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SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
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Mr. Don Powell, Chairman of the Board of Regents, convened a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System on Friday, August 22, 1997, at 4:00 p.m., in the Board of Regents Meeting Room, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

The following members of the Board were telephonically present:

Mr. Don Powell, Chairman
Mr. T. Michael O'Connor, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert H. Allen
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Dionel Avilés
Mr. John H. Lindsey
Mr. Frederick D. McClure
Mr. Erle Nye

The following member of the Board was not present:

Ms. M. Guadalupe L. Rangel

Mr. Powell said the purpose of the special meeting was to consider approval of increased tuition, effective Fall 1997, for Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston, West Texas A&M University and Baylor College of Dentistry. Mr. Powell called on Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), to present the item.

Dr. Thompson said legislation passed during the 75th Legislative Session combines the amounts currently assessed as tuition and general use fees to a single tuition amount. Effective August 1, 1997, the Texas Education Code, Section 54.0513, captioned "Redesignation of Building Use Fee," provides that the governing board may not increase tuition above the total 96-97 tuition in general use fee levels without holding a public hearing. Member institutions that previously received approval from the Board of Regents to increase general use fees for the 1998 fiscal year held public hearings on August 1, 1997. They are certified and now seek approval from the Board for the increased tuition amounts.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 143-97 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK APPROVAL OF INCREASED TUITION  
EFFECTIVE FALL 1997 AT ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The request for increased tuition, for Academic Institutions of The Texas A&M University System, as shown on **Exhibit A**, is approved to be effective with the Fall 1997 semester.

*(Secretary's Note: Mr. Powell called the roll to take the vote on this item.)*

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There being no further business, Mr. Powell adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m., the same day.

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

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