid package. Dr. McKinney said he asked the committees to look at Research and Development and Competitive Knowledge Funds. He said Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is the only university out of 35 in Texas that does not participate in either of the funds.

Dr. McKinney said Mr. Huffines attended the Chancellor’s Century Council (CCC) Meeting. He said they visited PVAMU, Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), Texas Task Force 1, Disaster City and Emergency Operations Center and the Health Science Center (HSC).

**RECESS**

Mr. Jones recessed the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

*(Secretary’s Note: The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 9:53 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs*

*convened at 10:45 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 a.m. The Policy Review Committee convened at 11:02 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement Committee convened at 11:05 a.m. and adjourned at 11:08 a.m. The Committee on Finance convened at 11:08 a.m. and recessed at 11:18 a.m.)*

**RECONVENE**

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 11:18 a.m. He called on Mr. White to present the report from the System Athletic Liaison.

**REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON**

Mr. White, System Athletic Liaison, provided the following information: Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C) men's basketball senior, Mr. Scooby Johnson, was named to the 2008 Daktronics All-American Team. In women's basketball, Ms. Brittany Jordan was named to the 2007-2008 Daktronics All South Central Region Team for Division II. Mr. Avery Patterson from Tarleton State University (TSU) was named to the first team of the National Association of Basketball Coaches South Central Region All District. The PVAMU men's indoor track team has been crowned the Southwestern Athletic Conference Champions (SACC), earning 143 points and the closet competitor earned 112 points. The TAMU men's basketball team made it through the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). The women's basketball team would attend the Sweet 16 Regionals that week. Mr. Stallings coached the Texas team in the Texas versus the Nation All Star Game in the Sun Bowl and the Texas Team won 41-14 with six turnovers.

**RECESS**

Mr. Jones recessed the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

**RECONVENE**

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 12:47 p.m. He announced that the governing board is required by the Texas Education Code, Section 54.0513, to hold a public hearing to increase designated tuition beyond the amount charged as the building use fee in the past academic years. Similarly, Section 54.507 provides that an increase of less than 10 percent in group hospital fees may be imposed only after a public hearing by the Board that is open for student comment. The group hospital fees that have been proposed involve less than a 10 percent increase. He said that Ms. B. J. Crain, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budgets and Accounting, was available for questions.

Mr. Jones announced that the Board would proceed with conducting the public hearings on proposed increases in designated tuition and group hospital fees. He said persons wishing to make public comment on these proposed increases should register at one of the tables outside the meeting room. He said the Board would hold a hearing for each of the 10 institutions seeking an increase in designated tuition. Mr. Jones said that

in addition to hearing from each president, the Board would hear up to two minutes of public comment on each institution's proposal.

Mr. Jones said after the hearings on designated tuition, the Board would conduct hearings on proposed increases in the group hospital fees for six institutions. Mr. Jones asked that comments be kept brief and those speaking avoid repetitive comments.

Mr. Jones called on Dr. McKinney who introduced members of the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board (CSAB) who were attending the meeting.

Mr. Jones announced that TAMU-C had not requested a fee increase.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASES IN DESIGNATED TUITION**

Mr. Jones called on Dr. George Wright, President of PVAMU, to discuss hearings held on their campus.

#### Prairie View A&M University

Dr. Wright said he was reminded of the hearings held last March and especially the comments and questions by Mr. Nye. He said last year Mr. Nye supported PVAMU's designated tuition increase, but also raised concerns about how much higher they should increase designated tuition and other fees.

Dr. Wright said for the 2008-2009 academic year they had established new budget priorities that included a two percent merit increase totaling \$1,325,000; funds to cover a 17 percent increase in the utility rate for the main campus totaling \$640,000; a small amount of funding for essential new faculty and staff positions totaling \$525,000; and a small amount for increases in departmental maintenance and operations and recruitment costs totaling \$300,000. Dr. Wright said when you added those figures and the 20 percent holdback that was required for student support, the amount came to \$374,000 making their total new budget \$3,165,000. He said they are able to internally fund half of these priorities and it would mean a designated tuition increase amount of \$1.6 million.

Dr. Wright said the increase he had requested would take a full-time undergraduate resident student enrolled in 15 semester credit hours (SCHs) from \$3,220 to \$3,347, an increase of \$126.50. He said this equates to a 3.93 percent increase over fall 2007.

Dr. Wright said they specifically sought input into the proposed increase. He said a tuition and fee committee was formed that consisted of representatives from the Student Government Association (SGA) including Mr. Andre Evans. In addition, they had both an undergraduate student and a graduate student who were representatives of the student body at large. He said that the committee also had one faculty and staff member. Dr. Wright said the committee considered all the increases and suggested that he reduce

or remove the planned increase in departmental maintenance and operations. He said one committee member suggested that he reduce the planned merit increase program.

Dr. Wright said they also sought input through a public hearing that was held on the main campus. Because they also have students in their nursing program who are housed in downtown Houston, they extended an invitation for them to participate via teleconference. One hundred and eight students and a number of administrators on the main campus attended the March 5, 2008, hearing. A copy of their presentation was placed on their business website to be viewed by others.

Dr. Wright said the students had questions on all of the areas of proposed increases. He said at the beginning and end of the meeting with the students, he felt compelled to make the following point: “There was no question that the cost of obtaining a college education at PVAMU was expensive no matter how you look at it.” Dr. Wright explained to the students that they would continue to do everything they could to maintain costs and would recommend increases to the Board only when necessary. He also made a personal comment to the students—he told them that when he started college, he lived in a housing project and qualified for free lunches because his family could not afford them. He told the students that the amount spent on his education had been paid back over a thousand-fold.

Dr. Wright said after careful consideration of all comments, he believed that their proposed increases were modest and truly needed. Accordingly, he requested the Board’s approval of their proposed increases.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any questions or comments from members of the Board.

Ms. Daniel thanked Dr. Wright for giving other options that were not previously available. She said the fact that he had gone the extra length to make sure the nursing students had the opportunity to participate and that a committee was established, was a great step forward and would help students better understand the issues.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else would like to comment on the proposed increase in designated tuition for PVAMU. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for PVAMU was closed.

Tarleton State University

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Dennis McCabe, President of TSU. Dr. McCabe said TSU began its conversation with students last fall about fees for the coming year. He said they held two formal meetings: January 17, 2008, in Killeen and January 2, 2008, in Stephenville. He said they met with students to discuss proposed fees from the administration.

Dr. McCabe said 10 students participated on the Killeen campus and 35 students in Stephenville. He said the meetings had been announced in the student and public newspapers, email and on the website. He said based on the meetings, TSU adjusted its concept regarding what fees should be forwarded. He said the students had an impact on the downward adjustments, particularly in the online fee.

Dr. McCabe said the request before the Board had come through a very defined and open process. They felt it was a fair request and nobody wanted to raise tuition or fees. He said their plan included growth, high quality and maintaining what had already been achieved. The students had been keenly involved in establishing a new advisement center on campus and these items would take resources.

Dr. McCabe said their intent for the designated tuition funds would be taking care of their employees, faculty and staff.

Ms. Daniel asked how much they had increased since the initial deregulation. Dr. McCabe responded at the time deregulation started at TSU, it was somewhere around \$44/SCH. He said what they were currently proposing was \$88.50 -- double the amount.

Mr. Jones announced that they had received one written statement from a student in support of the increase.

Mr. Jones asked if there was anyone else who wanted to comment on the proposed increase for TSU. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for TSU was closed.

#### Texas A&M International University

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Ray Keck, President of Texas A&M International University (TAMIU). Dr. Keck said hearings were held on November 9, 2007, and December 3, 2007. He said 29 students attended the hearings. He added that the questions were typical--which fees required a vote, which did not and who determined how much a fee would increase. He explained the differences to the students.

Dr. Keck said a frustrating point was that they used the website, radio, student email, signs around campus and classroom announcements, but they still heard that there were students who had absolutely no way to know the hearings were happening.

Dr. Keck said they were proposing a \$10 increase with the largest part being increases in faculty salaries, especially a merit pool. He said the number one priority they have established was to pay their faculty adequately to ensure retention and recruitment of qualif

Dr. Keck said they approached the Chancellor after the December meeting and asked if they could reopen the question and go back to the students and tell them that they proposed adding \$3 to the increase to raise it from \$10 to \$13. He said the additional \$3

would be dedicated entirely to reserves. He said their tremendous growth over the last five years had been achieved at some cost to the university's reserves. Dr. Keck said that with the approval of the Chancellor, they planned to ask the student body to allow them to begin a systematic program to replenish the reserves. The \$3 increase would amount to \$300,000 in reserves. Dr. Keck said the Chancellor had concurred.

Dr. Keck said additional hearings were held on February 13, 14 and 25 with 62 students attending those hearings. He said since that time the Chancellor had discussions with the Lieutenant Governor and others. He said they agreed on the maximum of a \$2 increase in addition to the \$10 increase.

Dr. Keck said the total increase was 7.68 percent over fiscal year (FY) 2007 for a student taking 15 hours. He said in January 2008, they grew 7.5 percent. Dr. Keck said what helped in discussions with students was the fact that the university was growing at such a rate that it was not possible to continue to add students without adding to the budget and the students understood. He said the increase mirrored the increase in the student body.

Ms. Daniel asked that out of the students that were expressing concern about not understanding the issue, did they understand by the end of the hearing. Dr. Keck said he thought they did.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any other comments or questions from members of the Board.

Mr. White commented that he did not want anyone to misinterpret their (regents) silence. He said over the years they had developed great processes by the universities, the System, and the Chancellor's office, that by the time they got to this point, it was well "scrubbed" and understood by the Board. He believed they have been on the right track and it continues to need vigilance every year, but he was very impressed with each of the universities and the seriousness by which they undertake this process.

Mr. Jones commented that they have had several conversations with the Chancellor, his staff and others about these increases before hearing them at the Board meeting. He said that they have kept their "finger on the pulse" throughout the entire process.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else wanted to comment on the increase in designated tuition at TAMIU. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for TAMIU was closed.

Texas A&M University

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Murano to discuss the hearings on the campus of TAMU. Dr. Murano began by saying that as a land-grant university, TAMU takes pride in its mission of providing a quality education to all students that have scholastic ability

regardless of geographic, ethnic or social status. She said this was a result of the Morrill Act that established land-grant universities with the purpose of educating the masses. Dr. Murano said to do this; they recognized that they must keep costs down.

Dr. Murano said beginning last fall and through a series of detailed budget reviews, the university sought to determine its budgetary needs in order to continue to provide its students with a quality education. The university also sought to determine where they could make budgetary adjustments like postponing initiatives and cutting costs as much as possible.

Dr. Murano said the process of determining the rate of tuition was one that seeks input from all parties, especially the students. She said they achieved this through the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC), which consisted of 17 members including seven students, four administrators, two faculty, two advisors, a representative from the Association of Former Students (AFS) and the Aggie Moms' Club. She said this advisory committee reviewed proposals and provided its opinion to the president for his/her consideration. Dr. Murano said this group meets several times a year depending on the issues.

Dr. Murano said as the new president, she began reviewing the material and meeting with the student body president, as well as the speaker of the student senate. She said she met with TPAC on February 1, 2008, and shared her thoughts and what she would present to the students at a public hearing regarding tuition and fees. She said the members of TPAC had very few comments and expressed support for her presentation.

Dr. Murano said on February 6, 2008, she hosted a public hearing for the students where she presented them with the need for an increase in tuition in order to cover specific needs of the university. She said approximately 200 students attended the hearing, as well as Dr. and Mrs. McKinney. She said the needs she outlined for the university included faculty merit salary increases, funding for the final phase of the faculty reinvestment program and support for maintenance of new facilities. Dr. Murano said the total amounted to approximately \$24.7 million.

Dr. Murano said in order to cover those costs; they initially anticipated that they would need to raise tuition by \$20/SCH, which she said was unacceptable to her. She said she shared this with the students during the hearing and made the commitment that she would ask the administrative team to sharpen their pencils a little more and look for ways they could either reallocate resources or postpone initiatives to keep the cost as low as possible. Dr. Murano said that she anticipated that the costs would be somewhere between \$10 to \$13/SCH.

Dr. Murano said students offered comments and several expressed their gratitude to the administration for making a pledge to keep tuition increases as low as possible. The rest of the comments revolved not around tuition but about various other issues such as parking fees, new career center fee, when the renovation of the MSC would start, transportation issues, and the need for them to make sure that traditions did not disappear.

Dr. Murano said after much work by the Division of Finance and others, they came up with the final tuition increase proposal. She said on February 28, 2008, she and student body president, Mr. Conner Prochaska, sent a joint video message to every student announcing that they would propose a tuition increase of \$7.25/SCH -- the lowest increase they have had since 1999. Dr. Murano said if they exclude the fee that was voted on last year to renovate the MSC, which was \$60/SCH, this would amount to an overall increase in tuition and fees of 4.99 percent. She acknowledged Mr. Prochaska and said he could convey the perspective of the students regarding the increase. Dr. Murano said she was very confident that the process they followed was inclusive. She thanked the administration for their hard work.

Mr. Prochaska acknowledged members of the student government association who were present: Mr. Frank Barat and Mr. Rich Pontious. He said these two individuals worked very hard last semester on a fee proposal from a student's standpoint and their proposal was presented to Dr. Murano. He thanked Dr. Murano and said this truly was a testimony to how this university was governed. He said from the student standpoint; they have always had a remarkably small amount of individuals who were upset. He said most were grateful about the tuition increase, because all students understand they are living in a more expensive society.

Dr. Murano said she respectively requested the approval of the \$7.25/SCH increase in designated tuition.

Dr. Murano briefly discussed another issue related to tuition. She said that in 2005, the Mays Business School proposed a special tuition to be charged to their juniors and seniors in order to alleviate the problem of overcrowding and to improve the quality of upper level instruction. Dr. Murano said the Mays Business School had approximately 4,100 students with an average class size of 117. She compared this with the University of Texas McComb School of Business that had the same number of students, but whose average class size was 53. She said only one of our 12 peer institutions reported in the *Vision 2020* document reports average class sizes higher than the Mays School. Dr. Murano said some of the classes require a more personal instruction, which was made more difficult when you had so many students in one classroom. She said that this, coupled with the high student-to-faculty ratio at TAMU, meant that the Mays School needed additional resources to accommodate its enrollment in a manner that allowed them to be competitive with other universities in terms of quality of education and attention to students' needs.

Dr. Murano said students in the Mays Business School endorsed the proposal and participated in a survey conducted in 2005. She said students agreed with the proposal as long as the money was spent directly to address the need for more class sections and smaller class sizes. She said that TPAC endorsed the proposal in 2005 and again in January 2008. The Mays Business School held a hearing in February 2008, in addition to the public hearing held on February 6, 2008. She said that although no student likes a tuition increase, they realized that the benefits outweighed the cost. She said there were



two other comments against any tuition increase. Dr. Murano introduced Mr. Greg Kwedar, President of the Mays Business Student Council, and Dr. Rick W. Griffin, Interim Dean of the Mays Business School, who provided perspective regarding what the students in the Mays Business School thought about the proposal.

Mr. Kwedar said they believe that these fund increases, of all the tuition increases that Mays Business School students would be paying, would directly impact undergraduate education. He felt this was why the students supported the increase. He said that not everybody would support the increase, but as a whole, it would be supported. Mr. Kwedar said another reason students supported the increase was a strong student voice in the use of the funds as they go forward. He said a committee would be formed consisting of students and faculty that would discuss future use of the funds.

Mr. Jones asked if the students felt that they had been given access to all the information they needed. Mr. Kwedar responded in the affirmative. He said they had nine executive council members that attended multiple meetings with Dr. Griffin and the associate deans at the business school. He said that they were given all the facts and conferred with the students about the use of the funds. Mr. Kwedar said they appreciated that sign of good faith.

Dr. Murano added that if the increase was approved, the Mays Business School had committed to adding 50 new sections of upper division courses and 30 breakout sections of one large lecture course so that they could reduce the average class size from 117 to 29 students beginning in fall 2008. She said that the money would be used to hire faculty who would immediately be concentrating on teaching and adding new sections and it was important for the students to see an immediate benefit. She said she told the business school that nothing was forever and if they found that they did not fulfill their commitment or other unintended consequences resulted, they could easily rescind the added tuition.

Mr. Wilson commented that the business school taught classes to non-business majors. He asked how this would affect those students. Dr. Murano responded that this would not affect them because by the time those students are taking junior and senior classes; they are 100 percent business majors. She said this was an important point to make because if this was not in the business school and was in a different college, where they teach junior and senior level classes to other majors, this would complicate matters.

Mr. Wilson asked if the reduction in class size would actually happen this fall. Dr. Murano responded in the affirmative. She said that the Mays Business School was going to use some of their reserves to start hiring people right away. She said that they would recover these funds when the tuition increase started in the fall.

Mr. Nye said he understood that a number of other business schools had an extra charge. Dr. Murano responded in the affirmative. She said they did their homework and commended Dr. Jerry Strawser, Interim Provost, who was dean of the Mays Business School when the concept came to light. She said Dr. Strawser's research showed that if

you look at the Mays Business School, which has the tuition that other students pay, the students also pay a \$5 course fee. She compared this to the University of Texas (UT) that has their normal tuition plus \$47.62 of extra tuition just for their McCombs Business students, plus \$49.62 in fees. Dr. Murano said those students are paying \$97.24 above and beyond the base tuition that all other students are charged. She said that there was a similar situation at the University of Houston (UH) and this would make them competitive with these schools. Dr. Murano said she had been told that sometimes in doing recruiting for the Mays Business School, they had come across students who made the comparison and thought that somehow our school was not as good as UT's because we do not charge as much as they do. She said that this, of course, was not true.

Mr. Nye said he had studied this at some length and had conversations with Dr. Strawser and had watched it develop over several years. He said he was very supportive -- particularly of the Mays Business School. He asked if it was fair to say that this could equally apply to the engineering school. Dr. Murano responded that they were going to entertain a proposal from the College of Engineering for something similar. She said it was true that there were schools that have an added tuition for engineering programs. She said she has had conversations with Dr. G. Kemble Bennett, Vice Chancellor and Dean of Engineering. Dr. Murano said Dr. Bennett was eagerly waiting to see if this proposal was approved and then he would move forward with proposing something for the engineering school. She said it was important to specifically outline and show how the money would be used and that it would address specific issues that are unique to that college.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else wanted to comment on the increase in designated tuition at TAMU. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for TAMU was closed.

#### Texas A&M University at Galveston

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Bowen Loftin, Vice President and CEO at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG). Dr. Loftin said on January 31, 2008, they held a hearing and 13 percent of their students attended. He said they announced the hearing through signage on campus, emails and through their website.

Dr. Loftin said that in developing their presentation to the students, they consulted with individual students, faculty, staff and administration. He said they laid out for the students a proposal for a range of increase between \$10 and \$16/SCH. He said they had not yet completed their analysis to understand exactly where to put the number at that point, but they laid out that range of numbers for them. Dr. Loftin said the group had many questions and the meeting lasted approximately two and one-half hours. He said not one student spoke against the increase within that range.

Dr. Loftin said they were very precise in telling students where the money would go and by statute, a portion would be set aside for tuition assistance. He said the largest single amount would be dedicated to a 3 percent merit pool for faculty and staff.

Dr. Loftin said that they face a special challenge in Galveston. He said they expect a 20 percent increase in their windstorm insurance premium next year.

Dr. Loftin said in total this leads to a request of \$11.23/SCH beginning in the fall of 2008. He asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Daniel commented that she met with some of the students in Galveston the previous day and they complained that the increase was not higher. She said there were many initiatives discussed by the students with the administration.

Mr. Jones said the Board appreciated Ms. Daniel bringing the students' input to them on issues such as this. He said Ms. Daniel had been doing her homework by visiting the campuses.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else wanted to comment on the increase in designated tuition at TAMUG. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for TAMUG was closed.

#### Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC), to discuss the hearing held on the campus of TAMU-CC. Dr. Killebrew said they went through an integral process and tried to determine what kind of increase to propose. He said they held hearings with the students and their administrative team. Dr. Killebrew said they came up with the bottom line that they needed as a campus to continue the positive things that have been going on.

Dr. Killebrew said that in the past their participation by students had not been very good. He said he got together with their student body president early in the process and received advice from him and student government. They took this on as something that they wanted to do and they helped to get the word out to other students.

Dr. Killebrew said they held their hearing on January 22, 2008, during one of the lunch periods in the Student Union's common area where they knew there would be many students. He said approximately 75 students were in the area. He felt their plan worked and there was a good deal of interaction between him and the students. Dr. Killebrew said none of their comments were negative. He said while students do not like to see increases in tuition, the kinds of things that they presented to them as needs were things that the students understood.

Dr. Killebrew said one of the things he had worried about was the increase in utilities. He thanked the System staff for helping to negotiate a contract that would be a good contract for them. He said utilities would not be an issue for them in the next year.

Dr. Killebrew said they did make a commitment to provide a merit increase for faculty and staff. He said they had some areas where there were equity issues that they need to take care of. He said that the bulk of the money generated from their proposed \$10 increase would go toward a three percent merit and equity pool.

Dr. Killebrew said they had some need for a small number of additional faculty and staff in critical areas. He said that of the total funds generated from this, the new faculty and staff positions were relatively small at approximately \$120,000. Dr. Killebrew said student financial aid sets aside was approximately \$450,000.

Mr. Jones asked what their percent increase was. Dr. Killebrew responded that their total increase falls under the cap set by the Chancellor. Dr. McKinney said that in conversations with elected officials they agreed to limit increases to 5 percent, or no more than \$200. He said UT has a program similar to this but with a different number. He said we try to make our program straightforward. Dr. McKinney said he told them ahead of time that we had two universities, Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T) and Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K) that had to receive more. He said they had barely been increasing tuition or increasing it at a low rate.

Mr. White commented that if you look at the executive summary, the percent was 6 percent and the dollar increase was \$166.

Dr. McKinney commented that the presidents were being kind about this. He said some initial requests were unreasonable, but they agreed to keep the increase below \$200.

Ms. Daniel commented that while visiting TAMU-CC, the student leaders expressed that they were excited to be working with the administration. She said they were looking at more ways to get more students involved and informed. Ms. Daniel said none of the students she met with expressed concern at this increase.

Mr. Foster said when he looked at the summary sheet for TAMU-CC, where the expenses were broken out, they listed salaries, and wages, the increase was approximately 17 to 18 percent. He asked if they were adding staff. Dr. Killebrew responded that there was a small amount of money in this for additional faculty and staff of \$270,000 out of \$2.1 million. Mr. Foster commented that he might be looking at the wrong thing. Dr. Killebrew said that he might be looking at a total that included increases in fees that are not designated tuition. Mr. Foster said the chart he was looking at referred to designated tuition totaling \$7.381 million and an increase of \$1.348 million. He said he was trying to correlate that to the increase in salary and wages. Dr. Killebrew said the proposed designated tuition increase would generate \$2.1 million of this; approximately \$1.4 million would create a 3 percent salary pool plus a small amount of money for equity increases. He said that \$270,000 would go toward additional faculty and staff and \$450,000 would be set aside for designated tuition.

Dr. McKinney said he wanted to clarify that it was not just designated tuition; it was designated tuition and mandatory fees.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else wanted to comment on the increase in designated tuition at TAMU-CC. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for TAMU-CC was closed.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Rinaldo Z. Juárez, President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K), to discuss hearings on designated tuition on the campus of TAMU-K. Dr. Juárez said TAMU-K was requesting an increase from \$68/SCH to \$80/SCH. This would generate approximately \$2.04 million.

Dr. Juárez said their funds would be dispersed 75 percent toward salary increases, 20 percent toward the mandated financial aid set aside and 5 percent toward operations.

Dr. Juárez said they had made significant progress in their salaries, especially at the assistant professor level. He said they have quite a bit to catch up on the associate and full professor levels.

Dr. Juárez said they were also faced with the challenge that Mr. Nye alluded to regarding professional programs and professional schools. He said in their College of Engineering, the salaries were getting very competitive and high and would require a much different approach to be able to maintain the faculty they have and continue to hire the quality of faculty they want for the program.

Dr. Juárez said while their increases were the highest, they were still number seven in terms of the affordability for their students to attend the university.

Dr. Juárez said they held hearings on January 28, 2008, at 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m. He said both of these hearings were linked to Trans-Texas Videoconference Network (TTVN) and to the students at the System Center at San Antonio. He said they also held another hearing on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, with the Student Government Association in open forum. Dr. Juárez said of all the questions that were entertained at both hearings, none of them were concerned with increases in designated tuition. He said they had to deal with questions about the international student fee and maximum student service fees. He said they felt very comfortable that they shared the necessary information with their student body and did not receive significant opposition to the proposed increases in designated tuition.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else wanted to comment on the increase in designated tuition at TAMU-K. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for TAMU-K was closed.

Dr. Juárez commented on another issue. He said as an outgoing president, he would like to encourage the Board to look at the salary levels of the presidents of A&M System institutions. He said, compared to other systems of higher education in the state, there were some grounds for improvements.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Stephen Hensley, President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana (TAMU-T), to discuss the hearing on designated tuition on the campus of TAMU-T. Dr. Hensley said the process they went through to come up with the tuition increase was that he first appointed a tuition recommendation committee that consisted of two faculty members, two students, the president of the alumni association, an officer from the organization of the Women for A&M and their university recruiter.

Dr. Hensley said that the committee gave them a recommendation increase of up to \$20/SCH. He said most of this would go toward a 4 percent salary increase for faculty and staff and most of the remainder for the operation of the new campus. He said the first building should be completed next month and they planned to open it for summer school. Dr. Hensley said a small amount went toward utilities and for operational expenses.

Dr. Hensley said they held public hearings on November 28, 2007, at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. He said in the past they had been holding them after the first of the year, but he thought maybe there was so much going on during that time that this was keeping students from attending. He said they still were not very successful in getting students to attend. He said one student attended each of the hearings. Dr. Hensley said there was not any concern about the proposed increase; they were supportive of the faculty and staff and felt they deserved the proposed salary increase. He said they were supportive of the new campus.

Dr. Hensley said they received a donation of \$125,000 from the Pioneer Foundation to put together what they called the Eagle Express, which is a trailer with 17 computers that they could take to high schools and community colleges to enroll students as opposed to having them come to Texarkana to enroll. He said they have had more requests for this than they have had money set aside. Dr. Hensley said part of the increase in recruitment and retention is to help budget for this program.

Dr. Hensley said the students that were on the committee also reported to the Student Government Association. He said one of the students did what he hoped they would do and went to talk to their classmates and asked them what they thought and shared information with them. He said he felt they got the information out well, but again felt that their students understood that costs are going up and that this was a way that they could continue to move the university forward.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else wanted to comment on the increase in designated tuition at TAMU-T. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for designated tuition at TAMU-T was closed.

West Texas A&M University

Mr. Jones called on Dr. J. Patrick O'Brien, President of West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). Dr. O'Brien said actual discussions of a tuition increase for the fall started last spring in their strategic planning process as they were finalizing their five-year plan and the financial plan that was going to pay for it.

Dr. O'Brien said when they first went to the student body in September 2007, at a meeting of the student government; they talked about a range of tuition increase from \$8 to \$16.

Dr. O'Brien said they held five hearings on campus—November 28, 2007, two on December 4, 2007, one on January 16, 2008, and one on January 17, 2008. He said that the hearings were structured so they could hold them on different days at different times to capture different audiences on campus. He said notification for the meetings was through emails, the student newspaper, commercial newspaper and the university television station. In addition, they put the full proposal on their website, what they had done with funds they received last year through state appropriations, tuition increases, what they were proposing as expenditures for the next year, and what would be raised through the tuition increase. Dr. O'Brien said at the public hearings they asked for questions from students and as they received them, they went back and changed the PowerPoint presentation that they had on the website so they could incorporate any additional information requested by students. He said that one of the things requested by students was the history of expenditure increases over the past 20 years and use of funds. He said they provided them with the information and tried to answer whatever questions they had.

Dr. O'Brien said that most of the students understood the reasons for a tuition increase. He said generally in the hearings the principal questions that came out were: Are alternative ways of raising the revenues such as fundraising and how was this going to impact individuals who had lower incomes. Dr. O'Brien said in response to how this was going to impact students with lower incomes, they had come out with what they call the "buck promise." He said what they were doing was guaranteeing for any student who comes from a family with a household income of \$40,000 or less, they could come to WTAMU tuition and fee free. He said this would be possible through PELL Grants, Texas State Grants and other alternative means where students could receive funding. Dr. O'Brien said they must meet certain standards, apply for the funds and be a full-time student.

Dr. O'Brien said essentially the funds that would be raised would go toward scholarships (20 percent), and faculty and staff salaries and benefits (75 percent). He said this would provide a merit pool for the faculty and staff, making market adjustments for faculty and staff and new positions.

Dr. O'Brien said in addition to asking for a tuition increase, they promised they would not increase any fees this year and, in fact, would be reducing their course fees.

He said this next year they would reduce their course fees by \$85,000. He said this follows up on a reduction in course fees the past year of \$285,000. He said they started with course fees somewhere around \$760,000 per year and had reduced these fees by one-third. Dr. O'Brien said they were trying to take care of the cost of going to school through tuition instead of extra fees imposed on students.

Dr. O'Brien said although their range was \$8 to \$16, they settled on \$15 and resettled on \$14. He said the \$14 increases tuition for a full-time student by \$196 per semester.

Ms. Daniel said that last year they asked about the charge for a student taking over 18 hours. She asked what research they found. Dr. O'Brien responded that based upon the numbers; there was not much of a change in the number of credit hours taken by a student that took more than 18 SCHs. He explained that if a student takes 19 credit hours as opposed to 12, 13, 14 or 15, the marginal cost for tuition and fee rate per credit hour were added on to the flat tuition rate.

Ms. Daniel thanked Dr. O'Brien and the WTAMU administration. She said being a student at WTAMU for the past five years she appreciated their efforts especially during the last year. She said there had been a tremendous amount of work and effort from them to inform the students. She said she knew that they had worked closely with student government and that student government had passed proposals asking them to post information on the website. Ms. Daniel said many students who previously had not paid attention to those issues were becoming more informed and attending hearings.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else wanted to comment on the increases in designated tuition at WTAMU. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing on designated tuition at WTAMU was closed.

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center -  
College of Medicine, School of Rural Public Health, Baylor College  
of Dentistry-DDS Program, Dental Hygiene Program  
and Graduate Program, and College of Nursing

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Nancy Dickey, President and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, to discuss public hearings for the Health Science Center (HSC). Dr. Dickey said the HSC held a hearing in College Station with videoconferencing to Temple, Houston, Dallas and Kingsville in order to give students on each of the campuses an opportunity to participate. She said there were a series of questions asked and some questions had come in since then by email and dialogue with the student services division.

Dr. Dickey said they had a variety of fees and increases. She said students in College Station pay some fees that are dictated by their presence on the A&M campus; the pharmacy school pays some fees set by TAMU-K; and some fees are set by the standards of our competition across the state. Dr. Dickey said they believe they are remaining competitive with other professional schools.



Dr. Dickey said the other issue to be addressed was that the College of Nursing fees were all new because this would be a first-time effort this fall. She said many of these (fees) were set on a combination of what it would take to pay for both faculty and consumables and looking at comparators of other schools of nursing in the Central Texas area.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding any of the institutions within the HSC. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for the HSC was closed.

Mr. Stallings commented to Mr. Jones that he was amazed that after making every effort to post the hearings they had so few students that attended.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASES IN GROUP HOSPITAL FEES**

Mr. Jones announced that the Board would conduct public hearings on proposed increases in Group Hospital Fees.

#### Prairie View A&M University

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Wright to discuss the proposed increase in Group Hospital Fees at PVAMU. Dr. Wright said PVAMU was requesting to increase its health center fee by \$6.50/semester in the fall, by the same amount in the spring and by \$1.50/semester in the summer.

Dr. Wright said when he first approached the Board years ago with a designated tuition increase, he asked the Board at the same time to reduce their health center fee to minimize the effect of the designated tuition increase on their students. He said at that time, their health center had a healthy balance reserve and they had been using that reserve to supplement the cost of operation for the last few years. Dr. Wright said these reserves had now been used up so they must have an increase in the fee to avoid some critical losses such as ambulance service.

Dr. Wright said the tuition and fee committee considered this fee increase. He said the group understood and supported the increase. He said the fee was also described at the public hearing held on March 5, 2008.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else wanted to comment on the increase in group hospital fees at PVAMU. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing for increases in group hospital fee at PVAMU was closed.

#### Tarleton State University

Mr. Jones called on Dr. McCabe. Dr. McCabe said the current fee for TSU students was \$3.40/SCH. He said their request was to increase the fee by \$.30 to

\$3.70/SCH. He said this was less than 10 percent. Dr. McCabe said they included the discussion of this fee along with the discussion of other fees on January 17 and January 28, 2008. Dr. McCabe said that there was no opposition to this particular increase. He added that the dollars generated by this fee do not approach taking care of all the expenses that are associated with this service. Dr. McCabe said they would have to find money from other sources to help support serving the students in terms of health coverage.

Mr. Jones asked where they would get the supplemental money. Dr. McCabe responded from pharmaceutical charges.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any other questions or comments. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the public hearing on increase in group hospital fees at TSU was closed.

Texas A&M International University

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Keck who said this was the easiest discussion of all. He said they proposed an increase of \$2.50 for the spring and fall and \$1.25 for the summer. He said that with their rate of growth, there was no way to offer even minimal clinical opportunities for students on campus without this increase. Dr. Keck said that there was no opposition.

Mr. Jones asked if anyone else wanted to comment. There being none, he announced that the public hearing for the proposed increase in the group hospital fees at TAMIU was closed.

Texas A&M University

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Murano. She said they proposed an increase of \$3.25/semester to cover the cost of a 3 percent merit pool for the employees of the hospital facilities and to compensate volunteer emergency medical personnel. She said they were trying to professionalize their operations to make it more effective.

Mr. Stallings asked why there would be such a big difference in the hospital fee at TSU compared to TAMU. Dr. Murano said that there might be a difference in the total fee.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any other questions or comments. There being none, he said the public hearing for the proposed increase in the group hospital fees at TAMU was closed.

Texas A&M University-Kingsville (Designated Tuition – Continued)

Mr. Jones said he realized that Mr. Thomas Bingham, student body president of TAMU-K, had signed up to speak in support of the increase in designated tuition.

Mr. Bingham said they supported the proposed increases. He said that he did not want their silence or participation in presentation to be considered a lack of interest or dissatisfaction. He said in his opinion and in his experience, silence usually was the quiet approval. Mr. Bingham said he guaranteed that if students had a problem or saw something that they did not like, they would make their concerns heard. He said Dr. Juárez and other TAMU-K administration had been nothing but open and honest with them in all issues regarding tuition and fees. He said they placed the presentations on the front page of their website and made it available to all students upon request. He said he had also emailed the presentation to several students. Mr. Bingham said he wanted to let the Board know that the students at TAMU-K supported the increase completely and understood that with their history of reluctance to increase tuition and fees, that it was much needed at this point and would go toward great use.

Texas A&M University at Galveston

Mr. Jones announced that they would now have a hearing on the proposed increase in the group hospital fee at TAMUG. He called on Dr. Loftin who reported that their current fee was \$36 per semester, \$18 for the summer and was purely a contractual pass-through to UT's medical branch in Galveston. He said their fee increase request directly reflects their proposed increase. Dr. Loftin said they were asking for an increase for the fall of \$1.50/semester and \$.75 for the summer.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any questions, concerns or comments. There being none, he said the public hearing for TAMUG was closed.

The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center -  
College of Medicine, School of Rural Public Health, Baylor College  
of Dentistry-DDS Program, Dental Hygiene Program  
and Graduate Program, and College of Nursing

Mr. Jones called on Dr. Dickey to discuss their proposed increase. Dr. Dickey said the request was only for those located in Bryan/College Station. She said the proposed hospital fee mirrors that of TAMU because they use the same facilities.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any questions, concerns or comments. There being none, Mr. Jones announced that the hearing on the proposed increase in the group hospital fee for the HSC was closed.

Mr. Jones said that the Committee on Finance would consider the proposed increases during its discussion and vote on Item 1. He said the Board would take action on this item later that day.

**RECESS**

Mr. Jones recessed the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

*(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Finance reconvened at 2:25 p.m. and adjourned at 2:33 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE**

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 2:33 p.m. He announced that no requests for public testimony had been received in the Board Office.

Mr. Jones called on Mr. Nye to present the report from the Committee on Finance.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

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MINUTE ORDER 043-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 1)

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

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

All public hearings required by law have been properly conducted in accordance with the Texas Education Code.

The requests for increased designated tuition and group hospital and medical services fee for the academic institutions and the health science center of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibit A**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved to be effective with the Fall 2008 semester.

MINUTE ORDER 044-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 2)

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

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

All referendums required by law for increases in student fees have been properly conducted in accordance with the Texas Education Code.

The request for new, increased, and decreased tuition and fees recommended by the academic institutions and the health science center of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibits B** and **C**, copies of which are attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective with the Fall 2008 semester.

MINUTE ORDER 045-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 3)

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

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

The request for new and amended field trip and study abroad fees for the academic institutions and the health science center of The Texas A&M University System as shown on **Exhibit D**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is hereby confirmed.

MINUTE ORDER 046-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 4)

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2009 OPERATING BUDGET GUIDELINES,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Texas A&M University System guidelines for the FY 2009 operating budget, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are hereby adopted.

MINUTE ORDER 047-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 5)

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. White 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. 08-04, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**.

MINUTE ORDER 048-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 6)

**ADOPTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED
SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
REVENUE FINANCING SYSTEM COMMERCIAL PAPER PROGRAM,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Amended and Restated Second Supplemental Resolution authorizing the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System Revenue Financing System Commercial Paper Program, substantially in the form of **Exhibit G**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is adopted. The Associate Vice Chancellor and Treasurer, or other Designated Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of the resolution, all in accordance with the provisions of the resolution.

MINUTE ORDER 049-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 7)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH
A QUASI-ENDOWMENT ENTITLED
“STUDENT MEDIA EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP QUASI-ENDOWMENT,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. White 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 “Student Media Excellence Scholarship Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with funds from the Student Media account, 300750, held at Texas A&M University. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships to worthy and deserving student editors and student staff members of *The Battalion, Aggieland* yearbook, or any other medium that is established by the Student Media Board at Texas A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 050-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 8)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT
FOR DEBIT CARD AND DISBURSEMENT SERVICES,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of Texas A&M University is authorized, upon review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, to execute an agreement to obtain debit card and disbursement services for the University.

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Mr. Jones called on Mr. Foster to present the report from the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant.

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT**

Mr. Foster, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day. He said that the Committee recommended approval of Items 9, 10 and 12 through 22. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 051-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**NAMING OF THE
“KEN WILLIAMS RADIOGENIC ISOTOPE GEOSCIENCES LABORATORY,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Radiogenic Isotope Geosciences Laboratory located in the Halbouty Building on the campus of Texas A&M University, is hereby named the “Ken Williams Radiogenic Isotope Geosciences Laboratory” in honor of Mr. R. Ken Williams ’45.

MINUTE ORDER 052-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**NAMING OF THE
“HORACE C. CABE FOUNDATION TEACHING LABORATORY,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

A room in the new Science and Technology Building, which is scheduled to be completed in April 2008, on the campus of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, is hereby named the “Horace C. Cabe Foundation Teaching Laboratory.”

MINUTE ORDER 053-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**NAMING OF THE
“TEXAR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION STUDY LOUNGE,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

A room in the new Science and Technology Building, which is scheduled to be completed in April 2008, on the campus of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, is hereby named the “TEXAR Federal Credit Union Study Lounge.”

MINUTE ORDER 054-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**NAMING OF THE
“WOMEN FOR A&M TEXARKANA STUDY LOUNGE,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

A room in the new Science and Technology Building, which is scheduled to be completed in April 2008, on the campus of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, is hereby named the “Women for A&M-Texarkana Study Lounge.”

MINUTE ORDER 055-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**NAMING OF THE
“JAMES C. MORRISS, JR. SCIENCE STUDY/PREP LABORATORY,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

A room in the new Science and Technology Building, which is scheduled to be completed in April 2008, on the campus of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, is hereby named the “James C. Morriss, Jr. Science Study/Prep Laboratory.”

MINUTE ORDER 056-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 9)

**NAMING OF THE
“HOWARD AND MINA FUQUA STUDY ROOM,”
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

A room in the new Science and Technology Building, which is scheduled to be completed in April 2008, on the campus of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, is hereby named the “Howard and Mina Fuqua Study Room.”

MINUTE ORDER 057-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 10)

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-FISCAL YEAR 2012
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO
ADD THE VETERINARY IMAGING AND CANCER TREATMENT
CENTER FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY WITH A
FISCAL YEAR 2008 START DATE,
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The request to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008–FY 2012 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the Veterinary Imaging and Cancer Treatment Center for Texas A&M University with a FY 2008 start date and a total planning amount of \$4,500,000 is approved.

The amount of \$450,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-806330, MRI/Linear Accelerator-VMTH (Available University Fund), for preconstruction services and related project costs.

MINUTE ORDER 058-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 12)

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND
APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE
NURSING, HEALTH SCIENCES, AND KINESIOLOGY FACILITY
AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The project scope along with a project budget of \$45,000,000 for the Nursing, Health Sciences and Kinesiology Facility at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas, is approved.

The amount of \$41,050,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (TRB), for construction and related project costs.

The Nursing, Health Sciences and Kinesiology Facility at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Texas, is approved for construction.

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 059-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 13)

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE SIX APARTMENTS IN
THE BUCHANAN APARTMENTS LOCATED IN
ARLINGTON, ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to lease six (6) apartment units in The Buchanan Apartments located at 320 23rd Street South in Arlington, Virginia, in support of the Public Policy Internship Program at Texas A&M University, for a primary term of three (3) years and upon such other terms as the Chancellor or designee deems appropriate.

MINUTE ORDER 060-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 14)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF
0.23 ACRES ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, TO
TEXAS RENT-TEC, INC.,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to sell 0.23 acres, more or less, identified as Lot 1, Block 3, W.J. Taylor Addition to the City of Commerce, Hunt County, Texas, to Texas Rent-Tec, Inc. Consideration for this sale will be a sale price of \$40,000, less necessary closing costs.

MINUTE ORDER 061-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 15)

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF
0.49 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, TO
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE
SIGMA CHI HOUSING CORPORATION,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to sell 0.49 acres, more or less, identified as Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Neal Lexa Addition to the City of Commerce, Hunt County, Texas, to TAMU-C Sigma Chi Housing Corporation. Consideration for this sale will be a sale price of \$66,200, less necessary closing costs.

MINUTE ORDER 062-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 16)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE, HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, after obtaining approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is authorized to execute and deliver all documents, and to take all other actions necessary to purchase the land and improvements municipally known as 1611 W. Neal Street, being described as Tract 28 out of the J. Milsap Survey, Abstract No. 781, Commerce, Hunt County, Texas. The form of the purchase contract and the documents of conveyance must be approved for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel. The purchase price of \$250,000, plus closing costs, is hereby approved.

MINUTE ORDER 063-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 17)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS
AT 1611 VANDERBILT STREET, CITY OF STEPHENVILLE,
ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, after obtaining approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is authorized to execute and deliver all documents, and to take all other actions, necessary to purchase the land and improvements municipally known as 1611 Vanderbilt Street, being described as Lot 8, Block 36, College View Addition, Stephenville, Erath County, Texas. The form of the purchase contract and the documents of conveyance must be approved for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel. The purchase price of \$575,000, plus closing costs, is hereby 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 064-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 18)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS AT
1621 VANDERBILT STREET, CITY OF STEPHENVILLE,
ERATH COUNTY, TEXAS,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Foster, 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 (Board) has determined that it is necessary and proper for the A&M System to acquire by purchase or through condemnation proceedings if necessary, the property and improvements located at 1621 Vanderbilt Street, and being described as Lots 4 and 5, Block 36, College View Addition, Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, at a price not to exceed \$2,000,000, or as determined through the condemnation proceedings. Acquisition of the property will serve the public purpose of expanding the university campus and providing a site for a nursing building.

The Board authorizes the Chancellor, or designee, to (i) obtain the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to acquire the property through purchase or condemnation, if necessary, (ii) execute all documents to purchase the property or, if necessary, to initiate a condemnation action through the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, or designee, and the A&M System Office of General Counsel, (iii) pay into the registry of the court having jurisdiction such sums as may be awarded as compensation for the property in a condemnation proceeding, if necessary, and (iv) take all further actions the Chancellor, or designee, deems necessary or advisable to acquire the property.

The 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 065-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 19)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND LEASE OF
OFFICE AND CLASSROOM SPACE IN THE QUORUM WEST BUILDING
LOCATED AT 6777 CAMP BOWIE BOULEVARD,
CITY OF FORT WORTH, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to amend the current lease of space in the Quorum West Building located at 6777 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, to add approximately 9,138 square feet of office and classroom space for the use and benefit of Tarleton State University. The rental rate for the remainder of the primary term is \$22.03 per square foot per year, including half of the estimated finish-out costs. Remaining finish-out costs to be paid by Tarleton State University at the time of occupancy are estimated to be \$231,919 (plus any or all of a 10 percent contingency for unforeseeable circumstances). The total rental and finish-out costs for the remaining primary term of this lease are estimated to be \$943,164.

MINUTE ORDER 066-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 20)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE TO
WWC LICENSE LLC FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER,
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, is authorized to take all steps necessary to lease 8,000 square feet, more or less, on the campus of West Texas A&M University to WWC License LLC for the construction of a telecommunications tower. The primary term of the lease will be five years, and the tenant will have the option to renew the term of the lease for five additional periods of five years each. The base rental rate during the primary term will be \$600 per month, increasing by ten percent for each renewal period. The tenant will also pay \$100 per month, increasing by ten percent each renewal period, for each approved subtenant that is not a nonprofit public safety entity or private, noncommercial ham radio operator.

MINUTE ORDER 067-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 21)

**AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE
APPROXIMATELY 21,000 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE
IN THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS,
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to take all steps necessary to lease approximately 21,000 square feet of space in the Valley Park Center, located at 400 Harvey Mitchell Parkway South, College Station, Texas, for a primary term of six (6) years, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Chancellor, or designee, deems appropriate.

MINUTE ORDER 068-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 22)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF
0.841 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN
GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS,
TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following review and approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to accept a gift of land containing 0.841 acres, more or less, in Gonzales County, Texas, from Dr. Sam Glass and Mrs. Sally Glass. This gift will be subject to a reversionary interest in favor of the grantors if the property is no longer used as a diagnostic laboratory facility by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

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Mr. Jones called on Ms. Steen to present the report from the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

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

Ms. Steen, Chair of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the Committee met earlier that same day and approved Items 23 through 29. The Board took action as set forth below:

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MINUTE ORDER 069-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 23)

**APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND QATAR UNIVERSITY
FOR A MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.Ed.) IN CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL
FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a Dual Degree Program Agreement between Texas A&M University and Qatar University for a Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Curriculum and Instruction.

The Board also authorizes the submission of this Dual Degree Program Agreement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

MINUTE ORDER 070-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 24)

**APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A STEP 1 COOPERATIVE DOCTORAL (Ed.D.)
PROGRAM AGREEMENT IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
BETWEEN TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITY AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Steen, seconded by Mr. White 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 Step 1 Cooperative Doctoral (Ed.D.) Program Agreement in Curriculum and Instruction between Texas A&M University and Texas A&M International University.

The Board also authorizes submission of this degree program agreement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

MINUTE ORDER 071-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 25)

APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A STEP 1 COOPERATIVE DOCTORAL (Ed.D.) PROGRAM AGREEMENT IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION BETWEEN TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

On motion of Ms. Steen, seconded by Mr. White 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 Step 1 Cooperative Doctoral (Ed.D.) Program Agreement in Educational Administration between Texas A&M University and Texas A&M International University.

The Board also authorizes submission of this degree program agreement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

MINUTE ORDER 072-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 26)

APPROVAL OF NEW JOINT MS AND PhD DEGREE PROGRAMS IN MARINE BIOLOGY AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of new joint MS and PhD degree programs at Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, and Texas A&M University at Galveston in Marine Biology.

The Board also authorizes submission of this degree program proposal request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval, and certifies that all applicable Coordinating Board criteria have been met.

MINUTE ORDER 073-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 27)

APPROVAL OF A NEW BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi leading to a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree.

The Board also authorizes the submission of 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 074-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 28)

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

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

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana leading to a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

The Board also authorizes submission of 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 075-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 29)

**APPROVAL OF REVISED 42-HOUR CORE CURRICULUM IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CRITERIA APPROVED BY
THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents approves Tarleton State University's revised 42-semester credit hour Core Curriculum as outlined in **Exhibit H**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, effective with the fall semester 2008.

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

**REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

Mr. White, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, reported that the Committee met earlier that same day. He said that they received reports from the Chancellor's office, but no resolution was passed at that time; therefore, there was no motion to be made.

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Mr. Jones called on Mr. Stallings to present the report from the Policy Review Committee.

REPORT FROM THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Stallings, Chairman of the Policy Review Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier the same day and the committee recommended approval of Item 30. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 076-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 61.01  
(PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT COMPLIANCE),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revisions to System Policy 61.01 (*Public Information Act Compliance*), as shown in **Exhibit I**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

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Mr. Jones called on Ms. Steen to present the report from the Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement Committee.

**REPORT FROM THE CAMPUS ART AND
AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Steen, Chair of the Campus Art and Aesthetic Improvement Committee reported that the Committee met earlier that same day and approved Item 31. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 077-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE  
ACCEPTANCE AND PLACEMENT OF THE SCULPTURE,  
“ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS,”  
AT THE CORNETTE LIBRARY,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The President of West Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to approve the acceptance and placement of the sculpture, “On the Shoulders of Giants,” at the Cornette Library on the West Texas A&M University campus as indicated on the site map, **Exhibit J**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Jones called on Dr. McKinney to present Items 32, 33, and 35 through 37. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 078-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Stallings 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 for the faculty members as shown in **Exhibit K**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2009, Texas A&M University.

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Mr. Stallings commented that he understood development leave. He asked who teaches the courses when faculty members are on development leave and was it fair to the students if they were looking forward to taking a classes from a certain professor. Dr. McKinney responded that TAMU was so large that they have other people who would pick up the courses. He said the intent of the leave was that it was a benefit to the students when they (professors) come back because they are better read and written. Mr. Stallings said he was concerned about the student who misses a course taught by a specific professor, and asked who would teach them. He said that the person leaving is an expert in that area or he would not be on the faculty.

Dr. Murano responded that out of the 70 people, 59 of them were taking leave for one semester. She said this meant that their teaching was not affected very much because they can accommodate their teaching. She said that accommodations were made by the department. Dr. Murano said when a professor applies for faculty development leave; they have to arrange with their department head that someone will cover their teaching. She said that if someone cannot cover their teaching, they would not get leave. Mr. Stallings asked if that someone was as good as he or she was. He said that if a student comes here to get the expertise of what we have and now all of a sudden he or she is not there, he asked if they charge the same price. Dr. Murano responded in the affirmative. She said that they believe that whomever they have to take up that person's teaching assignment would do as good a job. She said this was subjective and she could not say that there would not be a difference. Dr. Murano said that sometimes it might be that the person taking their job was going to do a better job than the person taking the leave did.

Mr. Stallings asked if the person teaching the course was not teaching as many hours as he/she could because they were taking over someone else's course. Dr. Murano responded in the negative, and said they might have to double up and do extra, but their turn would come when they needed to take leave.

Mr. Jones said if you are going to have an academic institution of the highest order, you allow your professors to do this, but there was some sacrifice that had to be made.

Mr. Stallings asked if there was any additional expense to having someone take up the slack. Dr. McKinney responded that there was no additional expense, since they were on the payroll already. He said that sometimes they have to hire adjunct professors, which would mean an additional expense. Dr. Murano said there were 11 people on the list that were taking a two-semester leave and the university would only pay for one semester of their salary. She said that they have to get the other semester paid for by a grant or some other means. Dr. Murano said that they actually save money when people take leave.

Dr. McKinney said speaking for the regional universities not just TAMU, there was a statutory limit on the 6 percent. He said the truth is that there is additional expense because they do not have as many faculty members. He said if you take 20 classes, and put them on the professors that are already teaching four classes, it creates more of an issue because the university is smaller.

Mr. Stallings questioned why they do not do this in the summer when there are not near as many students on campus.

Ms. Daniel commented that as a student, when you plan your schedule of classes, at WTAMU they have a two-year rotation so you already know that a class is offered once every other year or only in the fall or spring. She said they plan accordingly. Ms. Daniel said there was still an opportunity for the students to have more information if they wanted a certain professor.

Mr. Stallings commented that when he attended school, many of the courses were prerequisite to the next one and you did not have the luxury of waiting a year to take it, if you wanted to graduate in four years.

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**MINUTE ORDER 079-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Stallings 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 for the faculty members as shown in **Exhibit L**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2009, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

**MINUTE ORDER 080-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Stallings 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 M**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as, Tenure List No. 08-04.

**MINUTE ORDER 081-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Stallings 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 the individuals as shown in **Exhibit N**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Emeritus Title List No. 08-04, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 082-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 37)**

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

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Stallings 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 Presidents of member universities are authorized to appoint and commission campus peace officers in accordance with the requirements of the law, subject to confirmation by the Board of Regents, as shown in **Exhibit O**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 083-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
JANUARY 24-25, 2008, REGULAR BOARD MEETING; AND  
NOVEMBER 21, 2007, AND JANUARY 3, 2008,  
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETINGS,  
BOARD OF REGENTS THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Minutes of the January 24-25, 2008, Regular Board Meeting; and November 21, 2007 and January 3, 2008, Special Telephonic Meetings are hereby approved.

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Mr. Jones called on Dr. Murano to present Items 39 through 41. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 084-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. ROSS D. MARGRAVES, JR.,  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective April 1, 2008, Mr. Ross D. Margraves, Jr. '63 is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.



**MINUTE ORDER 085-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 40)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. WAYNE H. PRESCOTT  
TO THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON  
BOARD OF VISITORS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective April 1, 2008, Mr. Wayne H. Prescott '69 is hereby appointed to the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors for a term of three years.

**MINUTE ORDER 086-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MR. JERRY S. COX  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND  
SERVICE AS A TRUSTEE OF THE TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Jerry S. Cox, a member of the Class of 1972, has served Texas A&M University with honor and distinction in a variety of capacities; and

Whereas, Mr. Cox earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas A&M, where he served in the Corps of Cadets and was named "Outstanding Cadet," and also in 2000 was awarded an honorary doctorate of law from Pepperdine University, and in 2002 earned a master's degree in theological studies from Houston Baptist University; and

Whereas, Mr. Cox is a leader of remarkable capability who in 1977 founded Cox & Perkins Exploration, Inc., of which he is president and chairman of the board, and as such has shaped a reputation as an astute and honest investor and businessman, directing the drilling and operation of more than 400 wells and broad on-shore exploration programs in Texas and Louisiana; and

Whereas, Mr. Cox serves graciously on the Hydril Company Board of Directors, the Pepperdine University Board of Regents, the Medina Children's Home Board of Directors, and also as an elder for the West Houston Church of Christ; and

Whereas, Mr. Cox is a Silver Century Club member of The Association of Former Students, contributing to its Annual Fund for more than 30 years, and in 2005 earning the title of Texas A&M Distinguished Alumni; and

Whereas, Mr. Cox is a major donor to and leader of the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Foundation, serving its Executive Committee from 1993 to 1997, with a term as president in 1996, and therefore is a member of its Council of Past Presidents; and is the chairman of the Championship Vision Athletics Capital Campaign Phase II; and with a landmark donation helped to build the Cox-McFerrin Center for Aggie Basketball; and

Whereas, Mr. Cox since 1998 has served as the Vision 2020 co-chairman, working to ensure the continuing development of Texas A&M; and also was co-chairman of the successful seven-year One Spirit One Vision Campaign, which raised \$1.5 billion for Texas A&M; and

Whereas, Mr. Cox is a trusted friend to the Mays Business School, was named Outstanding Alumni of the School in 1998 and is a member of its Development Council; and with his wife Kay '02, created the Jerry and Kay Cox Endowed Chair in Business and the Jerry and Kay Cox Graduate Business Center, and also contributed to the expansion of the Wehner Building; and has generously funded the MBA program through graduate fellowships; and

Whereas, Jerry and Kay Cox also enthusiastically support the College of Education, creating the Jerry and Kay Cox Middle School Endowment; and work to sustain many other Texas A&M programs, such as the Corps of Cadets Center, Nueces County A&M Club scholarships, and university special gifts; and

Whereas, Mr. Cox will from this day forward be known as a vital partner to the Texas A&M Foundation, recognized as a Pillar Donor and a member of the Legacy and Heritage Societies; and as a devoted and trusted member of its Board of Trustees since 2001, with a term as chairman in 2006; and as a donor to the President's Endowed Scholarship and the Foundation Excellence Award; and who also has planned generous gifts from a living trust to the Texas A&M Foundation and the 12<sup>th</sup> Man Foundation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System gratefully recognize the outstanding dedication and service of Mr. Cox as a Trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation and his lifelong efforts to maintain the margin of excellence that defines Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M Foundation; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Mr. Cox and to the Archives of Texas A&M University as an expression of great appreciation and respect for Mr. Jerry S. Cox '72.

**MINUTE ORDER 087-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 42)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-2007 BASEBALL TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Justin Graham was named to the All-Lone Star Conference First Team and the All-South Central Region Second Team; and

Whereas, Coby Corley and Jessie Rodriguez were named to the All-LSC Second Team; and

Whereas, Brian Schupp was given All-LSC Honorable Mention; and

Whereas, A.J. Knight and Justin Graham were named to the LSC All-Academic Team; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Baseball 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 088-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 43)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-2007 EQUESTRIAN TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Western Team placed sixth nationally and the Hunt Seat Team placed thirteenth nationally; and

Whereas, Shannon Lee won the Reserve National Championship in Advanced Western Horsemanship; and

Whereas, Laura Wilder placed sixth nationally in the Walk Trot Canter competition; and

Whereas, Courtney Douglas placed third nationally in Advanced Western Horsemanship; and

Whereas, Whitney Agee placed fourth nationally in Advanced Western Horsemanship; and

Whereas, Whitney Fouts placed sixth nationally in Open Horsemanship; now, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Equestrian 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 089-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 44)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-2007 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Coach Rick Cooper was named Lone Star Conference South Division Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, Damien Lolar was named LSC South Division Player of the Year, All-LSC First Team member, Daktronics Co-South Central Region Player of the Year, Daktronics All-America Second Team member, NABC Division II All-Star game invitee and College Basketball Invitational All-Star game invitee; and

Whereas, Tyler Cooper was named LSC Academic Player of the Year, LSC All-Academic Team member and CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First Team member; and

Whereas, three players – Tyler Cooper, Chris Hinz and Kevin “Chip” Green – were given All-LSC Honorable Mention; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Men’s Basketball 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 090-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 45)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-2007 MEN’S GOLF TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Men’s Golf Team recorded their highest finish of the season at the WTAMU Men’s Invitational with second place; and

Whereas, Kent Neal finished first place at the WTAMU Men’s Invitational as an individual; and

Whereas, the Men’s Golf Team finished seventh place at the 2007 Lone Star Conference Championships; and

Whereas, Kent Neal recorded WTAMU’s top finish at the 2007 Lone Star Conference in 11<sup>th</sup> place; and

Whereas, Kent Neal was invited to the NCAA Division II South/South Central Super Regional Tournament based on his individual score at the Lone Star Conference Tournament; and

Whereas, Kent Neal was named Honorable Mention All-Lone Star Conference; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Men’s Golf 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 091-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 46)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-2007 MEN'S SOCCER TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2006-2007 West Texas A&M University Men's Soccer Team was named the 2007 Southwest Soccer Conference Co-Champions; and

Whereas, four players – Kenneth Christensen, Ben Everson, Jacob Fynboe Jensen and Tommy Nutter – were named to the All-SCC First Team and five players – Rene Gomez, Itamar Keinan, Tomer Otor, Shane Taylor and Aaron Thornton – were named to the All-SCC Second Team; and

Whereas, Ben Everson was named SSC Freshman of the Year; and

Whereas, Kenneth Christensen and Jacob Fynboe Jensen were named to the SSC All-Academic Team; and

Whereas, Kenneth Christensen was named SSC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year, SSC Defensive Player of the Year and a member of the Daktronics NCAA Division II All-America Third Team; and

Whereas, Austin Ridling and Adi Dzebic were named to the SCC Commissioner's Honor Roll; and

Whereas, Jacob Fynboe Jensen was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First Team; and

Whereas, Kenneth Christensen and Aaron Thornton were named to the Daktronics All-Midwest Region First Team and Tomer Otor was named to the Daktronics All-Midwest Region Second Team; and

Whereas, three players – Kenneth Christensen, Ben Everson and Tommy Nutter – were named to the NSCAA/adidas All-Midwest Region First Team; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Men's Soccer 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 092-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 47)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-2007 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Coach Krista Gerlich was named Lone Star Conference South Division Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, Emily Brister was named LSC South Division Player of the Year, All-LSC First Team member, NCAA Division II South Central Region Player of the Year, NCAA Division II South Central Region First Team member, NCAA Division II Kodak/WBCA All-America Honorable Mention, CoSIDA/Daktronics All-America First Team member, the 2007 LSC Female Athlete of the Year and CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First Team member; and

Whereas, Natalie Wheeler was named to the All-LSC Second Team and three players – Kara Pridey, Jennifer Brock and Courtney Lee – were given All-LSC Honorable Mention; and

Whereas, Emily Brister and Kylee Aleman were named to the LSC All-Academic Team; and

Whereas, four players – Jennifer Brock, Kara Pridey, Natalie Wheeler and Courtney Lee – were named to the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll; and

Whereas, Emily Brister and Courtney Lee were named Arthur Ashe, Jr. Sports Scholars; and

Whereas, Kylee Aleman was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Second Team; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Women's Basketball 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 093-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 48)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-2007 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Jisel Bailon was named an Arthur Ashe, Jr. Sports Scholar; and

Whereas, Dorane Young was named to the Lone Star Conference All-Academic Team; and

Whereas, Jisel Bailon, Belinda Castanon and Kristie Hartsfield were named to the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Women's Cross Country 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.



**MINUTE ORDER 094-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 49)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-2007 WOMEN’S SOCCER TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2006-2007 West Texas A&M University Women’s Soccer Team won the 2007 Lone Star Conference Championship; and

Whereas, five players – Taylor Cromeens, Miriam Dominguez, Jenelle Nedd, Kayla Sisco and Adi Stein – were named to the LSC Tournament All-Tournament Team; and

Whereas, Miriam Dominguez was named the LSC Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

Whereas, five players – Jessica Hartley, Sarah Pipkin, Eti Sages, Kayla Sisco and Megan Szydoski – were named to the LSC Commissioner’s Honor Roll; and

Whereas, Adi Stein was named to the All-LSC First Team; and

Whereas, Megan Szydoski was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Second Team; and

Whereas, Elisabeth Markussen was named the LSC Co-Offensive Player of the Year and also named to the Daktronics All-Midwest Region Second Team and the NSCAA/adidas All-Midwest Region First Team; and

Whereas, Kayla Sisco and Adi Stein were named to the NSCAA/adidas All-Midwest Region Second Team; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Women’s Soccer 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 095-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 50)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2006-2007 SOFTBALL TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Brooke Guidry was named to the All-Lone Star Conference First Team; and

Whereas, three players – Kelsi Jensen, Breanna Adams and Jenny Matulich – were given All-LSC Honorable Mention; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Softball 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 096-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 51)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2007 CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING SOCIETY,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2007 West Texas A&M University Chapter of the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) attended the Region 4 Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in November 2007; and

Whereas, the West Texas A&M University Chapter won more than 40 awards and earned the right to advance to the national NBS competition in spring 2008; and

Whereas, twenty students – Jacob Albracht, Holly Bates, Jorge Calvo, Josh Chambers, Eric Cruz, Katie Eddins, Roushell Hamilton, Sam Ireifej, Jacqueline Keenan-Kingston, Ryan Leedy, Kaleb Leija, Hayden Link, Ashley Littlejohn, Krissy Mailman, Charly Martin, Chancely Stater, Timothy Stevens, Johnny Story and Michael Verett – won first-place awards in audio production, video production and web design; and

Whereas, West Texas A&M's NBS Chapter also won nineteen second-place awards, five third-place awards and twelve honorable mentions in audio production, video production and web design; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of Dr. Leigh Browning, associate professor and director of broadcasting, and Randy Ray, assistant director of broadcasting, resulted in the chapter's outstanding accomplishments and regional 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, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Chapter of the National Broadcasting Society 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 097-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 52)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2007 FOOTBALL TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2007 West Texas A&M University Football team won the Lone Star Conference Championship for the third consecutive year; and

Whereas, Coach Don Carthel was named LSC Co-Coach of the Year and AFCA Region Four Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, six players – Jared Brock, Keithon Flemming, Bret Jones, Charly Martin, Brandon Swain and Cashmin Thomas – were named to the All-LSC First Team; and

Whereas, eight players – Steve Allen, Ryan Glenday, Eldon Grimslid, Darnell Johnson, Jon Roberts, Eddison Robertson, Pat Schwenke and Arseel Shakoor – were named to the All-LSC Second Team; and

Whereas, five players – Floyd Headen, Wayne McKnight, Keith Null, A.J. Ruffins and Daniel Sherwood – were given All-LSC Honorable mention; and

Whereas, Brandon Swain was named LSC Defensive Lineman of the Year and a member of the AFCA Division II All-America First Team; and

Whereas, Jared Brock was named LSC Linebacker of the Year and a member of the Daktronics Football All-America Second Team; and

Whereas, Keithon Flemming was named LSC Freshman of the Year; and

Whereas, four players – Jared Brock, Mark Ford, Kolt Kittley, Charly Martin and Keith Null – were named to the LSC All-Academic Team; and

Whereas, Keith Null was named LSC South Academic Player of the Year; and

Whereas, Matthew Manley was named to the LSC South Commissioner’s Honor Roll; and

Whereas, Jared Brock, Kolo Kapanui and Brandon Swain were named to the Daktronics All-Southwest Region First Team and Charly Martin and Cashmin Thomas were named to the Daktronics All-Southwest Region Second Team; and

Whereas, Kolo Kapanui and Brandon Swain were named to the Daktronics Football All-America First Team; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Football 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 098-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 53)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2007 FORENSICS TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2007 West Texas A&M University Forensics Team attended the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association Fall State Tournament in Lubbock, Texas; and

Whereas, the West Texas A&M University Forensics Team was named as the overall State Champion team; and

Whereas, the West Texas A&M University Forensics Team won six of thirteen state championships; and

Whereas, students Megan Loden and Matt Kennedy were named State Champions in Parliamentary Debate; and

Whereas, ten students – Nicole Cooper, Fabian Dominguez, Craig Dudley, Eva Harder, Matt Kennedy, Megan Loden, Chris Oldenburg, Jack Pine, Andrew Richards, and Kirk Scarbrough – each placed in individual events throughout the tournament; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Forensics 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 099-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 54)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2007 HORSE JUDGING TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2007 West Texas A&M University Horse Judging Team has excelled in skill and master in horse judging; and

Whereas, the West Texas A&M University Horse Judging Team was High Team at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio, October 17, 2007; and

Whereas, it was the Third High Team at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 14, 2007; and

Whereas, it capped its season with a seventh consecutive championship performance at the National Reining Horse Association Championship in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 29 and 30, 2007; and

Whereas, Amanda Browning was High Individual at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and the National Reining Horse Association, Renee Gradert was Second High Individual at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress, and Toree Winchell was Second High Individual at the National Reining Horse Association; and

Whereas, the work and encouragement of the team's coaches, Dr. John Pipkin and Ms. Courtney Douglas, resulting in the team's outstanding accomplishments in bringing national recognition to the University; now, therefore, be it

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

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

**MINUTE ORDER 100-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 55)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2007 VOLLEYBALL TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, The Lady Buff won a second consecutive Lone Star Conference Championship and advanced to their second straight NCAA-II Final Four; and

Whereas, team member Laura Prinsen was named Lone Star Conference Offensive Player of the Year; and

Whereas, Katie Rickwartz was named LSC Co-Setter of the Year and a member of the AVCA Southwest All-Regional Team; and

Whereas, Coach Tony Graystone was named LSC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year and the AVCA Southwest Regional Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, four players – Sara Contreras, Melissa Harper, Laura Prinsen and Katie Rickwartz – were named to the All-LSC First Team; and

Whereas, Katie Rickwartz and Laura Prinsen were named to the Daktronics NCAA Division II All-Southwest Region First Team; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Volleyball 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

**MINUTE ORDER 101-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 56)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2008 SYMPHONIC BAND,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2008 West Texas A&M University Symphonic Band performed at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio, Texas, on February 14, 2008; and

Whereas, the 2008 West Texas A&M University Symphonic Band has been selected to perform a state-wide record twelve times, competing against Division 1 schools, at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention; and

Whereas, a band is only eligible to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention once every four years, wherein the eligible schools for that year submit a recording of their bands and compete in a blind audition, wherein eleven university bands are eligible each year with only the top three bands being selected; and

Whereas, no other university band has performed at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention as many times as the West Texas A&M University Symphonic Band, which is a testament to the quality of applied lesson instruction of the entire music department; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the West Texas A&M University Symphonic Band 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 be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to each member of the team and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

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Mr. Jones called on Dr. McKinney to present Items 57 through 59 and 63. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 102-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 57)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT TO  
EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS WITH  
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACHES KIRK D. DOLL AND  
AUSTIN JOE KINES, JR.,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

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

Kirk D. Doll – Assistant Football Coach  
Austin Joe Kines, Jr. – Assistant Football Coach



**MINUTE ORDER 103-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 58)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. RUSSELL A. GIBBS  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

Effective April 1, 2008, Dr. Russell A. Gibbs is hereby appointed Vice President for Development, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, at an initial salary of \$160,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 104-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 59)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MS. SUE SHAHAN  
AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE**

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

Effective immediately, Ms. Sue Shahan is hereby appointed Deputy Director of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, at an initial annual salary of \$158,140.

**MINUTE ORDER 105-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 63)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. TAMMY BECKHAM  
AS THE SOLE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE  
TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Dr. Tammy Beckham is hereby named the sole finalist for the position of Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory of The Texas A&M University System. As required by state law, final action may be taken after the 21-day notice is given.

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Mr. Jones announced that the Board would consider and vote on Items 38, 60 through 62, 64 and 65. He said that Items 38 and 60 through 62 would be considered in executive session.

Mr. Jones said that Items 60 through 62 regarded the possible naming of finalists for the positions of Presidents of TSU, TAMU-C and TAMU-T. He said that Item 64 regarded the naming of a facility on the TAMUG campus; and Item 65 regarded the re-election of outside directors of the Heep Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Jones announced that the next regular meeting was scheduled for May 22-23, 2008, on the campus of TAMU.

RECESS

Mr. Jones recessed the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Board reconvened in executive session from 4:30 p.m. until 6:55 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2008, and again on Friday, March 28, 2008, from 8:08 a.m. until 11:33 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 11:38 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Bill Jones, Chairman
Mr. John D. White, Vice Chairman
Mr. Morris Foster
Mr. Lupe Fraga
Mr. J.L. Huffines
Mr. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Jim Wilson
Ms. Cassie Daniel, Student Regent

Mr. Jones announced that a quorum of the Board was present. He said that the Board had met in executive session on Thursday, March 27, 2008, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:55 p.m. and today, March 28, 2008, from 8:08 a.m. until 11:33 a.m. Mr. Jones said that in executive session the Board considered Items 38 and 60 through 62 and conferred with the Chancellor, several System and University administrators and our attorneys on personnel and legal matters.

Mr. Jones said that Item 60, which was considered in executive session, was the consideration of any and all things leading to the selection of the president of TSU, including possible action to name the finalist(s) for the position of president of TSU. He called for a motion to name the finalist for this position.

Mr. White made a motion to nominate Dr. Dominic Dottavio, president of Heidelberg College, as the finalist for the position of president of TSU. He said as required by state law, final action would be taken after 21-day notice was given. Mr. Nye seconded the motion.

Mr. Jones asked if there was any discussion. He announced that the motion was on the floor and asked who was in favor of the nomination and who was opposed. There was no opposition. Mr. Jones announced that the nomination had been approved. The record of the vote is as follows:

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**MINUTE ORDER 106-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 60)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. DOMINIC DOTTAVIO  
AS THE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF  
PRESIDENT OF TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Dr. Dominic Dottavio is hereby named as the finalist for the position of President of Tarleton State University. As required by state law, final action will be taken after 21-day notice is given.

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Mr. Jones said that Item 61, considered in executive session, was the consideration of any and all things leading to the selection of the president of TAMU-C, including possible action to name the finalist(s) for the position of president of TAMU-C. He called for a motion to name the finalist for this position.

Mr. White made a motion to nominate the current provost and vice president for academic affairs at TAMIU, Dr. Dan Jones, as the finalist for the position of president of TAMU-C. He said as required by state law, final action would be taken after 21-day notice is given. Mr. Nye seconded the motion.

Mr. Jones asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Mr. Jones announced that the motion was on the floor and asked who was in favor of the nomination and who was opposed. There was no opposition.

Mr. Jones announced that the nomination was approved. The record of the vote is as follows:

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**MINUTE ORDER 107-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 61)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. DAN JONES  
AS THE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF  
PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Dr. Dan Jones is hereby named as the finalist for the position of President of Texas A&M University-Commerce. As required by state law, final action will be taken after 21-day notice is given.

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Mr. Jones said that Item 62, considered in executive session was the consideration of any and all things leading to the selection of the president of TAMU-T, including possible action to name the finalist(s) for the position of president of TAMU-T. He called for a motion to name a finalist for this position.

Mr. Nye made a motion to nominate Dr. Carlisle Baxter Rathburn, III as the sole finalist for the position of president of TAMU-T. He said that as required by state law, final action would be taken after 21-day notice was given. Mr. Nye pointed out that Dr. Rathburn had a 27-year history of service at community colleges in Georgia, Texas, and Florida. His experience included 11 years in a vice presidential position and over 12 years as president and CEO of two colleges in Texas and Georgia. Dr. Rathburn currently serves as the president and CEO of Savannah Technical College. Mr. White seconded the motion.

Mr. Jones asked if there was any discussion. There was none. Mr. Jones announced that the motion was on the floor and asked who was in favor of the nomination and who was opposed. There was no opposition.

Mr. Jones announced that the nomination had been approved. The record of the vote is as follows:

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**MINUTE ORDER 108-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 62)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. CARLISLE BAXTER RATHBURN, III  
AS THE FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF  
PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Dr. Carlisle Baxter Rathburn is hereby named as the finalist for the position of President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana. As required by state law, final action will be taken after 21-day notice is given.

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Mr. Jones, on behalf of the Board of Regents, said that they appreciated the effort put into the selection process for three universities simultaneously by Dr. McKinney and his staff, the local individuals from the various regions that were affected by these presidential searches and the members of the Board who served on those search committees. He said these individuals worked hard and diligently and did an outstanding job. Mr. Jones said that it made their job easier in determining the best person for the various campuses.

Mr. Jones said that Dr. Frank Ashley, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, had done a yeoman's work on this particular job search and came back to them with excellent candidates.

Mr. Jones presented Item 64. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 109-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 64)**

**NAMING OF THE  
"POWELL MARINE ENGINEERING COMPLEX,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON**

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

The Marine Engineering Research Complex (Building 3027) on the campus of Texas A&M University at Galveston, is hereby named the “Powell Marine Engineering Complex” in honor of Thomas W. Powell '62.

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Mr. Jones presented Item 65. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 110-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 65)**

**RE-ELECTION OF  
H.C. (DULIE) BELL, FRANK W. DENIUS AND JOHN MOBLEY  
AS DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD OF THE  
HERMAN F. HEEP AND MINNIE BELLE HEEP TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION,  
BOARD OF REGENTS THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

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

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Mr. Jones announced that the Board would postpone action on Item 38. He asked if there was any new business to come before the Board. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. White and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

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