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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
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CONVENE – THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008

Mr. Bill Jones, Chairman, convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 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. Erle Nye
Mr. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Jim Wilson
Ms. Cassie Daniel, Student Regent (*joined the meeting at 1:51 p.m.*)

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

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 (including Item 62); 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 58 through 61).

Mr. Jones said 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 10:34 a.m. until 11:36 a.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 1:51 p.m. in Room 292 of the Memorial Student Center (MSC) and announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

INVOCATION

Mr. Jones called on Ms. Lisa Gorzycki, a May 2007 graduate currently pursuing a Master's degree in Sport Management, who presented the invocation.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Jones introduced Dr. Tammy Beckham, Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL), who was attending her first meeting.

Mr. Jones said several retirees were being honored, each of whom had given a great deal of time to the System, the State of Texas and our nation. Mr. Jones said the Board wanted them to know how much they were appreciated for what they had done for the System.

Mr. Jones presented Items 48 and 50 through 54. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 118-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 48)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. LEO SAYAVEDRA  
AND CONFERRING THE TITLES OF VICE CHANCELLOR  
FOR ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS EMERITUS AND  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY,  
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:

Whereas, in 1960, Dr. Leo Sayavedra began his career in Texas public education as a teacher of chemistry, physics and mathematics while coaching high school football and basketball; and

Whereas, from his early years as a Texas public school teacher through his position as Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs for The Texas A&M University System, Dr. Sayavedra has championed the cause of accessible, affordable public school education and higher education for all Texas citizens; and



Whereas, he earned a B.A. in Mathematics and Chemistry from Trinity University in 1960, a M.Ed. from North Texas State University in 1968 and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from The University of Texas at Austin in 1976; and

Whereas, Dr. Sayavedra began his career in higher education as Instructor of Education in 1972 at Texas A&I University at Laredo (subsequently Laredo State University and presently Texas A&M International University), was promoted to Dean of the University in 1977 and Vice President for Academic Affairs in 1985; and

Whereas, Dr. Sayavedra has given The Texas A&M University System 20 years of honorable and dedicated service, beginning in 1988 as President of Laredo State University (presently Texas A&M International University); and

Whereas, Dr. Sayavedra was the pioneer in the ground breaking research that indicated how underserved the children were in South Texas as compared to the rest of the state and nation; and

Whereas, with courage and foresight attacked the problem head on by addressing the problem at the local, state and national levels and was instrumental in bringing higher education and graduate programs to thousands of young Hispanics who had no access to higher education; and

Whereas, he helped bring about the merger of The University System of South Texas with The Texas A&M University System in 1989 and the name change to Texas A&M International University in 1993; and

Whereas, Dr. Sayavedra was instrumental in directing the transition of Texas A&M International University from an upper level university to a four-year university and in obtaining significant funding from the Texas Legislature, as well as successful private fundraising; and

Whereas, during his tenure as President of Texas A&M International, Dr. Sayavedra managed the design, construction and opening of the first new university campus built in Texas in 25 years; and

Whereas, after his service at Texas A&M International, he served as Deputy Chancellor for Academic Institutions and Agencies with The Texas A&M University System; and

Whereas, his most recent position with the A&M System was Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs from 1999 to 2007; and

Whereas, Dr. Sayavedra provided A&M System leadership and guidance on issues relating to program development, faculty and students and also represented the A&M System to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

Whereas, he has been a recognized, acknowledged and respected leader in higher education in Texas for four decades; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, hereby confer the titles of Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Emeritus of The Texas A&M University System and President Emeritus of Texas A&M International University, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, effective upon Dr. Sayavedra's retirement from The Texas A&M University System; 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 and presented to Dr. Sayavedra and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which he is held.

**MINUTE ORDER 119-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 50)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF  
MR. JAMES B. HULL  
AS DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE AND  
CONFERRING THE TITLE OF DIRECTOR EMERITUS,  
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:

Whereas, Mr. James B. Hull pursued pre-forestry at Baylor University and graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry; and

Whereas, following one year with the U. S. Air Force Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, he joined the Texas Forest Service in 1966; and

Whereas, during his distinguished career with the Texas Forest Service, Mr. Hull served in numerous capacities to include Assistant Forester in Woodville and Kirbyville from 1966 to 1968; Assistant District Forester in Linden from 1969 to 1970; District Forester in Kirbyville from 1971 to 1975; Assistant Director from 1975 to 1981; Associate Director from 1981 to 1996; and

Whereas, Mr. Jim Hull was appointed as Director of the Texas Forest Service in 1996, a position held until his retirement on May 31, 2008; and

Whereas, during Mr. Hull's tenure as director, the Texas Forest Service became widely recognized as one of the most well respected and progressive state forestry agencies in the nation, pioneering programs in forest resource development including promoting growth of urban and community forestry, and leading efforts to create and grow new markets for Texas landowners in ecosystem services; and

Whereas, under his directorship, the Texas Forest Service was named the first state forestry agency in the nation to be certified as a forest carbon verifier for the Chicago Climate Exchange; and

Whereas, in addition to his visionary leadership in redesigning state and private forestry nationwide, the Texas Forest Service's Forest Resource Protection Program has advanced to national prominence developing the Texas Wildfire Protection Plan, which serves as a national model for proactive wildfire response through the innovative use of predictive services and risk analysis, fire prevention and hazard mitigation, and rapid mobilization of suppression resources; and

Whereas, during his tenure he oversaw the creation of a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center which serves as a management facility for statewide all risk response for the Texas Forest Service; and

Whereas, Mr. Jim Hull has received numerous honors and awards including the Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for Administration from Texas A&M AgriLife, Texas State Senate Resolution recognizing professional and civic achievements, Distinguished Service to Forestry Award from the Texas Society of American Foresters, Fellow in the Society of American Foresters, Outstanding Public Service Award from the National Association of State Foresters, Sustained Excellence Award from American Tree Farm System, and a Public Service Award from the Association of Consulting Foresters of America; and

Whereas, Mr. Hull served in many leadership roles with numerous organizations and committees including the Texas Forestry Association, Southern Group of State Foresters, National Association of State Foresters, National Congressional Blue Ribbon Commission on Aerial Firefighting, Wildland Fire Leadership Council, Society of American Foresters, and the Forest Science Advisory Council (currently within the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management at Texas A&M University); now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, gratefully recognize the distinguished leadership, dedicated service and outstanding performance which Mr. Jim Hull has provided during his 42-year tenure within The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in recognition of Mr. Hull's long and distinguished service to the Texas Forest Service, the title of Director Emeritus is hereby conferred upon Mr. Jim Hull, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, effective May 31, 2008; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Mr. James B. Hull and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which he is held.

**MINUTE ORDER 120-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 51)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. RUMALDO Z. JUÁREZ  
AS PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE AND  
CONFERRING THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS,  
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:

Whereas, Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juárez, a native of Robstown, served as the 17<sup>th</sup> president of Texas A&M University-Kingsville from August 2002 until June 2008; and

Whereas, Dr. Juárez directed a university-wide process that was inclusive and iterative in overseeing the development and implementation of Vision 2012: Catalyst for Excellence, the University's 5-year strategic plan; and

Whereas, Dr. Juárez initiated and oversaw the first University-wide capital campaign, the 3-year, \$10 million Building on Our Traditions Campaign, which is set to conclude in December 2008 and has raised \$9.9 million as of April 11; and

Whereas, with First Lady Teresa Juárez, Dr. Juárez launched the University's premier donor-recognition gala, the annual President's Legacy Ball, and the creation of the President's Legacy Ball Endowed Scholarship Fund which has generated approximately \$135,000 in new scholarship funds for deserving students; and

Whereas, during Dr. Juárez' presidency, a Center for Research Excellence in Science and Technology was created with a \$5 million grant from the National Science Foundation and was one of only two CREST research centers in the nation to win renewal funding from the National Science Foundation, another \$5 million grant; and

Whereas, during Dr. Juárez' presidency, the King Ranch Institute for Ranch Management was created to provide a higher level of education in the complex business of large ranch management, offering the only Master of Science in Ranch Management degree in the world; and

Whereas, Dr. Juárez established the creation of two new publications to communicate the University's accomplishments and value to the community, state and nation: the annual report, "Milestones, The President's Report" and the research magazine, "Discovery and Scholarship"; and

Whereas, Dr. Juárez directed growth of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio as it made the move to a larger facility, increased its enrollment to a headcount of 975 students and graduated its 1,000<sup>th</sup> student in May 2007; and

Whereas, Dr. Juárez led the University and community in establishing the Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy, the first professional school in South Texas, which was created to meet the acute need for pharmacists in the region and throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, meeting on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2008, express our deepest gratitude and respect for his distinguished service; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in honor of his service to the Board, the title of President Emeritus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, effective upon Dr. Juárez' retirement from Texas A&M University-Kingsville, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, is hereby bestowed upon Dr. Rumaldo Z. Juárez; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Dr. Juárez and to the Archives of Texas A&M University-Kingsville as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which he is held.

**MINUTE ORDER 121-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 52)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. STEPHEN R. HENSLEY  
AS PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA AND  
CONFERRING THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS,  
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:

Whereas, Dr. Stephen R. Hensley was born in Hays, Kansas, and reared in Lenora, Kansas, and received a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and received his master's and doctoral degrees from Oklahoma State University; and

Whereas, Dr. Hensley began a successful career in education in 1964 at Hoxie High School in Hoxie, Kansas, as a teacher; then in 1971, went to Fort Hays State College in Hays, Kansas, as an instructor of Biology; then from 1971-1973 went to Black Hills State College in Spearfish, South Dakota, as an associate professor of Biology; then from 1973-1990 was an assistant professor of Biology, alumni placement director and vice president for academic affairs at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva; then in 1990 became president of Western Oklahoma State College in Altus; and

Whereas, on September 1, 1994, Dr. Hensley became the second president at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, formally known as East Texas State University at Texarkana; and

Whereas, during his 14 years as president, Dr. Hensley provided leadership in the development of 19 new degree programs; and

Whereas, in 1996 Dr. Hensley provided leadership in transitioning the University from the East Texas State University Complex to The Texas A&M University System; and

Whereas, under Dr. Hensley's leadership, student enrollment has increased over 35 percent since 1994; and

Whereas, the University's endowment fund, originally known as the Vision 2000 Scholarship, was established during his presidency and has a current fund balance of more than \$3 million; and

Whereas, financial aid to students increased 353 percent during his presidency; and

Whereas, in order to meet the future needs of business and industry in the region, Dr. Hensley spearheaded the creation of the "Endow the Future Campaign" to raise \$7 million for the creation of the proposed College of Engineering and Computer & Information Sciences; and

Whereas, Dr. Hensley addressed short-term student growth at the University by overseeing the construction of the Academic Building that opened on campus in 1999 to provide more classroom space for students and offices for faculty; and

Whereas, Dr. Hensley addressed long-term student growth in 2000 by providing his expertise in the creation of the Northeast Texas Committee on Higher Education that studied the educational needs in the area and resulted in a gift of 300 acres of land by the City of Texarkana, Texas, to build a new university campus near Bringle Lake to provide for downward expansion and to accommodate future generations of students; and

Whereas, he worked alongside representatives of the 77<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in passing HB658 that led to the authorization of \$17 million in tuition revenue bonds to fund the construction of a Science & Technology Building and library expansion at the existing campus, which ultimately provided funding for the construction of the Science & Technology Building at the new main campus; and

Whereas, Dr. Hensley worked tirelessly with members of the 78<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature for successful passage of HB1566 that enabled the University to expand downward and was signed by the governor in June 2003 with an effective date of September 1, 2003; and

Whereas, President Hensley was successful in obtaining approval of \$75 million in tuition revenue bonds from the 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 2007 for the construction of multi-purpose Library and Central Plant buildings at the new main campus; and

Whereas, Dr. Hensley has held office in professional organizations, including director of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities; vice president of the Oklahoma Two-Year Presidents' Association; chairman of the Council on Instruction Committee, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; and director of the Enid Higher Education Center; and

Whereas, Dr. Hensley has also been active and served on local boards of charitable and civic organizations including the Kiwanis Club of Texarkana; United Way of Greater Texarkana; Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council, Inc.; Texarkana Chamber of Commerce; Christus Health Ark-La-Tex Board of Directors; Board Chair of NETNET of East Texas; and the Northeast Texas Workforce Development Board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its appreciation for Dr. Hensley's dedicated service to Texas A&M University-Texarkana by conferring upon him the title of President Emeritus, effective September 1, 2008; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Dr. Stephen R. Hensley and to the Archives of Texas A&M University-Texarkana as an expression of appreciation for his dedicated service and outstanding leadership as President of Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

**MINUTE ORDER 122-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 53)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. DENNIS P. MCCABE  
AS PRESIDENT OF TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY AND  
CONFERRING THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS,  
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:

Whereas, Dr. Dennis P. McCabe was born in Rio Hondo, Texas and received bachelor's and master's degrees from New Mexico Highlands University and a doctoral degree from the University of New Mexico-Albuquerque; and

Whereas, he began his higher education career in 1972 at Pan American University at Edinburg, Texas as an assistant professor of education; and

Whereas, he went to East Texas State University in 1976 as an associate professor where he also served as Head of the Department of Secondary and Higher Education, Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and University Compliance Officer for the Handicapped; and

Whereas, he left Lamar University in 1988 as Dean of the College of Education; and

Whereas, he came to Tarleton State University in 1988 as Vice President for University Operations, and was appointed interim president in January 1991; and

Whereas, on July 26, 1991, following a nationwide search, The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents named him the University's fourteenth president; and

Whereas, during his 17 years as president, Dr. McCabe has directed an increase in degree options from 48 to 94, and he has provided leadership for 22 new master's degree programs, 16 new bachelor's degree programs, two new associate degree programs, six new online programs; and

Whereas, he also introduced the University's first doctoral program in educational leadership; and

Whereas, research dollars have increased from \$671,677 in 1991 to \$10.45 million in 2007; and



Whereas, in the area of Athletics, Tarleton has distinguished itself as being one of the finest athletic programs in the nation. While under President McCabe's leadership, Tarleton became a member of NCAA Division II athletics, made two appearances in the Elite Eight for men's basketball, competed in three years of men's football postseason play, has consistently boasted top ranked women's basketball, tennis and golf teams, obtained National Championships in both men's and women's rodeo, and experienced national exposure in men's and women's track and field, cross country, as well as baseball and softball programs; and

Whereas, he oversaw significant campus improvements and building renovations, as well as the creation of the state's first System Center in Killeen, and expanded the reach of Tarleton State University to the Southwest Metroplex area and Waco; and

Whereas, under Dr. McCabe's direction, the campus added over 20 additional acres to the main campus and over \$150 million in building additions and/or improvements including construction of the Barry B. Thompson Student Center, the Science Building, Texan Village Apartments, Centennial Hall, Hunewell Observatory, the Recreation Sports Building, the W.K. Gordon Center Museum, the Dora Lee Langdon Cultural Center, and the Memorial Stadium expansion, and is presently in the process of constructing a Dining Hall, a Dairy Research Facility, Nursing Building and Central Loop totaling over \$63 million; and

Whereas, under his leadership, enrollment has increased 47 percent, to over 9,400, and Hispanic enrollment has increased by 256 percent to 822 and African-American enrollment has increased 346 percent to 905; and

Whereas, during his presidency, 24,566 doctorate, master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees have been conferred; and

Whereas, during his presidency, \$55.7 million dollars was raised in fundraising efforts, and scholarships awarded to students increased by 455 percent; and

Whereas, total budgeted for faculty salaries increased by more than 220 percent during his presidency; and

Whereas, the Staff Council was created to ensure that all employees had a voice in the university's development; and

Whereas, Dr. McCabe has held various offices in professional organizations and was named Business Leader of the Year in 2006 by the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its appreciation for Dr. McCabe's tireless service to Tarleton State University by conferring upon him the title of President Emeritus, effective upon Dr. McCabe's retirement from Tarleton State University; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Dr. McCabe and to the Archives of Tarleton State University as an expression of appreciation for his leadership and dedication as President of Tarleton State University.

**MINUTE ORDER 123-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 54)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. KEITH MCFARLAND  
AS PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE AND  
CONFERRING THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS,  
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:

Whereas, Dr. Keith McFarland has served as president and CEO of Texas A&M University-Commerce for ten years, providing exemplary leadership and service to the faculty, staff and students of his school; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland has dedicated his life to education, serving as a history professor, department head and dean of the graduate school over a 39 year period; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland's vision of progress led to the development of 20 new degree programs during his tenure as president; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland has presided over numerous campus and facility upgrades, including apartment-style residence halls, the new science building and planetarium, a new recreation center and student center, the upcoming music building and concert hall, as well as the alumni center; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland's vision for campus improvements has strengthened the classroom learning environment and enriched the educational experience for students at Texas A&M University-Commerce; and

Whereas, because of Dr. McFarland's vision, A&M-Commerce is renowned for preparing its students for the workforce by providing quality, relevant education to a diverse student body population and offering new pathways of learning for first generation teachers and college students; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland's commitment to cooperative endeavors with other institutions led to a partnership with Navarro College that resulted in the receipt of the Texas Higher Education Star Award from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in 2005; and

Whereas, the alumni association and university foundation have become more involved in university affairs because of Dr. McFarland's leadership; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland began his career as an educator more than 40 years ago at The Ohio State University while he pursued a doctoral degree; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland is a well published author of books, reviews and articles concerning 20th century military history; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland is involved in numerous civic and veterans organizations, including the American Legion, Dover Historical Society, Military Officers Association of America, Phi Alpha Theta-History Honorary Society, Rotary International and Theta Chi Fraternity; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland served with distinction as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps and was based at Ft. Lee, Virginia, and the Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa) from 1963-1965; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland and his wife, Nancy, have three grown children, Mark, Carolyn and Dianna, and are active members of the Presbyterian Church of Commerce; and

Whereas, Dr. McFarland's love for public service and the education of young minds will be greatly missed by all who follow in his footsteps at Texas A&M University-Commerce; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its appreciation for Dr. McFarland's dedicated service to Texas A&M University-Commerce by conferring upon him the title of President Emeritus, effective September 1, 2008; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Dr. Keith McFarland and to the Archives of Texas A&M University-Commerce as an expression of appreciation for his dedicated service and outstanding leadership as President of Texas A&M University-Commerce.

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Mr. Jones commented that this was a rare event to have this number of System administrators exit at the same time and while the Board was excited about the future, they were personally saddened to see these individuals leave. Mr. Jones said they would miss their company, comradeship and the work they had done for the System. He thanked them for laying the foundation for what would be done in the future.

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS

Dr. Michael D. McKinney, Chancellor, said that these gentlemen would not be easily replaced.

Dr. McKinney said that they have expanded the programmatic budget review process. He said reviews were held on the campuses of Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMU-K) and The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMUS HSC). Dr. McKinney said that the attendees appreciated hearing the discussions concerning the budget and programs.

Mr. Nye commented on Dr. McKinney’s method as being “first rate” and that there should be good communication with the presidents and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs). He encouraged the person who would chair the Committee on Finance after him to set up a day where members of the Board could interact with the presidents and CEOs as a supplement to what Dr. McKinney was doing. Dr. McKinney responded that they would try to schedule a meeting a year in advance on the Wednesday prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. Jones agreed with Mr. Nye and said that Dr. McKinney had done a good job of formalizing the process and encouraged the Board to participate so that they would have background information on upcoming issues.

Dr. McKinney said that they received instructions from the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) to write a flat budget in terms of dollars not current services; a budget that included a 10 percent reduction. Mr. White asked if the flat budget and 10 percent reduction held true for the agencies as well. Dr. McKinney responded that there were exceptions to the flat budget and a two percent pay raise was included for the agencies.

As an explanation, Dr. McKinney said that a flat budget did not account for inflation or enrollment growth and their first exceptional item would be not to cut anything.

Dr. McKinney reported that so far this year they had spent \$60 million with companies certified as Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs). He said system-wide they continue to make a concerted effort to increase “value purchases” on behalf of the state. Mr. Nye inquired if he had a feel for how much of that might be related to construction. Dr. McKinney responded that he did not have an exact number, but construction was a large part.

Mr. Jones commented that on the report received from Mr. Vergel Gay, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Planning and Construction, the HUB amount was \$14 million. Mr. Nye said while this was a good amount, he thought they could do better.

Dr. McKinney briefly discussed the Diversity Council that had been set up systemwide. He said that Ms. Joni Baker, Manager of Equal Opportunity, would oversee the committee. He said that they are charged with action, developing plans to increase enrollment of underrepresented minorities and to develop ideas on how to increase the number of faculty and staff from these groups. Dr. McKinney said he wanted new ideas that would be implemented.

Dr. McKinney said on April 21, 2008, a risk and misconduct hotline was established where employees could report things that they felt might be wrong, unethical, or illegal. He said the calls would be rerouted to the universities so that they can investigate and work on solutions and some calls would be directed to Ms. Cathy Smock, Chief Auditor.

Dr. McKinney announced that approximately 11,500 students, including Ms. Daniel, graduated during May commencement ceremonies system-wide. He said that TAMU (5,484) and Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) (845) had the largest graduating classes in their histories. Dr. McKinney said that Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ) also held its first graduating class. He said that representatives from the System attended each ceremony.

Lastly, Dr. McKinney discussed the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC) he recently attended that was sponsored by the Secretary of Defense. He said that he had been nominated by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). The conference consisted of 40 civilians who visited Guantanamo Bay Detainee Camp; Brazil, where they landed on the USS George Washington Aircraft Carrier; Columbia, where they participated in Special Forces training in the jungle; Honduras; Key West; and the Pentagon. Dr. McKinney recognized that the men and women in armed services are honorable and outstanding people.

Mr. Jones presented Item 49. He said that the Board was proud to have had Ms. Daniel serve with them. Mr. Jones said that they had learned from her the students' view of what they (the Regents) do. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 124-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 49)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MS. CASSIDY ANN DANIEL  
FOR HER SERVICE AS THE 2007-2008 STUDENT MEMBER OF  
THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
AND CONFERRING THE TITLE OF STUDENT REGENT EMERITA,  
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:

Whereas, Ms. Cassidy Ann Daniel received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Speech Communication degree from West Texas A&M University in May 2008; and

Whereas, while a student, Ms. Daniel served as the president pro tempore of the West Texas A&M University Student Senate and as Chapter Chairman for the Young Conservatives of Texas at West Texas A&M University and the Vice Chairman of Chapter Relations for the state; and

Whereas, Ms. Daniel was a member of Lamda Pi Eta, Pi Sigma Alpha, Mortar Board, Collegiate Girl Scouts, Alpha Chi, Gamma Beta Phi, and a former member of Tau Beta Sigma, the national band service sorority; and

Whereas, she was the 2007 State Award recipient of the Cathie Adams Conservative Activist Award from the Young Conservatives of Texas, the recipient of the 2006 Ronald Reagan Future Leaders' Scholar, the 2006 State Award recipient for Outstanding Chapter Chairman for the Young Conservatives of Texas and a 2003 Girl Scout Gold Award recipient; and

Whereas, Ms. Daniel was a member of the West Texas A&M University marching and concert bands, playing the sousaphone and tuba, and received the John Philip Sousa Band Award in 2003; and

Whereas, she has served as a volunteer for Girl Scouts Five Star Council, Hereford Girl Scouts, Young Conservatives of Texas, and Tau Beta Sigma; and

Whereas, Ms. Daniel has served as Vice Chairman of Campaigns for Young Conservatives of Texas; and

Whereas, Ms. Daniel was appointed as a Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System by Governor Rick Perry in February 2007; and

Whereas, she traveled to Texas A&M University at Qatar in 2007 in celebration of the Texas A&M Engineering Building in Education City; and

Whereas, Ms. Daniel worked closely with the student leaders at the A&M System's nine universities and health science center, visiting many campuses, working with students on a variety of issues, and speaking at commencements and other events; and

Whereas, Ms. Daniel also brought the opinions and perspectives of students across the A&M System back to the Board of Regents, enriching the Board's ability to lead; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System desires to express its appreciation for the outstanding leadership shown by Ms. Cassidy Daniel as the 2007-2008 Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

Resolved, that in honor of her service to the Board, the title of Student Regent Emerita of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, is hereby bestowed upon Ms. Cassidy Daniel; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, with official copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Ms. Daniel and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which she is held as a Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System.

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RECESS

Mr. Jones recessed the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Finance convened at 2:31 p.m. and adjourned at 2:38 p.m. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 2:39 p.m. and adjourned at 3:27 p.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

UPDATE ON TEXAS A&M KINGSVILLE SYSTEM CENTER-SAN ANTONIO

Dr. Maria Ferrier, Executive Director of the TAMU-K System Center-San Antonio, said that they had “hit the ground running” and the people of San Antonio are excited about the System Center-San Antonio becoming a reality. She said that she and Dr. Carolyn Green, Dean of Academic Affairs, are working as a team.

Dr. Green said that approximately a year and a half ago they talked about leasing a school facility from the South San Antonio Independent School District and as of November 2007, they have moved all of their operations into the elementary school facility. She said the parking lot project was completed and they have additional classroom and office space; a student center; computer lab; gym and exercise science lab; active student government; and a variety of other things. She said that they are working on contracts for food service and bookstore services.

Dr. Ferrier said the mantra on their campus is “1,500 FTE.” She said they just hired a director of public relations and marketing, applications have increased 33 percent,

admissions have increased 36 percent and enrollment has increased 35 percent. Dr. Ferrier said there were 356 full-time students enrolled in summer 2007 and currently they have 578. Dr. Ferrier said they have full-time academic advisors, increased their recruiters from one to three, have a director of finance and administration and are increasing their staff for admissions and enrollment.

Dr. Ferrier said with marketing and partnerships to date, they had 320 students who completed their scholarship application process for the fall. She said they are advertising using billboards, radio and newspaper. They are also working with “Troops to Teachers” and have a partnership with Old Navy for their Muscular Dystrophy fundraiser. She said in exchange, they would put their logo on their Old Navy shirts. Dr. Ferrier said they are collaborating with Clemson University and the National Dropout Prevention Conference regarding the problem with dropouts in Texas, especially to the San Antonio area.

Dr. Green said for several years they had not been able to offer any new programs. She said in the fall 2007, they were able to offer a new Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing and a Master’s Degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. She added that this was the first time that they had moved into the graduate level. Dr. Green said they were very fortunate that they had the faculty as the base and were seeing a wonderful response. In the spring, they added a Master’s Degree in Bilingual Education and in the fall would add additional bachelor degrees, a Master’s of Business Administration and a Master’s in Reading. She said the funding they received in the last legislative session had made it possible to add additional full-time, tenure track faculty, which makes it possible to extend these programs.

Dr. Ferrier introduced Ms. Jane Macon, a partner with Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., who heads their public and private partnerships. She said that Ms. Macon is a highly respected and recognized San Antonio leader, especially for her passion in education.

Ms. Macon thanked the Regents, Chancellor McKinney and his staff for letting them work on this project. She thanked them for having the foresight to make San Antonio their campus for A&M. Ms. Macon acknowledged Mrs. Steen who she said had helped make this a reality. She introduced Mr. Tom Lozzi, Mr. Bob Lozzi and Mr. Ralph Lampman, who donated the 694 acres of land and \$1 million for the campus. She also introduced Mr. Scott Polikov, Gateway Planning Group, who gave a brief presentation.

Mr. Polikov said that if it had not been for the spirit of cooperation that they enjoyed with Mr. Gay, Mr. Dan Kennedy, Director of Facilities Planning Division, and others in the System, they would not be where they are today. He said that several years ago San Antonio embarked upon a new vision for the Southside and it was exciting to see what is happening. Mr. Polikov said they found what they believe is the largest oak tree in Bexar County on the location. He said that the strategy employed for City South is to use urbanism in key locations to preserve the history of ruralism. He said they also

documented that the land had been farmed or ranched for over 500 years. Mr. Polikov said what is exciting about the location is that it is on the Union Pacific Rail Line.

Mr. Polikov said the City South's vision is dependent on the notion of a true university community. He said when they started looking at what would be done around the campus, they looked at best examples. He said the best example was the relationship that Harvard and Cambridge University enjoy; they are physically integrated and academically integrated and the community is cohesive.

Mr. Polikov said the master plan involves almost 3,000 acres; 700 acres is the Texas A&M-San Antonio campus. He said they conservatively estimate that the villages surrounding the university will have 7,000 to 10,000 residential units and approximately 5 million square feet of development. There will be thousands of loft units, townhomes and single-family homes ranging from \$150,000 to \$1 million.

Mr. Polikov said that the Toyota plant would be located to the south of the main campus. He said that the Town Center would be very dense with 60 to 100 units to the acre and would be located next to the rail station on the Union Pacific Line. He said in working with Dr. Ferrier, Dr. Frank Ashley, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, and others, they need to look at long-term strategies to serve the community and meet academic needs. He said that there is an opportunity for a community shared-use sports complex and a technology and research center that would be a private but public/private opportunity between the university campus and the Toyota plant. Mr. Polikov said on 2,000 acres, not counting the campus, they are looking at 50 miles of new streets and scores of plazas and parks.

Mr. Polikov said they have conservatively projected the buildout around the campus at \$1.7 billion. He said these numbers had been accepted by Bexar County and the City of San Antonio. On the agenda of the upcoming County Commissioners Court is a 70 percent Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and this, in combination with what they expect to have committed by the City of San Antonio, would amount to a \$200 million TIF package. He said they estimate approximately \$1.5 billion in infrastructure to make this possible, not counting what the System would invest on the campus. Mr. Polikov said that community character and neighborhood variety is the key to growing and sustaining the university community. He briefly reviewed the details of the campus. He said that 50 acres had been donated and the remaining donation was expected this summer. He said that the commitment of approximately 25,000 students would create approximately 10,000 jobs; in addition, they project another 15,000 jobs. Mr. Polikov said what Verano needs to begin development is now in place.

Mr. White commented that the enthusiasm of the team was reflective of what was going on in San Antonio and South Texas.

**STATUS REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF REDEVELOPMENT AT
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

Mr. Gay said this program was in addition to the recently completed Pharmacy School, Engineering Building, several renovated halls and the new recreation facility. He said that the overall redevelopment plan consists of 20 or more various projects projected to be completed in the fall of 2010. When students come back in August, they will see a demolished Married Student Housing area, new campus signage, new emergency call boxes, a student game center and other projects. He said they have been looking at replacing signs at entrances to campus with standard Texas A&M University-Kingsville trailblazer signs. Mr. Gay said at the intersection of University Boulevard and King Street, they plan to include a median sign. He said that once you enter campus, they plan to remove the small signage in the circle and replace it with landscape features and beyond this area, in the median, would be an official sign that would formalize the entrance. Mr. Gay said along the perimeter of the campus, there would be standard signs made of metal and stone so that people would know when you are approaching the campus. He said that they would change the color of the signs to mimic the color of the rooftops.

Mr. Gay said they wanted the Biology-Earth Sciences Building to lead in terms of establishing a new benchmark for the level of “fit and finish” for other buildings on campus. He said currently they are remodeling the interior of the auditorium and have targeted two classrooms in that building to renovate. Mr. Gay said that approximately \$4 million would be spent to completely remodel the building in the future. He briefly discussed future projects on the campus that would be completed (new campus housing, new archival museum storage center, deferred maintenance projects and several others). He said that the total cost of these projects would be \$27,698,000.

Mr. Jones said that as he understood it, the completion date on the items was August 2009. Mr. Gay responded that some, such as deferred maintenance, would be completed in 2010.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Jones announced that the Board would recess to executive session in the Board Meeting Room that same afternoon to briefly discuss one item.

(Secretary’s Note: The Board reconvened in executive session from 4:20 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2008

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 9:08 a.m. in Room 292 of the 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. Gene Stallings
Ms. Ida Clement Steen
Mr. Jim Wilson
Ms. Cassie Daniel, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Erle Nye

Mr. Jones said they had breakfast that morning with members of TAMU's Faculty Senate Executive Committee. He said that the attendees left the meeting feeling energized about seeing what they could do to help each other make the institutions a better place and to reward those who do what they do well, particularly in the teaching and research fields.

Mr. Jones said on the previous day they recognized Ms. Daniel for serving as the second Student Regent for TAMUS and held a dinner in her honor. He said they had enjoyed the time she served with them.

Mr. Jones introduced Mr. Anthony Cullins, newly appointed Student Regent from TAMU-C.

RECESS

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

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs convened at 9:11 a.m. and adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The Policy Review Committee convened at 9:57 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Jones reconvened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

REPORT ON WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY'S FRESHMAN READERSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Patrick O'Brien, President of West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), said that several years ago in an effort to enhance their freshman experience, WTAMU

adopted a freshman readership program which assigns incoming freshman a book to read. The subject is integrated into their freshman courses. He introduced Ms. Eva Harder and Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart to report on the program.

Dr. Lowery-Hart said that when Dr. O'Brien began his tenure at WTAMU, his first challenge to the faculty/administration was to make WTAMU a first-choice institution. He said in their efforts to help their students, the majority are first generation students and to broaden their understanding of the possibilities and to understand their responsibilities as global citizens, they added a travel component to the reader program. Following an essay contest and several rounds of interviews, they selected 23 Readership WT Ambassadors who traveled to Poland to retrace Professor Wiesel's (author of their first book) footsteps. He said that the students were then asked to act upon their learning following their return.

Ms. Harder shared how difficult it was to describe in words what the trip meant. She said that they spent the first portion in preparation because their main focus was visiting the former concentration camps of Auschwitz and Buchenwald and understanding what the holocaust meant today. She said in order to understand all of the horror that had transpired in Poland, they needed to understand what Poland could be like without the bad stuff. Ms. Harder said that they visited various museums, cathedrals, the salt mines, Jewish cemeteries, ate the local food and shopped in the market square to absorb the beautiful culture of Kraków, Poland. She felt that going to Poland and being immersed in a foreign country takes on physicality and impacted all of them beyond imagination. Ms. Harder said that it was the discussion of those things that changed all of them and continues to change them.

Dr. Lowery-Hart said that upon their return, Ms. Harder and the other students created the Readership WT Ambassadors Speakers Group where they have been challenged to share their story, what they had learned, and how it had changed them. They have spoken to 43 high schools in the Panhandle and across Texas and this experience has changed the perception of the university and moved them toward being a first-choice institution.

Mr. Jones spoke on behalf of the Board and said that they are proud of Ms. Harder and her fellow students for taking on this project and applauded her for doing something outside of the comfort zone.

Mr. Jones announced that no requests to make public testimony had been received in the Board Office.

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 on Thursday, May 22, 2008. He said that one of the noteworthy things that occurred

was that they did not have anyone to come before them to defend why they had not done something on the audit. He applauded the work of Ms. Smock and her team for bringing about change in an important area. Mr. White said that the Committee voted to approve the System Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 (Item 1). The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 125-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**APPROVAL OF SYSTEM INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. White, 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 hereby approves the System Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2009, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

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

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Wilson reported that the Committee met on Thursday, May 22, 2008. He said they considered and approved Items 2 through 7 and 63. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 126-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

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

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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. 08-05, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit B**.

**MINUTE ORDER 127-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO MODIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE  
LILA B. KING QUASI-ENDOWMENT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Authorization is hereby granted to the President of Texas A&M University to modify the purpose of the “Lila B. King Quasi-Endowment.” Endowment established by Minute Order 23-96. Payout distributions from the quasi-endowment will be used to benefit all Texas A&M University Libraries.

**MINUTE ORDER 128-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT NAMED THE  
“GENTLE DOCTOR BENEFIT QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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 “Gentle Doctor Benefit Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with funds from the Gentle Doctor Benefit account, 056500, held at Texas A&M University. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used primarily to award scholarships to support students in the professional (DVM) program in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 129-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT NAMED THE  
“C. ERNEST LAWRENCE ’54 QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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 “C. Ernest Lawrence ’54 Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with funds from the estate of C. Ernest Lawrence. Payout distributions from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide scholarships to students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 130-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT NAMED THE  
“DEAN OF LIBERAL ARTS EXCELLENCE QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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 named the “Dean of Liberal Arts Excellence Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with funds from the Qatar Management Fee – Liberal Arts account, 212780, held at Texas A&M University. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to support professional development activities of the faculty in areas of research, teaching, and service in the College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 131-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT NAMED THE  
“MARIANNA SCHMITT STEVENSON COMPANION ANIMAL  
LIFECARE CENTER QUASI-ENDOWMENT,”  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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 named the “Marianna Schmitt Stevenson Companion Animal Lifecare Center Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with funds from the estate of Marianna Schmitt. Payout distributions from the quasi-endowment will be used for the general support of the center’s operations with a priority for the use of the funds to support the avian care programs.

**MINUTE ORDER 132-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 63)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL  
OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA),  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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 Vice President and CEO of Texas A&M University at Galveston to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

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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 on Thursday, May 22, 2008. He said that they considered and approved Items 8, 9 and 12 through 17 and 64. The Board took action as set forth below:

(Secretary's Note: Items 10 and 11 were withdrawn prior to the meeting.)

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**MINUTE ORDER 133-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND  
APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SCIENCE BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON**

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

The project scope along with a project budget of \$53,200,000 for the Science Building project at Texas A&M University at Galveston is approved.

The amount of \$35,025,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (TRB), and the amount of \$12,925,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-085330, Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for construction services and related project costs.

The Science Building, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Galveston, 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 134-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL OF A FUNDING SOURCE CHANGE FOR  
RHODE HALL RENOVATIONS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The change of the funding source for Rhode Hall Renovations at Texas A&M University-Kingsville to Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds with a debt service source of the Higher Education Fund is approved.

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

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

**MINUTE ORDER 135-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL  
FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CLASSROOM CENTER RENOVATION,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The project scope along with a project budget of \$17,800,000 for the Classroom Center Renovation project is approved.

The amount of \$14,580,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (TRB) and the amount of \$1,600,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (HEF), for construction services and related project costs.

The Classroom Center Renovation, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, 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 136-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S OFFICE IN HONOR OF  
MONTY, W. JO AND J. HOWARD TRUSTY,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Assistant Director's Office located in the new Alumni Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named in honor of Monty, W. Jo and J. Howard Trusty.

**MINUTE ORDER 137-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE IN HONOR OF  
DWIGHT AND PAMALA YORK,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Director's Office located in the new Alumni Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named in honor of Dwight and Pamala York.

**MINUTE ORDER 138-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
RECEPTION AREA IN HONOR OF  
GERALD AND IDA DEATS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Reception Area in the new Alumni Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named in honor of Gerald and Ida Deats.

**MINUTE ORDER 139-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
EVENTS COORDINATOR'S OFFICE IN HONOR OF  
DR. MARY BETH TUCK,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Events Coordinator's Office in the new Alumni Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named in honor of Dr. Mary Beth Tuck.

**MINUTE ORDER 140-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
ROTUNDA IN HONOR OF  
RICHARD LAFAYETTE AND RUTH HOOKINGS ELLISON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Rotunda in the new Alumni Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named in honor of Richard Lafayette and Ruth Hookings Ellison.

**MINUTE ORDER 141-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM IN HONOR OF  
TOMMY LOVELL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Conference Room in the new Alumni Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce is hereby named in honor of Tommy Lovell.

**MINUTE ORDER 142-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF  
“THE HAYWARD SPIRIT TOWER,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The new clock tower on the campus of West Texas A&M University is hereby named “The Hayward Spirit Tower.”

**MINUTE ORDER 143-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**NAMING OF THE  
“DAVID AND MYRT WILDER PARK,”  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The new baseball field on the campus of West Texas A&M University, which is estimated to be completed prior to the start of the 2009 baseball season, is hereby named the “David and Myrt Wilder Park.”

**MINUTE ORDER 144-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN OIL, GAS AND SULPHUR LEASE  
COVERING 205.03 NET MINERAL ACRES, MORE OR LESS,  
IN VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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 execute an Oil, Gas and Sulphur Lease with Brayton Operating Corp., covering 205.03 net mineral acres, being described as 205.03 acres of land, more or less, out of the T&NO RR Co. Survey, Section No. 5, Block No. 3, Abstract No. 357, Patent No. 575, Volume 26, dated January 17, 1878, and out of the Day Land & Cattle Co. Survey, Abstract No. 509, Patent No. 160, Volume 8, dated September 12, 1894, Victoria County, Texas, said 205.03 acres also being parts of Farm Lots 99, 100, 102, 103, 121 and 194 of W. A. Woods Subdivision as shown by plat of record in Volume 35, Page 1, Deed Records of Victoria County, Texas, for a total bonus of \$51,257.50, or \$250 per net mineral acre, and 25% royalty, and containing such other terms and conditions as the Chancellor, or designee, deems appropriate.

**MINUTE ORDER 145-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE LEASE FOR  
OFFICE/CLASSROOM SPACE IN THE  
CHASE TOWER LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN AMARILLO, TEXAS,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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 20,479 square feet of office/classroom space in Chase Tower, Amarillo, Texas, for a primary term of five (5) years, and upon such other terms and conditions as the Chancellor, or designee, deems appropriate.

**MINUTE ORDER 146-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING  
COMMERCIAL LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT  
110 NORTH DAVIS IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS,  
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

On motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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 renew an existing commercial lease of 7,930 square feet of space located at 110 North Davis in Arlington, Texas, for an additional five (5) year term commencing September 1, 2008 and expiring August 31, 2013.

**MINUTE ORDER 147-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO GROUND LEASE AND A  
BUILD TO SUIT LEASE IN ROUND ROCK, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

On motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Huffines 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 negotiate, execute and deliver:

- (i) a 25-year ground lease of approximately 12 acres of land in Round Rock, Texas, to Facilities Development Group, LLC, or assigns;

- (ii) a 25-year build to suit lease with Facilities Development Group, LLC, or assigns, to construct a building of approximately 130,000 square feet for clinical teaching, education and administration space for The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, at a rental rate based on the actual costs to develop, construct and finance the building, not to exceed fair market value, with an option to purchase the building following approval of the Board and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and containing such other terms and conditions as the Chancellor, or designee, deems appropriate.

Acquisition of the 35 acres, more or less, in Round Rock, Texas, described in Minute Order 011-2008 shall be funded from Revenue Financing System debt proceeds (Interest Income) and Interest Income. The amount of \$3,300,000 is appropriated from Account 01-083536 Revenue Financing System (Interest Income) and the amount of \$1,280,205.35, plus associated closing costs, is appropriated from Account 23-202040 Interest Income.

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 148-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 64)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND PROJECT BUDGET,  
APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AND  
APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE  
EASTERWOOD AIRPORT TAXIWAY H COMPLETION (FAA #26),  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The project scope along with a project budget of \$2,755,000 for the Easterwood Airport Taxiway H Completion (FAA #26) at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas is approved.

The amount of \$2,617,250 is appropriated from Account No. 425406 FAA Grant for construction services and related project costs and the amount of \$16,550 is reverted to Account No. 02-03002 Airport Operations.

The Easterwood Airport Taxiway H Completion (FAA #26), Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas is approved for construction. This approval for construction and the above appropriation and reversion of funds are contingent upon the receipt of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funds for this project.

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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, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, reported that the Committee met earlier that same day. She said that they considered and approved Items 18 through 33. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 149-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**AMENDMENT OF MINUTE ORDER 139-2000 AND  
REQUEST FOR CHANCELLOR TO PROVIDE BIENNIAL STATUS REPORT  
ON THE CORE CURRICULUM AT ALL SYSTEM UNIVERSITIES,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents hereby amends the section of Minute Order 139-2000 which requires the President of Texas A&M University to report to the Board of Regents on the revised Core Curriculum in two-year intervals. The President of Texas A&M University is no longer required to report to the Board of Regents on the status of the Core Curriculum and the writing intensive courses, the international and/or cultural diversity courses and the foreign language requirement, except as required under System Policy 11.06 (*Core Curriculum*).

The Board of Regents requests that a written report on the status of core curriculum at all System universities be provided every two years by the Chancellor.



**MINUTE ORDER 150-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE  
MASTERS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)  
VIA A WEB-BASED DELIVERY SYSTEM,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Prairie View A&M University is hereby authorized to offer the Master of Business Administration (MBA) via a web based delivery system, effective Fall 2008.

The Board of Regents finds that the program offerings authorized by this minute order are within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

**MINUTE ORDER 151-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO  
OFFER EXISTING BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER'S DEGREES TO  
STUDENTS VIA DISTANCE EDUCATION AT TEACHING LOCATIONS IN THE  
SOUTHWEST METROPLEX (FORT WORTH, WEATHERFORD, CLEBURNE),  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Tarleton State University is hereby authorized to offer the following degree programs by face-to-face off campus distance delivery, to Southwest Metroplex teaching locations (Fort Worth, Weatherford, Cleburne, Texas) effective Fall 2008:

- 1) Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, EC-6 teacher certification; Bachelor of Business Administration, General Business; Bachelor of Science Applied Science, Business Administration; Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences, Business Occupations; Bachelor of Science, Psychology; Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice; Bachelor of Science, Liberal Studies;
- 2) Master of Education, Education Administration; Master of Education, Curriculum & Instruction; Master of Education, Counseling; Master of Science, Counseling & Psychology; Master of Business Administration; Master of Science, Management & Leadership.

The Board of Regents finds that the program offerings authorized by this minute order are within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

**MINUTE ORDER 152-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO OFFER EXISTING BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER’S DEGREES TO STUDENTS VIA DISTANCE EDUCATION AT TEACHING LOCATIONS IN THE MCLENNAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTER IN WACO, TEXAS, TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Tarleton State University is hereby authorized to offer the following degree programs by face-to-face off campus delivery, to the University Center at McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas, effective Fall 2008:

- 1) Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, 4-8 Mathematics teacher certification; Bachelor of Science Applied Science, Business Administration; Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences, Business Occupations; Bachelor of Science, Accounting; Bachelor of Science, Psychology; Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice; Bachelor of Science, Liberal Studies;
- 2) Master of Education, Education Administration; Master of Education, Counseling; Master of Science, Counseling & Psychology; Master of Business Administration; Master of Science, Management & Leadership.

The Board of Regents finds that the program offerings authorized by this minute order are within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

**MINUTE ORDER 153-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED BIOMOLECULAR RESEARCH, 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 Center for Advanced Biomolecular Research, established by Minute Order 139-2001, is hereby dissolved effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 154-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**APPROVAL OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
BILINGUAL EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM AND  
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM  
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 Master of Science in Bilingual Education Degree Program and Master of Education in Bilingual Education Degree Program.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University's 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 155-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**APPROVAL OF A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM AND  
MASTER OF EDUCATION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM  
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 Master of Science in Special Education Degree Program and Master of Education in Special Education Degree Program.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University's program request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval, and certifies that all applicable Coordinating Board criteria have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 156-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**APPROVAL OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN  
SPORT MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAM 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 Master of Science in Sport Management Degree Program.

The Board also authorizes submission of the Texas A&M University 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 157-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH THE  
TEXAS A&M INSTITUTE FOR GENOMIC MEDICINE (TIGM),  
A JOINT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER INSTITUTE,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY/HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Texas A&M Institute for Genomic Medicine, a joint TAMU and TAMHSC Institute is hereby established, reporting to the Presidents of TAMU and TAMHSC. In addition, Available University Funds of up to \$800,000 for modifying and equipping the building and Special Mineral Funds of up to \$400,000 for the expenses associated with this transition are appropriated to Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 158-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**APPROVAL TO RENAME AND RECONFIGURE THE CENTER FOR  
“DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION,”  
AS THE “CENTER FOR SOCIOECONOMIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION  
FOR RECREATION, PARKS AND TOURISM,”  
TEXAS AGRILIFE RESEARCH, TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE  
AND 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 hereby approves the renaming and reconfiguration of the Center for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research and Education, established by Minute Order 419-93, as the ‘Center for Socioeconomic Research and Education for Recreation, Parks and Tourism.’

This reconfigured center will be a joint center within Texas AgriLife Research, Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas A&M University. The Center will report through the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences and will be administratively located within AgriLife Research. The Director will be appointed by the Director of AgriLife Research with the concurrence of the President of Texas A&M University and the Director of AgriLife Extension.

**MINUTE ORDER 159-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW  
SPECIALIST OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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-Commerce leading to a Specialist in School Psychology.

The Board also authorizes 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 160-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY AUTHORITY REQUEST TO AMEND TABLE  
OF PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE PRELIMINARY AUTHORITY FOR A  
BACHELOR’S DEGREE PROGRAM IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING,  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL TO SUBMIT  
AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO 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 amending the Table of Programs for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to include preliminary authority for a bachelor's degree program in mechanical engineering.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 161-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**APPROVAL OF A NEW  
MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM IN COMMUNICATION,  
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 Master of Arts degree in Communication.

The Board also authorizes submission of this new graduate 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 162-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY AUTHORITY REQUEST TO  
AMEND TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE PRELIMINARY AUTHORITY  
FOR A STEP 2 COOPERATIVE DOCTOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE IN  
EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION/LEADERSHIP, AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO SUBMIT AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS TO 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 amended Table of Programs for Texas A&M University-Texarkana to include preliminary authority for a Step 2 cooperative doctor of education degree in education administration/leadership with Texas A&M University-Commerce.

The Board also authorizes submission of this preliminary authority request to amend Texas A&M University-Texarkana's Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 163-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**APPROVAL OF A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING  
WITH TWO TRACKS IN NURSE ADMINISTRATION AND NURSING  
EDUCATION, 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 Master of Science in Nursing with two tracks in Nurse Administration and in Nursing Education.

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 164-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER THE EXISTING  
BACHELOR OF ARTS/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH MAJOR  
IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION VIA DISTANCE DELIVERY,  
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:

Having complied with all of the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, West Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to offer the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science Degree with major in Criminal Justice Administration via distance delivery, effective Fall 2008.

The Board of Regents finds that the program offering authorized by this minute order is within the role and scope and capacity of the institution and will benefit students.

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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. He said that they considered and approved Items 34 through 38. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 165-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 01.01  
(SYSTEM POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND MEMBER RULES),  
AND DELETION OF SYSTEM POLICY 01.02 (DEFINITIONS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revisions to System Policy 01.01 (*System Policies, Regulations, and Member Rules*), as shown in **Exhibit C**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

The deletion of System Policy 01.02, (*Definitions*), as shown in **Exhibit D**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, is approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 166-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 01.03  
(APPOINTING POWER AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revisions to System Policy 01.03 (*Appointing Power and Terms and Conditions of Employment*), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit E**, are approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 167-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 02.01  
(BOARD OF REGENTS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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



The revisions to System Policy 02.01 (*Board of Regents*), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit F**, are approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 168-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 37)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 02.04  
(*ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS OF THE SYSTEM*),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revisions to System Policy 02.04 (*System Members of The Texas A&M University System*), a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit G**, are approved and effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 169-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 38)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 34.03  
(*PURCHASE, SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES*),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The revisions to System Policy 34.03 (*Alcoholic Beverages*), as shown in **Exhibit H**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes, are approved and effective immediately.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Jones presented Items 39 through 47.

Mr. Stallings commented that at the Governor’s Conference they attended on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, they discussed that tenured professors teach very few hours. He asked Dr. Murano how many hours per week a tenured professor at TAMU taught per week. Mr. Stallings said that he had talked with presidents from other System universities who informed him that their professors taught 9 to 12 hours. Dr. Murano responded that professors at TAMU taught within the same range, but that it depended upon the discipline and their other activities. Mr. Stallings said that the “gist” of their meeting was that students needed to be taught. Dr. Murano said that she would provide Mr. Stallings and other members of the Board statistics for each college.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 170-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101-108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in **Exhibit I**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Faculty Development Leave List FY 2009, Tarleton State University.

**MINUTE ORDER 171-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 40)**

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

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 31.03, System Regulation 12.99.01 and Sections 51.101–108 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes faculty development leave to the faculty members as shown in **Exhibit J**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Faculty Development Leave List FY 2009, Texas A&M University.

**MINUTE ORDER 172-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

**APPROVAL TO NAME THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE,  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN SERVICES IN HONOR OF  
DICK AND MARY LEWIS KLEBERG,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The Board of Regents approves naming the College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences at Texas A&M University-Kingsville to the “Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences,” effective May 23, 2008.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville to inform the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of this name change.

**MINUTE ORDER 173-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 42)**

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

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01, Academic Freedom, Responsibility and Tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth in **Exhibit K**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Tenure List No. 08-05.

**MINUTE ORDER 174-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 43)**

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

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Foster 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 L**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 175-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 44)**

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

On motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Foster 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 M**, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as Emeritus Title List No. 08-05, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

**MINUTE ORDER 176-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 45)**

**APPROVAL FOR BLAKE D. PETTY,  
A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER  
OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents hereby approves Blake D. Petty, Business Development Manager, to serve, on behalf of The Texas A&M University System, as a member of the board of directors of Organi-Coat, Inc., a business entity that has an agreement with the System relating to the research, development, licensing, or exploitation of intellectual property in which the System has an ownership interest. Mr. Petty shall report to the Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization and shall serve for a term not to exceed two years. The Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization is authorized to reappoint Mr. Petty for an additional two-year term or terms.

**MINUTE ORDER 177-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 46)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE  
FEBRUARY 26, 2008, AND MARCH 11, 2008,  
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETINGS; AND THE  
MARCH 26-28, 2008, REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

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

The Minutes of the February 26, 2008, and March 11, 2008, Special Telephonic Meetings; and the March 26-28, 2008, Regular Meeting are hereby approved.

**MINUTE ORDER 178-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 47)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF  
MR. JOE C. RICHARDSON, JR., REGENT EMERITUS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM,  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

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

Whereas, Mr. Joe C. Richardson, Jr., served as a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System from 1981 to 1987; and

Whereas, he was a member of the Texas A&M University Class of 1949, having earned Bachelor of Science degrees in mechanical and petroleum engineering; and

Whereas, Mr. Richardson enjoyed a highly successful career as an independent oil and gas producer, as well as with a number of other business enterprises; and

Whereas, Mr. Richardson was highly generous in his gifts to his alma mater, having provided a President's Endowed Scholarship, an Aggie Club Endowed Scholarship and other significant gifts; and

Whereas, he was a generous benefactor and strong advocate of Texas A&M University's programs and activities and an ardent supporter of Aggie football and the Corps of Cadets; and

Whereas, Mr. Richardson generously shared his talents in support of the programs and activities of Texas A&M University, including his service as President of the Aggie Club; and

Whereas, Mr. Richardson's long history of distinguished service to his alma mater and his many professional and personal accomplishments prompted the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System in January 1987, to name the Petroleum Engineering Building at Texas A&M University the Joe C. Richardson, Jr., Petroleum Engineering Building; and

Whereas, Mr. Richardson served with distinction as Chairman of the Committee on Service Units and Chairman of the Planning and Building Committee, and as a member of the Stiles Farm Foundation Board of Trustees, and as a member of various other committees; and

Whereas, he brought inspired leadership to his responsibilities as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Corps of Cadets Enhancement and as Chairman of the Committee for Mineral Leases; and

Whereas, The Texas A&M University System and the State of Texas acknowledge Mr. Richardson's lifetime contributions to Texas higher education, Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System, and recognize that he touched the lives of many Texans; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest gratitude and respect for his distinguished service; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes, and copies thereof be sent to Mr. Richardson's family and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent mark of the respect of this Board for the life and work of the late Joe C. Richardson, Jr., and as a token of this Board's sympathy in his family's great loss.

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Mr. Jones called on Dr. O'Brien to present Items 55 through 57. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 179-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 55)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2007-2008 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the Lady Buffs compiled a 26-5 overall record and clinched their ninth Lone Star Conference title; and

Whereas, West Texas A&M women's basketball program reached the postseason for the 16<sup>th</sup> time overall and second straight under Head Coach Krista Gerlich; and

Whereas, Emily Brister was named LSC South Division Player of the Year, LSC South Academic Player of the Year, NCAA Division II South Central Region Player of the Year, NCAA Division II South Central Region First Team member, Daktronics All-America First Team and Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) All-American Honorable Mention; and

Whereas, Emily Brister also became the leading scorer in Lady Buff Basketball history and the first player to reach the 2,000-point mark; 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 180-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 56)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE  
2007-2008 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Foster, 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 Daktronics South Central Regional Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, Robert Lee was named LSC South Division Player of the Year, All-LSC First Team member, to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) South Central All-Region Team, NABC All-America 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; 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 181-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 57)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO  
ACKNOWLEDGE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY  
ATTEBURY HONORS PROGRAM STUDENT,  
MEGAN ELIZABETH MOON,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, the 2008 West Texas A&M University Attebury Honors Program student, Megan Elizabeth Moon, competed at the Great Plains Honors Conference, in Abilene, Texas, on April 5, 2008, with her research paper titled, ‘Crop Bar Cooling’; and

Whereas, the 2008 West Texas A&M University Attebury Honors Program student, Megan Elizabeth Moon, competing against students from Honors Programs and Colleges at the Great Plains Honors Conference was selected to receive the Dennis Boe Award for outstanding scholarly work by an honor student; and

Whereas, receipt of the Dennis Boe Award is a testament to the quality of her research and mentoring by the faculty from the Department of Engineering at West Texas A&M 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 West Texas A&M University Attebury Honors Program student, Megan Elizabeth Moon, for her 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 Megan Elizabeth Moon and to the Archives of West Texas A&M University as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude to Megan Elizabeth Moon for outstanding research.

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Mr. Jones called on Dr. McKinney to present Items 58 through 62. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 182-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 58)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
MR. THOMAS G. BOGGUS  
AS INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Mr. Thomas G. Boggus is hereby appointed Interim Director of the Texas Forest Service of The Texas A&M University System, effective June 1, 2008, at an annual salary of \$170,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 183-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 59)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. NEAL WEAVER  
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective June 1, 2008, Dr. Neal Weaver is hereby appointed Vice President for Institutional Advancement at West Texas A&M University, at an initial salary of \$130,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 184-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 60)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. CAROLYN GREEN  
AS DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE SYSTEM CENTER-SAN ANTONIO**

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

Effective May 26, 2008, Dr. Carolyn Green is hereby appointed Dean of Academic Affairs at Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio, at an initial salary of \$122,500.

**MINUTE ORDER 185-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 61)**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
DR. ROBERT H. STRAWSER  
AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Dr. Robert H. Strawser is hereby appointed Interim President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, effective July 1, 2008, at an annual salary of \$265,000.

**MINUTE ORDER 186-2008 (AGENDA ITEM 62)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM V.  
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY AND  
SABIC INNOVATIVE PLASTICS US LLC,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System agrees to the settlement of the lawsuit styled The Texas A&M University System v. General Electric Company and SABIC Innovative Plastics US LLC on specific terms and conditions acceptable to the Office of the General Counsel, and as approved by the Chancellor.

The Vice Chancellor for Technology Commercialization of The Texas A&M University System is hereby authorized to execute settlement documents, and any other documents related to the settlement. All documents shall be approved by the Office of General Counsel prior to execution.

The Board approves the following distribution of funds from the settlement: After the deduction of outside counsel fees and the reimbursement to TEES for funds advanced for expenses, ten percent (10%) of the remaining amount shall be reserved for future litigation and the remaining ninety percent (90%) shall be distributed per System Policy 17.01 (*Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization*), Section 4.8.2.

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Mr. Jones called on Mr. White to present the report from the System Athletic Liaison.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM ATHLETIC LIAISON

Mr. White, System Athletic Liaison, provided the following information: WTAMU men's basketball senior, Tyler Cooper, is one of 58 student athletes from across the country to earn a NCAA postgraduate scholarship. Mr. Cooper will attend medical school at Texas Tech. Five Buffalo baseball players were honored as the Lone Star Conference (LSC) announced 2008 postseason awards. Shortstop Darby Walker was recognized as the Co-Freshman of the Year along with senior Brian Schupp garnering second team All-LSC honors as a utility player. On the academic list, sophomore hurdler Billy Zeleznak garnered All-Academic accolades, while seniors Justin Graham and Kent Wright also were honored with spots on the Commissioner's Honor Roll for their efforts in the classroom. Four members of the WTAMU softball team were selected as All-LSC South honorees. Freshman Kaitlyn Witte was selected as LSC South Freshman of the Year, while junior Jessica Ruzicki and sophomore Amber Farr were named to the first team and freshman Audrey Wallace represented WTAMU on the second team. Leslie White, TAMU-C, was named to the All-Lone Star Conference Track Team. He has qualified for the upcoming NCAA Championships in the high jump. TAMU-K junior thrower Abel Garcia, sophomore high jumper Ozzie Garcia and sophomore hurdler Dwan Willis, qualified for this year's NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

TAMIU junior shortstop, Ryan Flynn, was selected to the 2008 All Heartland Conference First Team. TSU's Brooke Saulters was named a National Fast Pitch Coaches Association All-South Central Region First Team Utility/Pitcher. Saulters was also selected as a second team member to the Daktronics South Central Region team. For the second straight year, TSU women's golf team finished fifth in NCAA Division II National Championships. Former PVAMU basketball players Brian Ezeh and Aaron Smith have been selected to participate in the Euro Basketball Summer League in Chicago. The TAMU baseball team earned its third Big XII regular season title. The women's softball team, currently ranked fifth in the nation, advanced to the NCAA Super Regionals. Five Texas A&M football players; tight end Martellus Bennett, offensive center Cody Wallace, defensive tackle Red Bryant, defensive end Chris Harrington and offensive tackle Corey Clark were selected in the 2008 NFL Draft. It was the most Aggies selected in any single NFL Draft since 2003, when six A&M players heard their names called.

Ms. Daniel thanked the Regents for dinner the previous evening and for their respect. She thanked them for their leadership, service, and constant focus on students. She said that she helped dispel the myth that most students have, including her, about the focus of the Board. Ms. Daniel said that every decision the Board makes, they first ask themselves how it would affect students, the A&M System and the State of Texas. She thanked the Chancellor and his staff for explaining things to her and providing resources to help her understand issues presented to the Board. She thanked the state agencies for allowing her to learn about their efforts and their jobs. She thanked the university presidents for hosting her on campus visits. Most importantly, she thanked the students for taking time out of their schedules to show her around their campuses.

Mr. Jones thanked Ms. Daniel for her service and said that she received an additional education that was irreplaceable.

Mr. Jones asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Huffines, seconded by Mr. White and by a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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

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