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CONVENE BOARD MEETING

Chairman Phil Adams convened a regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014, in the Physical Education Facility, Jim & Pat McCloy Arena, Room 107, Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG), Galveston, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Phil Adams, Chairman
Mr. Cliff Thomas, Vice Chairman
Mr. Anthony G. Buzbee
Ms. Elaine Mendoza
Ms. Judy Morgan
Mr. Charles W. Schwartz
Mr. Jim Schwertner
Mr. John D. White (departed meeting at 2:35 p.m.)
Mr. Nicholas Madere, Student Regent

The following member of the Board was not present:

Mr. Morris Foster

Chairman Adams announced that a quorum of the Board was present.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Adams announced that the Board would recess to executive session as permitted by Chapter 551, Sections 71, 72, 73 and 74 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the law no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter that is considered in executive session will be made or taken.

(Secretary’s Note: The Board met in executive session from 8:33 a.m. until 10:16 a.m.)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:26 a.m. in Room 110A. He announced that the Board met in executive session on January 30, 2014, from 8:33 a.m. to 10:16 a.m. and considered executive session agenda items and conferred with Chancellor John Sharp, several system and university administrators and system attorneys on personnel, real property and legal matters. He said the Board would reconvene in executive session later that day to complete the executive session agenda.
INVOCATION

Chairman Adams called on Mr. Basil Alkoussari, Deputy Corps Commander at TAMUG and former Corps Chaplain of Houston, Texas, scheduled to graduate in May with his Third Mate’s License, to present the invocation.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chairman Adams thanked everyone for joining them for the January meeting of the Board of Regents. He thanked RADM Robert “Bob” Smith III, USN (Ret.), Chief Executive Officer (CEO), TAMUG and Vice President for Texas A&M University, and his crew for welcoming them to TAMUG and said it was a pleasure to be on the Galveston campus.

Chairman Adams pointed out that everyone was probably aware that the A&M System had established a partnership with IBM to create a new supercomputing capability at Texas A&M in College Station to the potential benefit of the entire A&M System. He said this was another example of the System’s commitment to solving issues that confronted not just the state, but also the nation and the world -- from energy to agriculture. He congratulated the team of committed individuals that made this happen!

Chairman Adams welcomed Mr. Tommy Williams, Vice Chancellor for Federal & State Relations, and Dr. Mark Hussey, Interim President of Texas A&M, who were attending their first Board meeting in new positions with the A&M System. He said the Regents appreciated their commitment to serve and looked forward to working with them as the A&M System and the flagship continued to strive for new milestones in higher education. He thanked the entire hardworking faculty, staff and students for all they did to make the universities, agencies, health science center and law school the most unique and progressive in the country.

CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS

Chancellor Sharp said the Regents received a list of the accomplishments of A&M System members since the last Board meeting. He welcomed Mr. Bill Dugas, Interim Vice Chancellor of Agriculture, and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

Chancellor Sharp announced that the agreement for the JOIDES Resolution Drill Ship at Texas A&M was renewed with the potential of $250 million over five years plus a potential $87.5 million of foreign money. He noted that the agreement was a result of the dedication on the part of the president, provost, individuals in Washington, D.C., and others. He said that was 10% or more of the research capabilities of Texas A&M and they were proud of that. He pointed out that Texas A&M was one of only three public institutions included in a ranking of the nation’s top 20 colleges for “return on investment” and the only one in Texas or the Southeastern Conference (SEC). He said specifically cited was the stewardship of the Regents in holding tuition and fees to a reasonable and conservative level, along with the fact that A&M System graduates received high starting salaries and produced a great return on investment. He said in the U.S. News & World
Report’s inaugural “Best Colleges for Veterans” poll, Texas A&M ranked as one of the top five best universities in the nation for veterans, public and private.

Chancellor Sharp reported that the Texas A&M Health Science Center (TAMHSC) received a $1.5 million grant from the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) to fund women’s cancer prevention. He announced that Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) scientists would be sending a science payload on an upcoming launch of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) mission studying the effects of microgravity and radiation on cell cultures. He added that the Roy Perry College of Engineering would analyze the data for NASA once the mission returned. Chancellor Sharp advised that PVAMU had also broken ground on a multi-story academic structure, which would be occupied by the departments of Agriculture & Human Sciences and the College of Business.

Chancellor Sharp announced that Online College Database placed Texas A&M University-Commerce at No. 6 in its “Top Colleges in Texas: Shaping the Next Generation” rankings. He added that Tarleton State University had a 16-0 start and moved up to No. 4 in the nation in the latest National Association Basketball Coaches (NABC) National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II rankings. He pointed out that Tarleton also received an award from OnlineU for their online database work. He said the research of Dr. Emily Hunt, Director, School of Engineering and Computer Science at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU), continued to amaze people. He noted that she turned her research into one of the inaugural commercial investments for the Aggie Venture Fund, facilitated by Kelly Jones and Joe Pipes. He reported that U.S. News & World Report ranked WTAMU’s online Master’s of Business Administration (MBA) program 27th out of 185 schools nationally. He explained that Texas A&M University-Kingsville now had a master’s degree program in industrial engineering, which tied for 9th in the nation, 3rd for student engagement and 7th for faculty credentials. He said they also tied for their graduates having the 7th best starting salary of all Texas public universities.

Chancellor Sharp reported that Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi partnered with Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) and was selected as one of only six U.S. sites to conduct research for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). He said the program would generate $8 billion in economic development for Texas. He added that this was a great tribute to Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of A&M-Corpus Christi, and Dr. Katherine Banks, Vice Chancellor and Dean of Engineering of TEES, to secure what most thought would never come to Texas. He said they were chosen because they were the best in that program. Chancellor Sharp thanked the City of Corpus Christi for front-loading the $686,000 to make that happen. He announced that the U.S. News & World Report ranked A&M-Corpus Christi in the top 10 nationally for their online programs. He noted that based on their 2013 performance data, Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) had a 73.6% persistency rate -- the highest in the A&M System. He advised that Texas A&M University-Texarkana’s College of Business had collaborated with the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) to offer a MBA track. He pointed out that Texas A&M University-Central Texas’ collaboration with the Center for Solar Energy,
announced in the summer, was continuing to pay dividends. He added that they were completing the process to become only the second U.S. university designated as a Purple Heart university. Mr. Sharp reported that Texas A&M University-San Antonio was now the home of San Antonio’s largest business administration program, surpassing all other San Antonio universities.

Chancellor Sharp reported that Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service’s scientists had released 14 new peach and nectarine varieties, and these Texas-adapted trees would soon be available at over 30 garden centers in Texas. He said that TEES had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Tenaris to establish a framework for increasing collaboration among researchers and engineers associated with the two entities. He said the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) -- in partnership with TEES and Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) -- developed a product called TetraKO that is currently being tested for helping suppress and extinguish forest and other fires. Chancellor Sharp advised that as part of Aggie Replant, 800 Aggies would replant trees at Bastrop State Park for two weekends this year. He said last year 1,000 Aggies participated and all System universities were invited to participate. He reported that this year was the 100th Anniversary of AgriLife Extension and a celebration was held in Austin where Mr. Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General, and others spoke. He said the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab (TVMDL) had new caseload management software, which would track data on 150,000 cases. He noted that 730,000 tests were run annually by the agency, unequaled by their counterparts in the U.S. He said the technology identified microorganisms down to the species level allowing technicians to identify cultures in a more efficient and timely manner. He pointed out that TTI was awarded a $3.1 million, three-year grant for automotive safety research in education, and TTI and the University of Michigan received a $1.4 million grant.

WELCOME -- TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

Chairman Adams introduced RADM Smith who said he was honored that the Board met in Galveston and welcomed them to the tropical island. He noted that TAMUG was all about anything on or about the sea. He said the students and faculty shared a common love of the sea, which bound them together like no other place in the world. He pointed out that they particularly owed the people of Galveston whose forward thinking established TAMUG. He said Galveston was on the move, a major port for commerce of all types and one of the nation’s biggest tourist destinations.

RADM Smith introduced Dr. Larry Nichols ’77, Superintendent of the Galveston Independent School District, and Mr. Mark Henry, Galveston County Judge. Judge Henry introduced Mr. Ryan Denard, Commissioner, Precinct 1, who represented Pelican Island. He advised that Galveston County was 16th in population, 84th in the alphabet, and first in hospitality. RADM Smith introduced Mr. Lewis Rosen, Mayor of the City of Galveston.

Mayor Rosen welcomed the Board of Regents to Galveston. He introduced Mr. Brian Maxwell ’91, Deputy City Manager who said TAMUG was the city’s greatest asset and the students, faculty and staff enriched the city in countless ways. He then
presented a proclamation to Chairman Adams. Chairman Adams thanked them for the proclamation and for attending the meeting. He said the Board was pleased to be in Galveston.

Regent Buzbee said he appreciated the Regents agreeing to hold the Board meeting in Galveston. He said when appointed to the Board in February, he was aware of the status of TAMUG and its facilities and had been for many years. He noted that he appreciated the seriousness in which the Board was taking the facilities issues on Pelican Island. He asked RADM Smith to continue doing what he was doing -- fighting to improve the facilities at TAMUG.

Regent Buzbee said that last week they lost Mr. Ford Albritton, Jr., a great Aggie who graduated in 1943. He added that Mr. Albritton flew 108 air artillery missions in World War II, and lost a brother (Class ‘45) in the war. He said Mr. Albritton served on this Board and was President of the Association of Former Students. He noted that one of the great things about the A&M System was that they appreciated their history and military history, and those who came before them to build what is the best university system in the world. He said the Board would probably have a resolution in the future, but he wanted them to know that they lost a great Aggie in Mr. Albritton.

Chairman Adams said Mr. Albritton was a great man, great Aggie and great American.

RECESS

Chairman Adams recessed the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

(Secretary’s Note: The Committee on Audit convened at 10:58 a.m. and adjourned at 11:45 a.m.)

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING - TUITION AND FEE BRIEFING FOR INCREASES REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting at 11:46 a.m. He announced that the Board was required to hold a public hearing on proposed increases in designated tuition. He said the purpose of this public hearing was to comply with this requirement and provide a brief overview of fee recommendations to be effective with the fall 2014-2015 semester. He called on Dr. Karan Watson, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Texas A&M.

Dr. Watson pointed out that in the last four years costs had escalated to provide quality education. She said just to keep these areas level they needed $3.5 million for the library, $2 million to keep up with expanded use of Wi-Fi and an additional $9.4 million to cover the escalating cost of the Hazelwood Act, which they expected to be an additional $3-5 million next year. She emphasized that they never wanted to increase costs to students, but the universities’ costs continued to escalate. She said they advertised, had student committees and held hearings on the proposed increases from December 4 until
last week. Dr. Watson advised that the Texas A&M University School of Law was not requesting an increase, only a slight modification to the plan to appropriately charge law school students when they enrolled in mini-mesters.

Dr. Watson announced that Texas A&M was requesting a consolidation of course fees into a tuition -- or for the graduate students into a program fee -- to address Internal Audit’s recommendation to make this more efficient. She said this would also allow management to leverage use of the funds in order to keep the costs down. She added that this would more fully implement HB 29’s requirements and adapt the course fee consolidation to roll it into their model for the four-year guaranteed tuition. She said the third proposal was an incentive for students’ summer tuition, if it helps them graduate on time. She explained that another approach was guaranteed tuition, which would not cover books or study abroad programs. She said because of differential tuition, the guaranteed tuition would be different for different colleges and for in-state versus out-of-state students. She advised that a few majors required a four and one-half year degree plan and those students would have guaranteed tuition for that period. She reiterated that these were for undergraduate programs only. She said they worked with the A&M System and used an average Consumer Price Index (CPI). She stated that they attempted to make it less of an impact, and only considered three years of inflation in their approach. She said this meant that seniors were guaranteed a rate for one more year and would have no increase, juniors would have a 1% increase, sophomores a 2.25% increase and freshman would see a 3.3% increase, due to the guaranteed tuition model.

Dr. Watson advised that TAMUG was requesting to consolidate course fees, a campus differential tuition and to consolidate most of their mandatory fees. She added that they were following the same model as Texas A&M for guaranteed tuition. She explained that TAMHSC was asking for a differential tuition of $1,000 per year for the Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry (TAMBCD), which was the least expensive college of dentistry, even with this increase. She added that they would remain fifth from the bottom in tuition, their success rate was excellent and they wanted to keep it that way. She advised that other programs would be requesting differential tuition. She said HB 29’s requirement of guaranteed tuition was a little complicated for TAMHSC; therefore, they would guarantee a portion of their tuition.

Chairman Adams said this effort was important to bring simplicity and transparency to the fee situation. He thanked those who had worked on this, and said they had to continue to be efficient, accountable and as productive as possible.

Vice Chairman Thomas asked Dr. Watson if the 3.65% was blended. She replied in the affirmative and said that was the overall average of the seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

Chairman Adams said they had three requests for oral testimony and they had received over 2,300 letters of written testimony.

Mr. Cary Cheshire ’14 presented public testimony against Item 2 (a transcription of his testimony is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).
Chairman Adams said he made the decision the previous fall to hold a meeting away from College Station, and Regent Buzbee helped persuade him to meet in Galveston. He apologized that students had to drive 150 miles and said that he appreciated their testimony.

Regent Schwartz thanked Mr. Cheshire for his thoughtful comments and said he and the Board were very aware of the pressures of tuition increases and their affect on those who had to pay it. He noted that he was very solicitous of solutions to fund this great enterprise and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Regent Schwertner thanked him for his testimony. He asked if he was aware that under a mandate from the Legislature, they had to offer a guaranteed flat fee for every student for four years.

Mr. Cheshire replied in the affirmative and said although it was mandatory that they offer guaranteed tuition, it was not mandatory that all other options be disabled. He added that for Texas A&M and in particular, where the administration and Board of Regents had been conservative regarding tuition and fees in the past, they would be better served by more students not being in a guaranteed plan.

Mr. Austin Luce ’14 presented public testimony against Item 2 (a transcription of his testimony is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents). He suggested that a guaranteed plan be optional.

Regent Schwartz reiterated that the A&M System had an obligation to offer a four-year plan. He said he had given it much thought and another problem was that they were unable to predict the level of general inflation in the national economy or the level of academic inflation. He advised that he could not guarantee that if they offered an option, the option for next year’s single-year tuition would not be higher than the guaranteed rate. He noted that with great respect for all the speakers today, their arguments were made on the assumption that the single-year tuition rate would necessarily be lower. He added that may or may not be true, which was why it was difficult.

Mr. Fernando Sosa ’15, presented public testimony against Item 2 (a transcription of his testimony is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents).

Regent Buzbee said one of the students testifying mentioned that they were a first-generation Aggie and the first in their family to attend college. He stated that he was in the same boat; none of his family had attended college and he was privileged to attend Texas A&M on an NROTC scholarship. He noted that he was extremely sensitive to the tuition and fee issue, as was the entire Board. He emphasized that some Regents had spent hundreds of hours considering this issue. Regent Buzbee asked the students to understand the position they were in. He said that a year ago, they learned from an audit that 9,600 different fees were being charged to students. He explained that this Board believed they were not being transparent enough, parents paying the tuition were receiving four or five 10-page bills and it cost nearly $500,000 to administer those fees. He said the Board spent a lot of time trying to figure out how to fund this university, which they were obligated to
do while also adding more transparency, flexibility and common sense to this process. He
advised that one consideration was to consolidate 7,200 fees into one fee or back into
tuition, which gave the university and the colleges more flexibility to educate students. He
asked Chancellor Sharp to explain the 20% set-asides.

Chancellor Sharp said 80% of the funds stayed with the universities and 20% went
to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), not for set-asides, but for a
program entitled “Be On Time.” He noted that Texas A&M had never gotten back less
than 100% of what they put in because Texas A&M graduates tended to graduate on time
compared to other schools. He reported that they had never lost a penny in the last six
years that the program had been in effect. He added that the money stayed at Texas A&M,
and in the last few years, they had received a little extra money.

Regent Buzbee said this dealt with the first issue, the fee consolidation and rollback
into tuition. He added that, as someone who grew up with modest means, he thought an
extra 20% for potential students to attend Texas A&M was a good thing. He explained that
regarding the second issue, the Board was in a difficult position; the Legislature had
already spoken and the vote that mattered had already happened. He emphasized that they
had been told to do this and were faced with trying to decide how they could do this and
make it optional. He said if they made it optional, they must ensure that there was enough
money to run the university. He noted that it looked like an increase, and it was -- but they
had no other option. He said if they made guaranteed tuition optional to students, they did
not know who would choose the guaranteed tuition or who would not and they could not
run the numbers that way. He pointed out that as fiduciaries to the A&M System, they
could not operate that way.

Chairman Adams thanked Mr. Sosa for his comments.

Regent Schwertner commented that this was Mr. Sosa’s second time to bring
testimony and he was a smart young man. He applauded him for the hard work he did to
represent the students. He said what Regents Schwartz and Buzbee said was very
important; the Board was struggling with this. He said he felt they had a better deal than if
they did not do this. He noted that inflation could be higher than what they had set in the
proposed tuition increase, and the Board was trying to hedge the cost as much as they
could to protect the students for a predictable outcome for four years. He added that next
year he would like to hear discussions on offering more night courses at a possible
discount. He said he knew most students wanted to take classes on Monday through
Thursday and early Friday, but there might be a way to offer a discount for evening
classes.

Mr. Sosa responded that he was not opposed to a guaranteed tuition right now, but
he would have liked more time to consider other options. He said he also wanted to
understand what safeguards the Board was taking -- that maybe other universities with this
policy had not -- to keep tuition from skyrocketing. He said he wished that had been
discussed earlier in the year.
Vice Chairman Thomas said Ms. Sosa was looking at the safeguard; he just had to trust them and look at their past performance.

Chancellor Sharp thanked the students for their testimony. He reported that when Dr. Loftin first brought this proposal to him, he was surprised by the number of fees being charged and felt people ought to realize how many fees they were talking about. He said all the fees would go away, and those fees were rising faster than tuition. He added that this was to protect students. He said the Board told him that they wanted the fees eliminated and simplified. He said the majority of complaints he received from parents related to fees. He pointed out that he understood the students’ concern about having the meeting in Galveston, but TAMUG and A&M-Kingsville students felt that way when they held the meetings in College Station; they could not be in 13 different places at once. He said hearings were held and the student body president was well versed in it and supported it. He added that the Kyle Field fee did not result in a bump.

Chancellor Sharp said even with the proposal, Texas A&M was still second from the bottom in tuition of all the public institutions in Texas -- before those institutions began increasing their tuition. He advised that the university below Texas A&M was Texas State University and their guaranteed four-year tuition had an annual rise of 3.85% and Texas A&M’s was 2.2%. He reported that Dr. Ray Perryman, President of The Perryman Group, an economist hired to analyze higher education tuition rises, said 3.6% would hold everything harmless; and the Board cut that back to 2.2%. He explained that this meant the university had to find approximately 1.5% of efficiencies. He said the Board was the student’s best friend and their goal would be realized -- that it cost less to attend Texas A&M than Texas Tech University or the University of Houston, much less than their peers. He emphasized that the Board was doing everything it could to ensure the A&M System operated very efficiently. He noted that he would be surprised if a more fiscally conservative tuition rise by any other public institution existed. He said the other public institutions were calling him to complain about what the Board was proposing. He congratulated the Board on this proposal and thanked the students for coming to testify.

Chairman Adams announced that the hearing was closed and these proposed increases would be considered by the Committee on Finance.

**RECESS BOARD MEETING**

Chairman Adams recessed the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

*(Secretary’s Note: The Committee on Finance convened at 12:26 p.m. and adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant convened at 1:32 p.m. and adjourned at 2:38 p.m.)*

**RECONVENE**

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting at 2:38 p.m. He announced that there were no requests for public testimony other than those earlier, and they would move to committee reports and the Board vote on agenda items.
REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(Secretary’s Note: Item 1 was tabled.)

Regent Schwartz, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the committee recommended the adoption of Item 2, as amended.

On motion of Regent Schwartz, seconded by Regent White and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (001):

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MINUTE ORDER 001-2014 (AMENDED ITEM 2)

APPROVAL OF NEW, INCREASED, AND DECREASED TUITION AND FEES (INCLUDING PROPOSED GUARANTEED TUITION AND FEE RATES) FOR TAMU, TAMHSC AND TAMUG, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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

The request for new, increased, and decreased tuition and fees (including guaranteed tuition and fee rates) recommended by Texas A&M University, Texas A&M Health Science Center, and Texas A&M University at Galveston, as shown in the attached exhibit, are approved to be effective with the fall 2014 semester.

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(Secretary’s Note: Regent White left the meeting at 2:35 p.m.)

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Regent Buzbee, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said the committee met earlier the same day and received several reports, which included the 1st Quarter Audit Report, the Audit Tracking Report, an Update on the Audit of the Office of Sponsored Research Services, and update on the EthicsPoint Hotline and an Update on the Implementation of the System Ethics and Compliance Program.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Regent Mendoza, Chair of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, said the committee met on January 29 and discussed the integration of the Law School into Texas A&M, as well as the P-20 initiatives and how they were impacting the development of educators for P-12 colleagues. She said they talked about the Learning Outcomes and how they could see every institution on the website and their learning outcomes measures in communication and strategic thinking, which was a great accomplishment by the A&M
System member institutions. She said they also discussed an authorization to continue offering the Master of Science in environmental science at Tarleton. She said that item was on the consent agenda.

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

Regent Schwertner, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said the committee met earlier that day and recommended approval of Items 3 through 15 as presented. He said Items 8 through 15 were considered in executive session.

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Buzbee, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (002 through 014):

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**MINUTE ORDER 002-2014 (ITEM 3)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MULTI-SPECIES RESEARCH BUILDING (2011-01665), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

The project scope along with a project budget of $7,100,000 for the Multi-Species Research Building is approved.

The amount of $5,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-806307, Multi-Purpose Research Facility, the amount of $500,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-805041, ASE TAMIN, and the amount of $1,600,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-805042, ASE Biomed Research Facility.

The Multi-Species Research Building Project, Texas A&M University, is approved for construction.
MINUTE ORDER 003-2014 (ITEM 4)


The request to amend the FY 2014-FY 2018 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the Gross Anatomy Lab Relocation Project for the Texas A&M Health Science Center with an FY 2014 start date is approved.

The project scope along with a project budget of $7,658,000 for the Gross Anatomy Lab Relocation Project is approved.

The amount of $3,658,000 is appropriated from Account No. 23-215000, PUF Equipment Allocation, the amount of $3,500,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-021600, Available University Fund, the amount of $150,000 is appropriated from Account No. 23-220220, Gross Anatomy Laboratory Fee, the amount of $350,000 is appropriated from Account No. 23-500008, Gross Laboratory Renovation, for pre-construction and construction services and related project costs.

The Gross Anatomy Laboratory Relocation Project at the Texas A&M Health Science Center is approved for construction.

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

MINUTE ORDER 004-2014 (ITEM 5)

APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET, APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE STUDENT RECREATION CENTER ADDITION PROJECT (2-3143), TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The project scope along with a project budget of $50,000,000 for the Student Recreation Center Addition Project is approved.
The amount of $50,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 01-083536, Revenue Financing System Debt Proceeds (Recreational Sports Fees), for construction services and related project costs. The amount of $4,000,000 of previous appropriations is reverted to Account No. 02-030197, Student Recreation Reserve.

The Student Recreation Center Addition Project, Texas A&M University, College Station, 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 005-2014 (ITEM 6)**

**APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2014-FY 2018 TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO ADD THE CHEMISTRY BUILDING ’72 WING 1ST AND 2ND FLOOR RENOVATION PROJECT (2-3164) AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY WITH A FISCAL YEAR 2014 START DATE, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

The request to amend the FY 2014-FY 2018 Texas A&M University System Capital Plan to add the Chemistry Building ’72 Wing 1st and 2nd Floor Renovation Project for Texas A&M University with an FY 2014 start date and a total planning amount of $4,585,000 is approved.

The amount of $458,500 is appropriated from Account No. 02-241805, Designated Tuition, for pre-construction services and related project costs.
MINUTE ORDER 006-2014 (ITEM 7)

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY 2014-FY 2018
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CAPITAL PLAN TO ADD THE
BRIGHT BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT WITH A FISCAL YEAR 2014
START DATE AND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET,
APPROPRIATION FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES, AND APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR
THE BRIGHT BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT (2-3169),
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The request to amend the FY 2014-FY 2018 Texas A&M University System
Capital Plan to add the Bright Building Renovation Project for Texas A&M University
with an FY 2014 start date is approved.

The project scope along with a project budget of $16,000,000 for the
Bright Building Renovation is approved.

The amount of $16,000,000 is appropriated from Account No. 02-512124, 12th Man
Foundation Gifts, for pre-construction and construction services and related project costs.

The Bright Building Renovation Project, Texas A&M University, College Station,
Texas, is approved for construction.

MINUTE ORDER 007-2014 (ITEM 8)

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL 8.138 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS,
IN THE JOSIAH RHODES SURVEY IN COMMERCE, HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,
TO THE HUNT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT,
OR PERMITTED ASSIGNS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following
approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to sell
8.138 acres, more or less, in the Josiah Rhodes Survey Abstract No. 1228, in Commerce,
Hunt County, Texas, to the Hunt Memorial Hospital District, or permitted assign, for a
sale price of $282,500, less closing costs, and to execute any and all documents and take
any and all other actions deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.
MINUTE ORDER 008-2014 (ITEM 9)

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL 1.931 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IN THE
JOSIAH RHODES SURVEY IN COMMERCE, HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,
TO ORANGE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, OR PERMITTED ASSIGNS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following
approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to sell
1.931 acres, more or less, in the Josiah Rhodes Survey, Abstract No. 1228, in Commerce,
Hunt County, Texas, to Orange Development Company, or permitted assigns, for a sale
price of $850,000, less closing costs, and to execute any and all documents and take any
and all other actions deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

MINUTE ORDER 009-2014 (ITEM 10)

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE FOR
PRIVATIZED STUDENT HOUSING ON THE MOMENTUM CAMPUS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following
legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and
deliver a ground lease agreement for a privatized student housing project of approximately
350-500 beds on the Momentum Campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to be
constructed by American Campus Communities, and to take any and all additional action,
and execute any and all ancillary documents, deemed necessary to consummate the
transaction.

MINUTE ORDER 010-2014 (ITEM 11)

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF LAND AND EXECUTE A
GROUND LEASE AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE
DONOR FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATIZED
STUDENT HOUSING ON AND NEAR THE CAMPUS,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following
legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to (i) accept a gift of two
parcels of land adjacent to and near the campus of Tarleton State University, without the
improvements, (ii) negotiate, execute and deliver a ground lease for the design and
construction of an on-campus student housing project containing approximately 500 beds,
(iii) negotiate, execute and deliver a management agreement for the management of the
student housing project by Tarleton State University, and (iv) take any and all additional
action, and execute any and all ancillary documents, deemed necessary to consummate the
transactions.
MINUTE ORDER 011-2014 (ITEM 12)

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESEARCH BUILDING IN THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER IN HOUSTON, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver to the Texas Medical Center, a Texas nonprofit corporation, a ground lease agreement for approximately 2.5 acres in the Texas Medical Center in Houston, Texas, for future construction of a research building. The ground lease will have an initial two-year term, with an option to renew for two additional terms of 99 years each, and rent will be $1 per year. The Chancellor or designee shall have authority to take any and all additional action and execute any and all ancillary documents deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

MINUTE ORDER 012-2014 (ITEM 13)

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND A PRE-DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF STUDENT HOUSING ON THE WEST CAMPUS, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute and deliver an amendment to the Pre-Development Agreement with Balfour Beatty Campus Solutions, LLC, related to construction of student housing on the west campus of Texas A&M University to increase the potential pre-development cost reimbursement from $2,736,580 to $5,247,419, and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents, deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

MINUTE ORDER 013-2014 (ITEM 14)

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE FOR PRIVATIZED STUDENT HOUSING ON THE CAMPUS OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver a ground lease agreement for a privatized student housing project of approximately 600 beds on the campus of Texas A&M University at Galveston to be constructed by Hunt Development Group, LLC, and to take any and all additional action, and execute any and all ancillary documents, deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.
MINUTE ORDER 014-2014 (ITEM 15)

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL 163 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IN THE JOHN CLAY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 223, IN DALLAS, DALLAS/COLLIN COUNTIES, TEXAS, TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or designee, following approval for legal sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to sell 163 acres, more or less, in the John Clay Survey, Abstract No. 223, in the City of Dallas, Dallas/Collin Counties, Texas, and to execute any and all documents and take any and all other actions deemed necessary to consummate the transaction.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

Chairman Adams presented Item 16.

On motion of Regent Schwartz, seconded by Regent Mendoza, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved (015):

(Secretary’s Note: Regent White had departed the meeting earlier and was not present for this vote.)

MINUTE ORDER 015-2014 (ITEM 16)

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN D. WHITE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COMPANY, BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Mr. John D. White, a member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, is hereby appointed to serve as a Director of The University of Texas Investment Management Company, to be effective April 1, 2014, or such earlier date that the position becomes vacant, for a three-year term to expire on April 1, 2017.

Chairman Adams presented Items 17 through 25. He said these items were considered in executive session.

On motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Vice Chairman Thomas, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (016 through 024):
MINUTE ORDER 016-2014 (ITEM 17)

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHANCELLOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE FORBEARANCE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE LIVE VIRUS VACCINE FACILITY PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE TEXAS PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT FUND LOAN TO KALON BIOThERAPEUTICS, LLC, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System to negotiate and execute a forbearance and purchase agreement and other related documents, including the Live Virus Vaccine Facility purchase and sale agreement, in connection with the Texas Product Development Fund loan to Kalon Biotherapeutics, LLC, and further authorizes the Chancellor to take all actions necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of these agreements, subject to review for legal form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel.

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

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

MINUTE ORDER 017-2014 (ITEM 18)

APPOINTMENT OF DR. CHARLES GARNER AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS

Effective February 1, 2014, Dr. Charles Garner is hereby appointed Dean of the College of Business Administration at Texas A&M University-Central Texas, at an initial salary of $135,000.
MINUTE ORDER 018-2014 (ITEM 19)

APPOINTMENT OF DR. STEVE WILLIAMS
AS DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

Effective immediately, Dr. Steve Williams is hereby appointed Dean of the College of Business and Entrepreneurship at Texas A&M University-Commerce, at an initial salary of $211,000.

MINUTE ORDER 019-2014 (ITEM 20)

APPOINTMENT OF DR. WILLIAM J. MCHENRY
AS DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA

Effective immediately, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby appoints Dr. William J. McHenry as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, at an initial salary of $105,000.

MINUTE ORDER 020-2014 (ITEM 21)

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES SCOGIN
AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA

Effective immediately, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby appoints Mr. James Scogin as Vice President for Finance and Administration at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, at an initial salary of $145,049.

MINUTE ORDER 021-2014 (ITEM 22)

APPOINTMENT OF DR. CAJETAN M. AKUJUOBI
AS VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH AND
DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL,
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Effective immediately, Dr. Cajetan M. Akujuobi is hereby appointed Vice President of Research and Dean of the Graduate School at Prairie View A&M University, at an initial salary of $185,000.
MINUTE ORDER 022-2014 (ITEM 23)

APPOINTMENT OF DR. VERNON L. TESH AS
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Dr. Vernon L. Tesh is hereby appointed Health Science Center Vice President for Academic Affairs at Texas A&M University, at an initial salary of $259,000, effective February 1, 2014.

MINUTE ORDER 023-2014 (ITEM 24)

APPOINTMENT OF DR. BRUCE AKEY AS EXECUTIVE DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
TEXAS A&M VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY

Dr. Bruce Akey is hereby appointed Executive Deputy Director of the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, effective June 1, 2014, at an initial salary of $200,000.

MINUTE ORDER 024-2014 (ITEM 25)

APPOINTMENT OF DR. KYLE W. MCGREGOR AS
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

Effective September 1, 2014, Dr. Kyle W. McGregor is hereby appointed Vice President for Advancement & External Relations at Tarleton State University, at an initial salary of $140,000.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Adams presented Consent Items C-1 through C-31.

On motion of Regent Morgan, seconded by Regent Buzbee, and by a unanimous vote, the following minute orders were approved (025 through 055):

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MINUTE ORDER 025-2014 (ITEM C-1)

AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE OFFERING THE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE,
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes Tarleton State University to continue to offer the Master of Science in Environmental Science as described in the attached exhibit, effective upon notification to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

MINUTE ORDER 026-2014 (ITEM C-2)

NAMING OF THE “LAMAR JOHANSON SCIENCE BUILDING,”
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

The Tarleton State University Science Building is hereby named the “Lamar Johanson Science Building.”

MINUTE ORDER 027-2013 (ITEM C-3)

APPROVAL OF A NEW DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE PROGRAM
WITH A MAJOR IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Doctor of Philosophy in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University’s 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 028-2014 (ITEM C-4)

APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE
PROGRAM WITH A MAJOR IN FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER
AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Master of Science in Nursing Degree with a major in Family Nurse Practitioner.
The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University’s 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 029-2014 (ITEM C-5)

AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT ENTITLED “OPERATING EXCELLENCE IN ANIMAL SCIENCE QUASI-ENDOWMENT,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System authorizes the president of Texas A&M University to establish a quasi-endowment entitled “Operating Excellence in Animal Science Quasi-Endowment.” The account will be created with funds from the Department of Athletics Stadium Revenue Fund for the use of land currently utilized by the Department of Animal Science. Endowment earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide operations and improvement funds for the livestock programs of the Department of Animal Science.

MINUTE ORDER 030-2014 (ITEM C-6)

APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR BANK ACCOUNT FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT QATAR, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Under the authority of the General Appropriations Act, and effective immediately, Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University at Qatar employees named below, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized to sign checks for the withdrawal of such funds according to law.

Source of Funds – Qatar Foundations
Depository Bank – Commercial Bank-Qatar

Employees authorized to sign checks:

Gary Barnes, Associate Vice President for Finance and Controller, Texas A&M University
Joseph P Pettibon II, Associate Vice President for Academic Services, Texas A&M University
Mark H. Weichold, Dean and CEO, Texas A&M University at Qatar
Julie K. Barker, Chief Operating Officer, Texas A&M University at Qatar
Hamid Reza Parsaei, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University at Qatar
Todd Kent, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University at Qatar
Eyaad Masad, Assistant Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, Texas A&M University at Qatar
Marne Smith, Director of Building Operations & Health, Safety, Security, and Environment, Texas A&M University at Qatar
MINUTE ORDER 031-2014 (ITEM C-7)

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR CELL AND ORGAN BIOTECHNOLOGY, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Center for Cell and Organ Biotechnology is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University within the Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

MINUTE ORDER 032-2014 (ITEM C-8)

GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2015, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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 the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2015, Texas A&M University.

MINUTE ORDER 033-2014 (ITEM C-9)

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON BOARD OF VISITORS, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves revisions to the Bylaws of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors, a copy of which are attached to the official minutes.

MINUTE ORDER 034-2014 (ITEM C-10)

APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE “SCHOOL OF RURAL PUBLIC HEALTH” TO THE “SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH,” TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the Texas A&M University administrative change request to change the name of the School of Rural Public Health to the School of Public Health.
MINUTE ORDER 035-2014 (ITEM C-11)

NAMING OF THE
TEXAS A&M EQUINE COMPLEX AND RELATED ROOMS AND FACILITIES,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Texas A&M Equine Complex and related rooms and facilities on the campus of Texas A&M University are hereby named as shown in the attached exhibit.

MINUTE ORDER 036-2014 (ITEM C-12)

APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC TENURE, JANUARY 2014,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

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 at Texas A&M University as set forth in the attached exhibit, Tenure List No. 14-02.

MINUTE ORDER 037-2014 (ITEM C-13)

NAMINGS WITHIN FOUNDER’S HALL (BUILDING ONE),
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CENTRAL TEXAS

The courtyard, hall and rooms in Founder’s Hall (Building One) on the campus of Texas A&M University-Central Texas, are hereby named as shown in the attached exhibit.

MINUTE ORDER 038-2014 (ITEM C-14)

NAMING OF ADDITIONAL AREAS IN EQUINE ARENA,
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

Five additional stalls in the Equine Arena on the Texas A&M University-Commerce Farm are hereby named as shown in the attached exhibit.

MINUTE ORDER 039-2014 (ITEM C-15)

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi leading to a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.
The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s 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 040-2014 (ITEM C-16)

APPROVAL OF A NEW MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM IN CULTURAL STUDIES AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Kingsville leading to a Master of Arts in Cultural Studies.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Kingsville’s 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 041-2014 (ITEM C-17)

APPROVAL OF A NEW DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE PROGRAM IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University-Kingsville leading to a Doctor of Philosophy in Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering.

The Board also authorizes submission of Texas A&M University-Kingsville’s 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 042-2014 (ITEM C-18)

GRANTING OF FACULTY DEVELOPMENT LEAVE FOR FY 2015, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE

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 the attached exhibit, Faculty Development Leave List FY 2015, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.
MINUTE ORDER 043-2014 (ITEM C-19)


A standard classroom (classroom 227), located in the Classroom Center building on the main campus of West Texas A&M University, is hereby named the “Bank of America Classroom.”

MINUTE ORDER 044-2014 (ITEM C-20)

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS FOR THEIR LONE STAR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BERTHS, WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

MINUTE ORDER 045-2014 (ITEM C-21)

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE 2013 HORSE JUDGING TEAM, WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System adopted the resolution set forth in the attached exhibit.

MINUTE ORDER 046-2014 (ITEM C-22)

APPROVAL OF 2014 STILES FARM FOUNDATION BUDGET, TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

The operating budget for the Stiles Farm Foundation for calendar year 2014, attached to the official minutes as an exhibit, is hereby approved.
MINUTE ORDER 047-2014 (ITEM C-23)

APPROVAL FOR DR. CRAIG COUFAL, A SYSTEM EMPLOYEE, TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OR OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM RELATING TO THE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, LICENSING OR EXPLOITATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN WHICH THE A&M SYSTEM HAS AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST, TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants approval for Dr. Craig Coufal, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist of Poultry Science at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, to serve in his individual capacity as a member of the board of directors or other governing board, or an officer or an employee of Innovative Poultry Solutions, LLC, a business entity that has an agreement with The Texas A&M University System relating to the research, development, licensing or exploitation of intellectual property in which the A&M System has an ownership interest.

MINUTE ORDER 048-2014 (ITEM C-24)

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT AND COMMISSIONING OF PEACE OFFICERS, TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE

In accordance with System Policy 34.06 (Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers), the Board of Regents confirms the Director of Texas A&M Forest Service’s appointment and commissioning of Mr. Bryant Del Birdwell, Mr. Seth Douglas Hudson and Mr. Jeffrey Meiner as peace officers for the system, subject to them taking the oath required of peace officers.

MINUTE ORDER 049-2014 (ITEM C-25)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2013, SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING; OCTOBER 31, 2013, REGULAR BOARD MEETING; OCTOBER 31, 2013, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING; NOVEMBER 1, 2013, SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING; DECEMBER 12, 2013, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC BOARD MEETING; AND THE DECEMBER 14, 2013, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING; BOARD OF REGENTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Minutes of the September 7, 2013, Special Workshop Meeting, October 31, 2013, Regular Board Meeting, October 31, 2013, Special Board Meeting, November 1, 2013, Special Workshop Meeting, December 12, 2013, Special Telephonic Board Meeting, and the December 14, 2013, Special Board Meeting are hereby approved.
MINUTE ORDER 050-2014 (ITEM C-26)

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 15.01 (RESEARCH AGREEMENTS), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves revisions to System Policy 15.01 (Research Agreements), as shown in the attached exhibit, effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 051-2014 (ITEM C-27)

APPROVAL OF NEW SYSTEM POLICY 15.04 (SPONSORED RESEARCH SERVICES), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves new System Policy 15.04 (Sponsored Research Services), as shown in the attached exhibit, effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 052-2014 (ITEM C-28)

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 16.01 (SYSTEM ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM), THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby approves revisions to System Policy 16.01 (System Ethics and Compliance Program), as shown in the attached exhibit, effective immediately.

MINUTE ORDER 053-2014 (ITEM C-29)

AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER GOVERNMENT CLASSIFIED CONTRACTS, THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Board of Regents delegates all authority pertaining to the protection of classified contracts awarded to The Texas A&M University System by the Department of Defense or user agencies of its Industrial Security Program to the A&M System Security Management Team. This team includes the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor for Research and the Facility Security Officer, who have been or will be processed for a personnel security clearance for access to classified information to the level of the facility clearance granted to the A&M System, as provided for in the National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM). In addition, all replacements for such individuals will be processed for security clearance. The Board of Regents also delegates authority to sign exclusion documents required under the NISPOM to the Chancellor.
The members of the Board of Regents named below shall not have or require access to classified information disclosed to the A&M System. These board members can be effectively excluded from access to all classified information disclosed to the A&M System and do not occupy positions that would enable them to adversely affect the policies or practices of the member institutions or agencies of the A&M System in the performance of classified contracts; therefore, these named members of the Board of Regents need not be processed for personnel clearance.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

    Phil Adams
    Anthony G. Buzbee
    Morris E. Foster
    Elaine Mendoza
    Judy Morgan
    Charles W. Schwartz
    Jim Schwertner
    Cliff Thomas
    John D. White
    Nicholas C. Madere

MINUTE ORDER 054-2014 (ITEM C-30)


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 the attached exhibit, Emeritus/Emerita Title List No. 14-02, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

MINUTE ORDER 055-2014 (ITEM C-31)

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

In accordance with System Policy 34.06 (Appointment, Commissioning and Authority of Peace Officers), the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System confirms the appointment and commissioning of campus peace officers by the presidents of their respective system member universities, in accordance with the requirements of the law, and as shown in the exhibit attached to the official minutes, subject to their taking the oath required of peace officers.
Chairman Adams announced that the agenda requiring Board action was complete, but the Board would discuss additional items in executive session. He expressed his appreciation for all who attended. He thanked RADM Smith for hosting the Board and attendees.

RADM Smith acknowledged Maj. Gen. Charles “Bill” McClain, USA (Ret.), Special Advisor to the CEO and Vice President, who did much of the ground work. Chairman Adams thanked Maj. Gen. McClain who then gave credit to not only Chartwells, but also SSC who were the two outsourcing companies that provided 90% of the labor for preparation of the Board meeting. Chairman Adams said he hoped their performance was at a high level. Maj. Gen. McClain said it had been, continuously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Adams announced that the next regular Board meeting would be held on May 1-2, 2014, on the campus of Texas A&M in College Station.

**RE_CONVENE_EXECUTIVE_SESSION**

Chairman Adams recessed the Board meeting and said they would reconvene in Room 107.

*(Secretary’s Note: The Board met in executive session from 3:18 p.m. until 5:33 p.m.)*

**RE_CONVENE_IN_OPEN_SESSION_AND_ADJOURN**

Chairman Adams reconvened the meeting at 5:34 p.m. He said the Board met in executive session from 3:18 p.m. to 5:33 p.m. and conferred with the Chancellor, several system members, university administrators and attorneys on personnel, real property and legal matters.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Regent Schwertner, seconded by Regent Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Vickie Burt Spillers  
Executive Director, Board of Regents

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*(Minutes transcribed by Gwen Kirby, Office of the Board of Regents.)*