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<p style="text-align:center">MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS December 6-7, 2001</p>

CONVENE BOARD MEETING - DECEMBER 6, 2001

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System was convened by Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman of the Board of Regents, at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, December 6, 2001, in the Memorial Student Center, Room 292, on the campus of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Wendy Gramm (*joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.*)
Mr. L. Lowry Mays (*joined the meeting at 1:46 p.m.*)
Mr. Lionel Sosa
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.
Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn (*joined the meeting at 9:26 a.m.*)

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Ms. Kate Holman, a senior at Texas A&M University (TAMU) majoring in communications. Mr. Nye said Kate was active with Fish Camp and is a founding director of Maggies (TAMU's Women's Leadership Organization). Mr. Nye said Kate was a student worker in the Board Office and will graduate in December.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Nye said from his personal reflection, the System and the universities and agencies that make up the System, do a great job for this state and for the nation. He said we occupy an important part of what makes this state a great place to live, provides us the significant advantage we have, economic advantage and economic growth. He said we reach out to a need that is unique and we serve a special purpose. He said as he watches each of the administrators, faculty, staff and all those who make this system operate, he is so proud of all that is accomplished, all of the great skills and capabilities that we have dedicated to the betterment of this state and to the raising of higher education to a level of preeminence in this state. He said it goes without saying that we do not have the kind of support that perhaps we should have, obviously a product of difficult politics and difficult economics. But, he said, we have a great story to tell and he is hopeful that we will organize this coming year to better tell our story to public policymakers and to those who are in elected positions. He said around the holiday

season, he personally wanted to extend, on behalf of the Board of Regents, their appreciation to all who were present, to those that they represent and their colleagues back at their various organizations. He said he was hopeful that they will carry the message from the Board of Regents that they wish each of them a great holiday period and a wonderful New Year with expectations that we will take comfort and pride in what we have accomplished and at the same time set ourselves equally challenging goals and expectations for the coming year.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Howard D. Graves, Chancellor, for comments. Mr. Graves thanked all present, regents and staff, faculty, leadership, for the tremendous job that they are doing for their own institution or agency and for the System as a whole, for the faculty, the regents professors and fellows. He thanked them for representing the best of the best, and for what their colleagues do to make the System such a great place. Mr. Graves said it was wonderful to be a part of this.

Mr. Graves said he wanted to mention three things. First, Dr. Konrad Eugster will retire on December 31 and this will be his last Board meeting. Second, Governor Perry handed out five awards to higher education programs for their efforts to close the educational gaps in Texas. Mr. Graves said he would like to recognize Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) for receiving one of the Star Awards for its first year learning communities program. He said it is a program that is about five years old, that in fact brings new college students together into learning communities not only for learning, but also for developing their communication skills. He congratulated Dr. Robert Furgason, President of TAMU-CC, and his team. And, thirdly, Governor Perry created the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security to advise him on homeland security issues. Mr. Graves said the task force included Regent Armstrong, as well as representatives of the Texas Forest Service (TFS) and the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). He said we are all looking at biotechnology and bioterrorism and how the terrorist phenomenon is going to affect our welfare. He said they are pulling together an inventory under Dr. Dick Ewing and they will expand our contribution to this by working together in heavy synergy. Mr. Graves said we are already very well represented in state leadership for this effort, but he would expect us to be representative even more so in the production of results over time.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Mr. Nye presented Item 39. He said some five years ago the Board created several special distinctions to recognize professors and to recognize research and others within the institution for special acknowledgement and for special honor. Mr. Nye said these are the "best of the best" throughout the System. He said each year exceptional people are brought forth for this honor. Mr. Nye said the nominees were honored on the previous evening, December 5, at a dinner hosted by the Board. He said at the dinner, in anticipation of Board action, the nominees were presented with certificates and were publicly acknowledged. Mr. Nye said 10 regents professors were nominated

and these will be added to the 37 professors who have previously received the award. He said six regents fellow service award nominees will be added to the 23 agency professionals that have been previously recognized. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 228-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 39)**

**GRANTING OF THE  
DESIGNATION OF "REGENTS PROFESSOR"  
AND "REGENTS FELLOW" FOR 2000-2001,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants the designation of "Regents Professor" for 2000-2001 to the following ten faculty members, effective December 5, 2001:

- Dr. Bradley Stuart Chilton Jr., Tarleton State University
- Dr. Jerry Thompson, Texas A&M International University
- Dr. Dan H. Robertson, Texas A&M University
- Dr. Paul A. Parrish, Texas A&M University
- Dr. C. Alan Berkebile, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Dr. Jacqueline Thomas, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- Dr. Carlos Nick Pace, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center
- Dr. William H. Binnie, The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center
- Dr. Nova Silvy, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
- Dr. Chanan Singh, Texas Engineering Experiment Station

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System hereby grants the designation of "Regents Fellow" for 2000-2001 to the following six agency service, extension and research professionals, effective December 5, 2001:

- Dr. Gary L. Williams, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
- Mr. Robert L. Devin, Texas Cooperative Extension
- Dr. Carl G. Anderson, Texas Cooperative Extension
- Dr. Allen C. Ray, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab
- Mrs. Judy Kelley, Texas Engineering Experiment Station
- Mr. Jackson "Jack" C. Pettyjohn, Texas Engineering Extension Service

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Mr. Nye then introduced the award recipients who were present.

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The meeting of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs was convened at 9:27 a.m. and recessed at 11:04 a.m. The meeting of the Special Committee on Educational Access was convened at 11:05 a.m. and recessed at 11:45 a.m.)

(Secretary's Note: Dr. Wynn joined the meetings at 9:25 a.m. Dr. Gramm joined the meetings at 10:30 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Nye reconvened the Board meeting at 11:46 a.m. Mr. Nye and Dr. Ray Bowen, President of TAMU, presented Item 37 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 229-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 37)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
MR. ROBERT E. WIATT,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Whereas, Robert E. (Bob) Wiatt has become a legend in law enforcement in Texas; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiatt is approaching a milestone that few people ever achieve in any field, and even fewer in the field of law enforcement: fifty years of service; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiatt attained that fifty years of service - a half-century of distinguished service - on October 29, 2001; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiatt's long and distinguished career has involved service in a variety of capacities and touched the lives of thousands of Texans; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiatt is currently Director of Security and University Police at Texas A&M University, where he has served since 1983, and he previously served for two years as Chief Investigator and In-Take Attorney for the Brazos County District Attorney's Office in Bryan, Texas; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiatt began his illustrious career as a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1951, serving in Atlanta, New York, Puerto Rico, Phoenix and Houston before retiring from the agency in 1980; and

Whereas, while serving as a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Wiatt had key roles in investigations of historic significance, including that of the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Federal Judge John Wood; and

Whereas, Mr. Wiatt's service as a lawman of legendary proportions came to widespread public attention in 1974 for his role during a prison siege at Huntsville in which three convicts held sixteen hostages for eleven and one-half days, the longest prison siege ever in the United States, that ended in all convicts being killed or captured; and

Whereas, earlier in his career, Mr. Wiatt was instrumental in freeing a kidnapped State Trooper who had been apprehended by a couple who led authorities on a three-hundred-mile odyssey that ended in Wheelock, Texas, where Mr. Wiatt shot and killed the man and disarmed the woman, and on another occasion in which Mr. Wiatt took the place of hostages captured by a murderer in a rural school; and

Whereas, these and other examples of heroism and service above and beyond the call of duty resulted in Mr. Wiatt coming to be known by many as "Mr. FBI" and being featured in various newspaper and magazine articles and books, and he was even portrayed in a movie, "Sugarland Express," which was based on the rescue of the State Trooper; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System expresses its appreciation for Mr. Wiatt's service to Texas A&M University in the form of this resolution; 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 presented to Mr. Robert E. Wiatt as an expression of appreciation for his leadership and dedication to our nation and to Texas A&M University.

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A framed resolution was presented to Mr. Wiatt and he thanked the Board for the honor bestowed upon him.

Mr. Nye presented Item 38 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 230-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 38)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. JAMES S. COLE,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

Whereas, Dr. James S. Cole has unselfishly devoted himself to serving as Interim President of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center since October 2000, while also continuing to serve successfully as Dean of the Baylor College of Dentistry; and

Whereas, with his capable, steadfast leadership and integrity, he guided the Health Science Center through its second and third years of existence as a newly formed A&M System institution; and

Whereas, under his direction, the Health Science Center continued to receive the largest general revenue percentage increase of all the state's health science centers during the 77th Texas Legislative Session; and

Whereas, Dr. Cole's efforts secured \$14.3 million in legislative funding for a new Health Science Center facility in College Station, \$2 million in state funds for the School of Rural Public Health's South Texas Center for Rural Public Health in McAllen, which is the first time the state has provided funding for the facility, and state funding for the Coastal Bend Health Education Center totaling \$2 million for the biennium; and

Whereas, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved two new degree programs for the School of Rural Public Health, the Master of Science in Public Health and the Master of Health Administration during Dr. Cole's tenure as Interim President; and

Whereas, Dr. Cole was recognized by the Texas House of Representatives in May 2001 with a resolution adopted in his honor thanking him for his service to higher education and his outstanding dedication and expertise in the field of dental education; and

Whereas, he has guided the Health Science Center through its self-study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation process; its strategic planning process; and the development and approval of numerous institutional policies and procedures; and

Whereas, the Health Science Center received \$25 million in external funding during his tenure as Interim President; and

Whereas, Dr. Cole led the Baylor College of Dentistry in developing a facility to house its new Center for Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, which opened in April 2001, and is the first new construction at the college in 15 years; and

Whereas, he was instrumental in securing funding to purchase an additional building and land adjacent to Baylor College of Dentistry to accommodate the thriving college; and

Whereas, Dr. Cole received his dental education from Baylor College of Dentistry, earning his D.D.S. in 1975; and

Whereas, Dr. Cole is widely recognized in the profession of dentistry as a fellow of the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists, and as “2000 Dentist of the Year” by the Dallas County Dental Society for his continuous service to facilitate dental education in Texas and the nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System desires to express its appreciation for the exemplary manner in which Dr. Cole has led The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center during his time as Interim President; 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 Dr. Cole and to the archives of The Texas A&M University System as a sincere expression of his dedication and leadership.

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A framed resolution was presented to Dr. Cole and he thanked everyone who had supported him.

Mr. Nye and Dr. Ed Hiler, Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences, presented Item 46. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 231-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 46)**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. KONRAD EUGSTER,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

Whereas, Dr. Eugster has unselfishly devoted himself to The Texas A&M University System and its constituents for 31 years; and

Whereas, he has served as executive director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory since 1980, and before that was head of diagnostic microbiology at the Laboratory from 1970-1980; and

Whereas, he has also served as both associate vice chancellor for agriculture and administrator of feed and fertilizer control service and agricultural analytical lab services since 1998; and

Whereas, under his leadership the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory has become one of the largest and busiest veterinary diagnostic laboratories in the world, receiving more than 160,000 requests per year from Texas animal industries for assistance in diagnosing animal diseases, and has been recognized by the World Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians; and

Whereas, in his position as executive director, Dr. Eugster has so capably overseen the Laboratory's discovery of new diseases and diagnostic and screening efforts to prevent epidemics and to eradicate them, the facilitation of livestock commerce, the handling of drug testing for the state's pari-mutuel horse and greyhound industries, its service as an animal disease information center, and its development of new diagnostic tests and transfer technology; and

Whereas, he has written more than 100 scholarly papers, has contributed to eight veterinary textbooks, has written 44 articles for lay magazines and writes a bimonthly column in the Texas Veterinarian; and

Whereas, Dr. Eugster has served his profession on numerous committee assignments and in professional society participation, and his professional accomplishments have been recognized through honors from academic, scientific and governmental groups, including an Award in Excellence in Administration from the A&M System; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System with great appreciation recognizes the outstanding service provided by Dr. Albrecht Konrad Eugster throughout his 31 years with The Texas A&M University System, and thanks him for his commitment to and tireless efforts on behalf of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory; and, be it, further

Resolved, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents and be presented to Dr. Eugster and to the archives of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory as a sincere expression of his dedication and leadership to the citizens of Texas and to the A&M System.

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A framed resolution was presented to Dr. Eugster. He thanked the Board for the resolution.

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the meeting at 12:00 noon.

RECONVENE

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting at 1:20 p.m. He presented Item 47 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 232-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 47)**

**APPROVAL OF A LIST OF CANDIDATES  
TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM REGARDING MEMBERSHIP  
ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
TEXAS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (UTIMCO),  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

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

Pursuant to the Texas Education Code, Section 66.08(e), the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System submits a list of candidates with substantial background and expertise in investments to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System. The University of Texas Board then selects one or more of the persons to serve on the board of directors of the University of Texas Investment Management Corporation.

The following list of candidates is hereby recommended:

Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.  
Dr. Dionel Avilés  
Mr. Erle Nye

*(Secretary's Note: At a special telephonic meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System held on Monday, December 10, 2001, Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr., was selected to serve on the board of directors of the University of Texas Investment Management Corporation.)*

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RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the Board meeting at 1:24 p.m.

(Secretary's Note: The meeting of the Special Committee on Educational Access was reconvened at 1:25 p.m. and recessed at 1:50 p.m. A meeting of the Committee on Finance was convened at 1:51 p.m. and adjourned at 1:54 p.m. A meeting of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant was convened at 1:55 p.m. and recessed at 3:40 p.m. A meeting of the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee was convened at 3:41 p.m. and adjourned at 3:44 p.m. The meeting of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant was reconvened at 3:45 p.m. and adjourned at 3:50 p.m.)

(Secretary's Note: Mr. Mays joined the meetings at 1:46 p.m.)

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

At 4:15 p.m., Mr. Nye announced that the Board would convene in closed session to consider matters as permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code; 551.071, for consultation with System attorneys on pending and proposed litigation and matters recognized as attorney/client confidential and privileged; 551.072, for discussion regarding the acquisition, lease, exchange, disposition and value of real estate; and 551.074, for discussion of matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal or to hear complaints or charges against an officer or employee including interviews of candidates for the position of Executive Director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory and Item 49.

Mr. Nye said in accordance with the law, no final action, decision or vote with regard to any matter considered in the closed meeting would be made or taken.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Nye recessed the closed session at 5:20 p.m. and announced that the Board would reconvene its closed session the next day to complete its closed session agenda.

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 7, 2001

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting at 8:33 a.m. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Erle Nye, Chairman
Dr. Dionel E. Avilés, Vice Chairman
Mr. Phil Adams
Ms. Anne Armstrong
Dr. Wendy Gramm
Mr. L. Lowry Mays
Mr. Lionel Sosa
Mr. R.H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.

The following member of the Board was not present:

Dr. Susan Rudd Wynn

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the Board meeting at 8:34 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Committee on Academic and Student Affairs was reconvened at 8:35 a.m. and adjourned at 9:30 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. and asked for a report from Mr. Sosa, Chairman of the Special Committee on Educational Access.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL ACCESS

Mr. Sosa reported that the Committee had met on December 6. He said Dr. Leo Sayavedra, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, presented an update on "Closing the Gaps" and recruiting tools. He said Dr. Sayavedra also presented a report on a recent trip that he had made to California regarding their recruitment efforts. Mr. Sosa said there are really not a lot advances that are being used in California. He said Texas is probably a little bit ahead of the game. Mr. Sosa said the Committee also received reports from West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) and TAMU-CC regarding their recruitment efforts, their challenges and the good work that they are doing in advancing their minority enrollment.

Mr. Sosa then asked for a presentation of Item 50. Dr. Bowen said at a previous meeting there was a discussion of budget issues. He said there was also a short conversation regarding how we might structure a pilot admissions opportunity initiative for TAMU. He said there was discussion about a program that targeted certain

high schools, a program that would look at young people that are top 25 percent of those high schools and realizing that the top ten percent are automatically admitted. He said they had good conversations and since that time they have gone back and refined the item slightly and they are looking at one where they would move the band to the top 20, top 10. He said it is a program for those targeted high schools -- to offer admission for those young people who meet TAMU's course requirements.

Dr. Bowen then called on Mr. Joe Estrada, Assistant Provost for Enrollment, who said this is an important topic. He said at the last meeting he proposed a plan whereby TAMU grants automatic admission to applicants who graduate from our 253 targeted recruited high schools. He said they have been working with those high schools for four years now. He said these are applicants who graduate in the top quarter of their class and who importantly meet TAMU's academic course and test score requirements -- so these students are actually meeting TAMU's requirements that are part of the pool. Mr. Estrada said he also provided information that clearly indicates that the students from these targeted schools are doing exceptionally well once they are admitted and enrolled at TAMU. He said in fact we retain the students at a higher rate than we retain students who are admitted from schools that are not targeted. Mr. Estrada said after hearing the Regents' comments and concerns and after studying the number of eligible students, they modified their initial plan so that they are now proposing that they be allowed to admit the top 20 percent of the applicants from targeted recruited schools. He said these students must meet TAMU's academic course and entrance score requirements to be eligible. He said this is a small pilot program that they are going to discuss. He said it is probably no more than 200 students -- and limiting that to 400 students. He said these are all additional students from the ones that they have from TAMU's initial enrollment plan. Mr. Estrada said it is important for the Board to know that they are not going to change anything in the current selection process. In fact, he said, they have targeted the freshmen class of 6,300 students. He said they anticipate offering 10,500 admits in a round figure, a yield of 60 percent to reach the 6,300 enrollment class that they want. He said the selection process is going remain intact and as usual, the university's admission selection board will determine who these students are. He said it's all done "race-neutral." He said they don't look at race as any factor, any indicator whatsoever, when they are selecting these students. He said it is a fair and equitable process and one in which they are extremely proud. Mr. Estrada said it has been challenged repeatedly through his short tenure at TAMU. He said that he and Dr. Frank Ashley, Director of Admissions, have been able to explain the process rather well to parents, students and others. He said they are quite pleased with it and are not going to change that process at all.

Mr. Nye said we typically have been choosing 6,300. He said if he understands this 200, we essentially accept 6,500. Mr. Estrada said they are discussing that ratio, 6,300 plus 200 to 400 additions. Mr. Nye said the important aspect of this is that we hold faith with the traditional process -- that we are not going to admit any less, we are not going admit any more, no one has been displaced. Dr. Ronald Douglas, Executive Vice President and Provost, said the critical number is the number of students that TAMU offers admission to, and that is the 10,500 that Mr. Estrada is talking about. Dr. Douglas said the question of how many we actually end up with depends upon the acceptances,

but the point is 10,500 is the number that they had planned and that is not going to change. Mr. Nye said it is a small thing, but it is a big deal and that is TAMU has been admitting under a process that everybody has come to understand. He said they don't necessarily love it, but they understand that's the deal. He said we have a pattern and a practice and everybody has come to accept it and understand it. Mr. Nye said when the 10 percent rule was adopted there was a fair amount of feeling that it wasn't fair. Mr. Nye said it has been accepted as the state law, it's state policy, and we are all working within it. He said he thinks most feel that it is a good thing. But, he said, to the extent that this small, albeit very small, experimental program pushes 200 students who otherwise might have gained admission under some traditional practice, that poses a problem for him and he would like to find the budgetary dollars to admit 6,500. Dr. Douglas said what they generally do is admit 10,500, they expect the class of 6,300. He said they will be budgeting for next year right now for a class of 6,300. He said if the number turns out for some reason to be higher then they have to find the funds to do that, that is what they will do with this, exactly what Mr. Nye said.

Dr. Gramm asked if they were saying that the 10,500 would not be changed. Dr. Douglas said that was correct. Dr. Bowen said they would add to the 10,500 a pool to fit this program, and in the total pool admit, there would be 10,500 admitted against the historic criteria -- unchanged. He said they would be able to say to any individual that asks "was my child disadvantaged," "no." Dr. Gramm asked the number admitted under these criteria. Dr. Bowen said they estimate about 400. Dr. Gramm clarified that the total amount of admits would be 10,500 plus. Mr. Nye said if you end up getting 6,500 or 6,300, you are okay. Dr. Bowen said they always have some fluctuations anyway. He said they need to be able to fulfill the social contract with the folks out there that their young people are not disadvantaged by this special pilot initiative. He added that this doesn't make us bullet proof for criticism. He said if a child is turned down, there is a reaction to that, human nature being what it is -- you are not happy. Dr. Bowen said he believes that we will be able to defend and rationalize the process. Dr. Gramm asked the criteria for the special group. She asked if you are in the top 20 percent, are you are in automatically? Mr. Estrada said if you meet the minimum course requirements and test score requirements, they have a sliding scale, according to rank, so there is going to be a new test requirement as well, no differently that any other student that they are currently accepting. He said the only criteria is that these students actually graduate in the top 20 percent. He said they are only talking about 10 percent of those students because the upper 10 are already admitted. Dr. Gramm asked if they meet the SAT score requirements. Dr. Douglas replied in the affirmative. He added that they meet all the requirements for math, science, English, all the rest. Mr. Nye said the key is you give them assurance that they will be admitted. Dr. Bowen said under the current procedure, they would be thrown into a review pool and they may or may not get in. With this plan, TAMU will be able to say in advance that they will get in prior to that review. Dr. Douglas said many of them would be getting in now, if they applied. Mr. Estrada said the last thing they wanted to do was to create some provisional pool that stigmatize these students as being admitted to the university under different criteria. He said he doesn't think that would ever be allowed to occur. Mr. Estrada said that is important for TAMU as well.

Mr. Sosa asked where these students are being included, because if you go to a high income school, when you go past the 10 percent, there could be a whole big pool there in the 20 percent. Mr. Estrada said they use Texas Education Agency (TEA) data. He said they use economically disadvantaged, the number of advanced placement (AP) courses, the budget per pupil, the dollar per pupil... Mr. Nye asked if this is the same group that the TEA identified and that the legislature has used. He asked if the legislature has determined that 250 or so schools deserve special attention. Mr. Estrada said they have not matched them. He said he can only presume that those schools, because they are all so low performing schools, are exactly the same schools as House Bill (HB) 400, asking institutions to partner with those low performing high schools to encourage participation and eventual enrollment in colleges and universities. Mr. Nye said the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has been interested in this. Mr. Estrada said they are responsive to that. He said he and Dr. Ashley are looking at that and HB 400 very closely to see what they can do to encourage that participation. He said they are inviting the 253 high school principals on campus so that they can begin signing agreements with them and they anticipate that will occur in the spring semester.

Dr. Gramm said she had a legal question. She asked if this has been vetted outside. She said she understood that this is going to be looked at by the Attorney General's office. She asked if a high school could question this and say, "I want to be part of that." Mr. Delmar Cain, General Counsel, said he thought this was a defensible program. He said neither his office nor the Attorney General's office was willing to say that we won't perhaps receive a lawsuit, but it is not a race-based program. He said you are not doing this on the race based issue and so if there is a rational basis, if there is any rational basis for this program, and there is a rational basis, this is looking at what the rest of the state is looking at, to try to get those schools, to get students from those schools into a college program. Dr. Gramm said that may all be well and good, but she would like to have somebody "outside" have a look at it. Mr. Cain said they have talked with the Attorney General's office, they have talked the Solicitor General's office, which is the part of the Attorney General's office that defended in the Hopwood case. He said they have told him that they would give him an opinion in writing. He said they have indicated that they think that the program is okay, but they are going to give us something in writing. Dr. Gramm said last time, when she didn't understand the program quite as well, she was concerned that it was just going to be aimed at certain racial or ethnic groups. She said this is not "race-based." Mr. Estrada said it is not. Dr. Gramm asked if someone could sue because their high school was not included. She added that she knows that we don't have to have all the answers and the legal issues are tough issues. She said she didn't want our system to be the system that appears to be supporting some kind of a race-based program and end up in the Supreme Court. She said she didn't think that was a good use of our resources and didn't think that would serve the university well.

Dr. Avilés said he did not think this was a race-based program. He said HB 400 has passed and it targets some of these schools. He said this is just following through on what the House has already passed. He said he didn't think this has to do with race-based whatsoever. Dr. Avilés said if it was race-based -- he would not support it. He

said he did not think it was race-based and therefore they should go forward. Dr. Gramm said to the extent that it could be very closely tied to what might have been some legislative intent through the schools chosen. Mr. Estrada said HB 588 and HB 400. He said the targeted recruited schools change during the course of year as well. He then explained the different tiers of schools. He said they continue to look at the data to ensure that they are doing this correctly. He said they are working on this as relatively new, but it is still a process that they are very comfortable with.

Ms. Armstrong said she was for the concept. She said following on Dr. Gramm's question, she doubted that Highland Park was going to get much of a chance at this 10 percent extra or that Alamo Heights was going to get a chance at this. She asked about the legal situation. Mr. Estrada said they are always in that situation with their selection process. He said they can actually argue that the process is fair. He said he thought we could continue to argue that it is within the scope of the law as we have come to interpret that law. Ms. Armstrong said it is 10 percent. Mr. Estrada said it is 10 percent, but HB 588 also allows them to go up to 25 percent as well, to automatically admit, according to the institution, institutional choice, the top 25 percent of the student body, or any segment thereof.

Mr. Nye said the Board should act on this matter subject to getting an adequate letter from the Attorney General. He said the Attorney General certainly understands this matter. Mr. Nye referred to the questions of being sued. He said you could get sued on what you are doing now, and there are lot of folks who don't like what you are doing now and they probably have a better basis for challenging what you are doing now than some high school will have for challenging this target program because you are acting under legislative sanctions. He said first of all, the Board was not going to act without having a letter from the Attorney General, which he said he understood was forthcoming. He said for his part, to act in the situation that reaches out to targeted schools that have been legislatively mandated, is the best coverage. Mr. Estrada said it was a unique and great program. He said it is a departure from what they currently do. He said he would remind the Board of what Mr. Peter O'Donnell had said earlier, "we have tried everything and it hasn't worked." Mr. Estrada said he thinks this is a unique way of handling some of the issues that they have to handle as well.

Mr. Stevens said he agreed with what Mr. Nye had said. Mr. Stevens asked if these are legislatively targeted schools. Mr. Estrada said they don't know, they haven't matched the TEA targeted schools yet with TAMU's targeted schools and obviously there has to be a match in order for TAMU to be in compliance with HB 400. He said they haven't gotten the list for that -- all of this is new. Mr. Nye asked if we could be sure that our targeted schools are their (the legislature's) targeted schools. Mr. Estrada said we could. He said that he said that with great hesitancy because they know some of the schools that they need. He said they have also included some private schools in that mix of targeted recruited schools that are not listed under TEA because that information is not required reporting, so they would like to extend that to some of those private institutions. He said there is a feeling that that levels the playing field quite a bit.

Mr. Stevens said when we are asking for the letter from the Attorney General's office, we should also as a fact let them know that we are trying to target this list as closely as we possibly can. Mr. Cain said they gave them the full packet and then also met with them to discuss the way the program is set up. He said when you look at the criteria for the schools, that is where the real crux of the issue is, the criteria do not have anything to do with race. He said the criteria has to do with proficiency, passing the TAAS tests, dropout rates, taking advanced courses, tests, and economically disadvantaged. He said those are the criteria that are being used and they are saying that if you are higher than the state average, then this is a school that we would like to get in. Are you lower on the state average on advanced placement? He said none of that has anything to do with race and what we are trying to do is get those students that are in those schools to begin a larger program of getting those going to college.

Dr. Gramm said one way to address this is to say that this is a pilot program, then the schools that you pick on a pilot program will come from, in large part, some of the schools that are on that list, and that in fact, doesn't have to be the same schools. She said it seemed to her that if you work with the schools like what Mr. O'Donnell indicated earlier, that you might take other schools as well. She added that it was mentioned earlier, but it is very important that these students are not viewed by themselves or by other students on campus as being second-class citizens in any way. Mr. Estrada said perhaps the THECB could be enticed to adopt our schools. He said we have been working with these schools rather well, as those schools that are listed in HB 400, so they will work on that. Mr. Nye asked if students who are admitted under this program carry any mark, any designation, will anyone know? Mr. Estrada said no. Dr. Douglas said in fact, if you think about it, since this will happen before they would have gone into review, you would not be able to decide which of those students would have gotten admitted ordinarily and which of those students wouldn't have. Mr. Mays asked wouldn't we want to track these students? Mr. Estrada said it would be done internally. Dr. Douglas said the whole group would be tracked within 10 and 20 percent. He said what he was saying was probably a large percentage of them maybe half, maybe two-thirds, would have been admitted anyway. He said one of the main reasons for this program is not to get them in, it is to get those students out there to apply to TAMU, because as Mr. Estrada has told in other situations, what the counselors are being told and what the students are being told, is don't bother to apply to TAMU, you can't get in and that's not true. Mr. Estrada said Dr. Ashley continues to remind him of that -- those schools are telling the counselors "don't apply unless you are in the top 10 percent," and we need to change that culture and we need to do that quickly. Mr. Sosa said it is going to be up to us to do it aggressively and to do it early and to be very, very visible in our desire to track them. He said we are going to have to make a 100 percent effort in that area. Mr. Estrada said they would.

Dr. Douglas said one of the things that TAMU is particularly proud of is its land grant heritage and one very important dimension of the land grant heritage is to provide opportunity to students who have worked hard, who have merited opportunity, but probably didn't necessarily measure up to go to the best of the finest schools. He said most of our students now, of course, are among the very best, but this is a program that does in fact allow us to recognize students who have worked hard and accomplished in

adverse situations and not the best of schools because of all of these dimensions and to encourage them to come to TAMU. Dr. Bowen said the fact that it is a pilot program, the fact that we are going to monitor some of these sensitive issues, and we are going to stay very close to legal counsel on it, we can review it after the first cycle and make whatever adjustments seem appropriate. He said he thinks it's a very important thing to do as an institution. He said it will help us in many, many ways outside of the raw statistics that we bring to these students. He said everything we do has consequence. He said he is threatened to be sued by probably 50 or 60 families every year. He said he really believes though, in the context of a pilot program, the obvious understanding of the environment that Mr. Estrada reflects as he makes the presentation, how close we are to the THECB on how they are making some of their decisions, that we can manage this in a way that we can all be proud of.

RECESS

Mr. Nye recessed the Board meeting at 10:02 a.m.

(Secretary's Note: The Special Committee on Educational Access was reconvened at 10:03 a.m. and adjourned at 10:04 a.m.)

RECONVENE

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

STATUS REPORT ON FUTURE BONFIRE EVENTS

Mr. Nye asked Dr. Bowen and Dr. Bryan Cole to present this report.

Dr. Bowen said in June of 2000, he made a decision about whether or not they would proceed with planning for bonfire in 2002. He said he gave a list of stipulations in terms of how the project could go forward. He said in response to that, Dr. Malon Southerland, Vice President for Student Affairs, working with last year's student body president, created a task force of faculty, students and staff. He said Dr. Bryan Cole coordinated and headed up that activity. Dr. Bowen said they did a tremendous amount of work. He said Dr. Cole would provide information about issues that they will be confronting in the first part of 2002 in terms of the decision of whether or not they will have a bonfire.

Dr. Cole said he wanted to brief the Board on what they have been doing with respect to planning for bonfire in the past year and a half. He said their mission, as a planning committee, was to develop and plan the university's response to the Bonfire Commission Report and Dr. Bowen's directives for Bonfire 2002. He said beyond that their mission was to establish a vision of really looking at the entire student leadership structure and developing world-class leadership models that go beyond bonfire. He said they have been working on both of those aspects throughout the last year and half. He said central to their efforts were two, internal values, that guided their work

throughout the year and a half -- take care of people and do the right thing. A copy of this update is on file in the Office of the Board of Regents.

Mr. Nye thanked Dr. Cole for the report. Mr. Stevens said he would assume that at some point the Board would receive advice and counsel from Mr. Cain as to the effect all of this would have on pending lawsuits. Dr. Cole said they have been involved throughout the process. Dr. Bowen said they have tried to keep them at the table on the issues. Mr. Cain said he would like to discuss this later.

Mr. Nye reported for Dr. Wynn that the American Medical Association (AMA) Medical Students Section at TAMU performs a service project each year and for 2002 their national project will be STAT (Standing Tall Against Tobacco). He said it is an educational project where medical students go out to high schools and middle schools to talk about the dangers of tobacco use. He said Dr. Wynn was particularly anxious for the Board to know that the program, which is now going to be adopted by the National AMA Medical Student Section, originated at TAMU. Mr. Nye congratulated the TAMU Medical Students Section of the AMA.

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Adams to present the report from the Committee on Audit.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Committee on Audit, said Ms. Cathy Smock, Chief Auditor, and her staff, were diligently working on the first quarter audit report.

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Stevens to present the report of the Committee on Finance.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said the Committee met on Wednesday afternoon, December 5, and received a report from the Fund Evaluation Group on the performance of our endowment as well as recommendations concerning asset allocation. Mr. Stevens said the Committee met again on December 6, and approved Items 1 through 3. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 233-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A QUASI-ENDOWMENT  
ENTITLED "BACHELOR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
SENIOR CLASS AWARD QUASI-ENDOWMENT,"  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Sosa 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 account to be called the "Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Senior Class Award Quasi-Endowment." Interest earnings from the quasi-endowment will be used to provide awards for senior landscape architecture students and to fund field trips, lectures, and an annual workshop.

**MINUTE ORDER 234-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

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

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System 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. 01-02-02, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit A**.

**MINUTE ORDER 235-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CHANCELLOR,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Sosa and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The following report of appropriations by the Chancellor is hereby accepted:

| <b>Member</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Project Name &amp; Source of Funds</b>                                    |
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| TCE           | \$355,859.00  | Purchase of two digital copiers<br>Revenue Financing System Commercial Paper |

To the extent this appropriation is an obligation of the Revenue Financing System, and 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 the financial obligations of the Board relating to the Revenue Financing System and that the Participants, on whose behalf the Bonds are to be issued, possess the financial capacity to satisfy their Direct Obligations.

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Mr. Nye then called on Ms. Armstrong to present the report of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, stated that the Committee had met the previous day and approved 20 items to be submitted to the Board for approval. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 236-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

**APPROVAL FOR A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM  
LEADING TO A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY WITH A MAJOR IN  
LEADERSHIP STUDIES AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Prairie View A&M University leading to a Doctor of Philosophy Degree with a major in Leadership Studies, as described in **Exhibit B**, attached to the official minutes.

The Board also authorizes the President to submit 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 237-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the amended Table of Programs for Prairie View A&M University, as contained in **Exhibit C**, attached to the official minutes.

The Board also authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to submit this amended Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 238-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

**APPROVAL OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE  
WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the administrative change at Tarleton State University by eliminating the Department of Business Systems and establishing the Department of Computer Information Systems and the Department of Accounting, Finance, and Economics within the College of Business Administration, as described in **Exhibit D**, attached to the official minutes.

The Board also authorizes Tarleton State University to submit this administrative change 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 239-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the amended Table of Programs for Tarleton State University, as contained in **Exhibit E**, attached to the official minutes.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 240-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

**APPROVAL OF NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS LEADING TO A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MUSIC, BACHELOR OF MUSIC, AND BACHELOR OF MUSIC WITH ALL-LEVEL CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of new degree programs leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Music, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Music with All-Level Certification at Texas A&M International University, as described in **Exhibit F**, attached to the official minutes.

The Board also authorizes the President to submit these new degree programs 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 241-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 9)**

**APPROVAL TO RENAME THE B.S. GEOGRAPHY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES OPTION TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE, APPROVAL OF A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM LEADING TO A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the renaming of the B.S. Geography Environmental Studies option to Geographic Information Science and authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this name change to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The Board of Regents approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a B.S. in Environmental Studies, as described in **Exhibit G**, attached to the official minutes..

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board for this proposal have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 242-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

**APPROVAL FOR A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM LEADING TO A  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCE  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO PRESENT TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the establishment of a new degree program at Texas A&M University leading to a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geosciences, as described in **Exhibit H**, attached to the official minutes.

The Board authorizes the President of Texas A&M University to submit this degree program to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval and hereby certifies that all applicable criteria of the Coordinating Board for this proposal have been met.

**MINUTE ORDER 243-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PAPER FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the establishment of the Academy for the Performing and Visual Arts, was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit I**.

**MINUTE ORDER 244-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
CENTER FOR CONTINUOUS AUDITING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Center for Continuous Auditing is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University that will be administered within the Department of Accounting, Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business, effective January 1, 2002. In consultation with the Dean of the College, the Head of the Department of Accounting is hereby authorized to appoint a Center Director. A copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit J**.

**MINUTE ORDER 245-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The European Union Center is hereby established as an organizational unit of Texas A&M University to be administered within the International Programs Office. A copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit K**.

**MINUTE ORDER 246-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED MISSION STATEMENT AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the amended Mission Statement for Texas A&M University-Commerce, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit L**.

The Board also authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Commerce to submit this amended Mission Statement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 247-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

**APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PAPER FOR  
THE HARTE RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR GULF OF MEXICO STUDIES,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the establishment of the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi was approved, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit M**.

**MINUTE ORDER 248-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 16)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED MISSION STATEMENT  
AND TABLE OF PROGRAMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the amended Mission Statement and Table of Programs for Texas A&M University-Kingsville as contained in **Exhibits N and O**, attached to the official minutes.

The Board authorizes the President of Texas A&M University-Kingsville to submit the amended Mission Statement and Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 249-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 17)**

**APPROVAL OF INSTITUTIONAL PLAN FOR  
DISTANCE EDUCATION AND OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the Institutional Plan for Distance Education and Off-Campus Instruction for Texas A&M University-Texarkana, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit P**.

The Board also authorizes the President to submit this Institutional Plan for Distance Education and Off-Campus Instruction to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 250-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 18)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED MISSION STATEMENT AND  
AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATION  
TO SUBMIT TO THE TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION  
COORDINATING BOARD FOR APPROVAL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-TEXARKANA**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the amended Mission Statement and Table of Programs for Texas A&M University-Texarkana, copies of which are attached to the official minutes as **Exhibits Q & R**.

The Board also authorizes the President to submit the revised Mission Statement and amended Table of Programs to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

**MINUTE ORDER 251-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 19)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED TABLE OF PROGRAMS AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the amended Table of Programs for West Texas A&M University, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit S**.

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

**MINUTE ORDER 252-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 20)**

**APPROVAL OF CONCEPT PAPER FOR THE  
CENTER FOR DYNAMICS SYSTEMS AND CONTROL,  
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION**

On motion of Ms. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the concept paper for the establishment of the Center for Dynamics Systems and Control, within the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, was approved. A copy of the concept paper is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit T**.

**MINUTE ORDER 253-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 21)**

**APPROVAL OF INSTITUTE FOR COUNTERMEASURES  
AGAINST AGRICULTURAL BIOTERRORISM,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY,  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,  
TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND  
TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY**

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

The Institute for Countermeasures Against Agricultural Bioterrorism is hereby established to organize and expand science-based research, extension and service programs that contribute to preventing and minimizing the impact of bioterrorism activities directed at the United States' agriculture and food supply. The Institute will serve as a System organizational unit of Texas A&M University, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Cooperative Extension, and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. In consultation with Texas A&M University's Vice President for Research and other participating System Components within the Institute, the Vice Chancellor, Dean and Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Cooperative Extension is hereby authorized to appoint an Institute Director. A copy of the executive summary is attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit U**.

**MINUTE ORDER 254-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 51)**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED MISSION STATEMENT AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE  
TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System approves the amended Mission Statement for Prairie View A&M University as contained in **Exhibit V**, attached to the official minutes.

The Board also authorizes the President of Prairie View A&M University to submit this amended Mission Statement to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

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Mr. Nye called on Dr. Avilés to present the report from the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND PHYSICAL PLANT

Dr. Avilés, Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Physical Plant, said the Committee met the previous day and Items 23 through 29 pertaining to construction, Item 30 pertaining to the adoption of a master plan, Items 31 through 33 pertaining to real estate, and Item 34 pertaining to the naming of facilities, were approved.

Dr. Avilés said the following Architect/Engineer Design Team selections were recommended by the Committee:

- Design of the Fine Arts Complex at West Texas A&M University to the firm of HLM Design of Dallas, Texas
- Design of the Nursing Facility at the Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing to the firm of Watkins Hamilton Ross Architects, Inc., of Houston, Texas
- Design of the Architecture and Arts Building at Prairie View A&M University to the firm of HKS, Inc., of Dallas, Texas
- Design of the Classroom Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to the firm of Barnes Gromatzky Kosarek Architects, of Austin, Texas
- Design of the Gulf of Mexico Research Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to the firm of Richter Associates of Corpus Christi, Texas
- Design of the Pharmacy School at Texas A&M University-Kingsville to the firm of B₂HK, of Houston, Texas
- Design of the New Science Building at Texas A&M International University to the firm of Kell Munoz Architects of San Antonio, Texas

Dr. Avilés said the following actions were taken by the Chancellor, pursuant to System Policy 51.04 on construction projects since the last regular meeting of the Board of Regents.

- 1) Moveable furnishings contract award for the Student Development Center at Texas A&M International University to Jones Office Supply dba Jones & Cook Stationers of McAllen, Texas, in the amount of \$52,832.97
- 2) Construction contract for the West Campus Training and Dressing Room Facility at Texas A&M University to RM Dudley Construction Co., Inc., of College Station, Texas, in the amount \$4,317,133.00

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 255-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 23)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE  
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR THE FINE ARTS COMPLEX,  
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Fine Arts Complex at West Texas A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$20,000.00, the amount of \$1,650,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 40-0899058 Fine Arts Complex for design of the Fine Arts Complex at West Texas A&M University.

The firm of HLM Design, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Fine Arts Complex at West Texas A&M University.

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).

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 256-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 24)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND  
SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR  
THE NURSING FACILITY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Nursing Facility at the Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing, Houston, Texas is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000.00, the amount of \$1,769,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 084230 Permanent University Fund Note Proceeds for design of the Nursing Facility at the Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing, Houston, Texas.

The firm of Watkins Hamilton Ross Architects, Inc., Houston, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Nursing Facility.

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).

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 257-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 25)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND  
SELECTION OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM  
FOR THE ARCHITECTURE AND ARTS BUILDING,  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the Architecture and Arts Building at Prairie View A&M University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$25,000.00, the amount of \$1,435,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 020101 Designated Tuition - Cash Flow Reserve for design of the Architecture and Arts Building at Prairie View A&M University.

The firm of HKS, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Architecture and Arts Building at Prairie View A&M University.

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).

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 258-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 26)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF THE  
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR THE CLASSROOM BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The program of requirements for the Classroom Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$15,000.00, the amount of \$150,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 029999 Interest Income – Designated; \$1,200,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 030010 Student Services Fee; \$100,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 034004 Unallocated Student Housing Reserve; \$91,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 284547 Unallocated Board Authorized Tuition and \$440,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 284533 Board Authorized Tuition – President – Reserve for design of the Classroom Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The firm of Barnes Gromatzky Kosarek Architects, of Austin, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Classroom Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

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).

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 259-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 27)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF  
THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM FOR THE  
GULF OF MEXICO RESEARCH BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The program of requirements for the Gulf of Mexico Research Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$12,000.00, the amount of \$787,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 016090 Higher Education Fund for design of the Gulf of Mexico Research Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The firm of Richter Associates of Corpus Christi, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Gulf of Mexico Research Building at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

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).

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 260-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 28)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION  
OF THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DESIGN TEAM  
FOR THE PHARMACY SCHOOL,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE**

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

The program of requirements for the Pharmacy School at Texas A&M University-Kingsville is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$15,000.00, the amount of \$600,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 218090 Designated Tuition and \$214,000.00 from Account No. 334009 Campus Food Service for design of the Pharmacy School at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

The firm of B<sub>2</sub>HK of Houston, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the Pharmacy School at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

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).

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 261-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 29)**

**APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM OF REQUIREMENTS,  
APPROPRIATION FOR DESIGN AND SELECTION OF  
THE ARCHITECT/DESIGN TEAM FOR THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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

The program of requirements for the New Science Building at Texas A&M International University is approved.

Supplementing a previous appropriation of \$15,000,000, the amount of \$700,000.00 is appropriated from Account No. 21300 Designated Tuition Reserve and \$507,000.00 from Account No. 530031 TAMIU Student Center Interest.

The firm of Kell Munoz Architects, Inc., of San Antonio, Texas, is selected to head the architect/engineer design team for the New Science Building at Texas A&M International University.

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).

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 262-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 30)**

**ADOPTION OF A MASTER PLAN FOR THE CAMPUS OF  
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, DALLAS, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

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

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, hereby adopts the master plan for the expansion of Baylor College of Dentistry, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit W**. This master plan, which may be amended from time to time by the Board, is to be used as a guide in the acquisition of real property for the campus of Baylor College of Dentistry. No authority to acquire property is provided under this minute order. All acquisitions made pursuant to this master plan, must first be approved by the Board, and in accordance with Board policy.

**MINUTE ORDER 263-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 31)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A  
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE EASEMENT TO  
AQUILA SOUTHWESTERN PIPELINE CORPORATION,  
BURLESON COUNTY, TEXAS,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, after favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute a 16-inch natural gas pipeline easement to Aquila Southwestern Pipeline Corporation, or assigns. The dimensions of this easement are approximately 40 feet in width and 564.22 rods (9,309.6 feet) in length across a portion of the Texas A&M University Farm property, and is situated in the John P. Coles Survey, Abstract No. 12, Burleson County, Texas. This easement will be for a ten (10) year term with total consideration being \$56,422.00.

**MINUTE ORDER 264-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 32)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT TITLE TO A  
TRACT OF LAND AND TO PURCHASE A BUILDING,  
EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES FROM THE  
CITY OF MCALLEN, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS,  
AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office, legal review by the Office of General Counsel and approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is authorized to execute all documents necessary to enter into an agreement with the City of McAllen, Texas, for the purpose of constructing a building to The Texas A&M University System's specifications which will be used by the South Texas Center for the School of Rural Public Health. This agreement will provide The Texas A&M University System with the ability to take title to the land and to purchase the building, equipment, furniture and fixtures on or before June 30, 2003, for an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.

The amount of \$4,500,000 is appropriated from Permanent University Fund Debt Proceeds for the purchase of a building from the City of McAllen, to include equipment, furniture, fixtures and associated costs.

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 265-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 33)**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND,  
BOWIE COUNTY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

The Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, or his designee, following favorable recommendation by the System Real Estate Office and legal review by the Office of General Counsel, is authorized to execute all documents necessary to purchase a tract of land and necessary access and drainage easements, consisting of 2.071 acres, more or less, in the J.H. Bennett Headright Survey, Abstract No. 27 in Bowie County, Texas. The purchase price of \$8,750, plus closing costs, is appropriated from Account No. 810619-00001, styled "FY-1999 New Boston Office Site" for payment.

By approval of this minute order, the Board certifies the requirements of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules have been met and authorizes the Chancellor, or his designee, to take all steps necessary to communicate this certification to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**MINUTE ORDER 266-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**NAMING OF THE  
HARTE RESEARCH INSTITUTE BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The proposed structure to house the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, currently in conceptual design, to be located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is hereby named the "Harte Research Institute Building."

**MINUTE ORDER 267-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 34)**

**NAMING OF THE  
MICHAEL AND KAREN O'CONNOR BUILDING,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

The proposed structure to house the College of Business and a classroom/laboratory office facility, to be located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, is hereby named the "Michael and Karen O'Connor Building."

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Mr. Nye called on Mr. Adams to present the report of Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee.

REPORT OF THE AD HOC POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Adams, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Policy Review Committee, said the Committee met the previous day and recommended approval of Items 22, 35 and 36. The Board took action as follows:

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**MINUTE ORDER 268-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 22)**

**APPROVAL OF SYSTEM POLICY 13.04 (STUDENT TRAVEL),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 13.04 (*Student Travel*) and the component rules as described in **Exhibit X**, attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 269-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 35)**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 17.02 (PATENTS),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 17.02 (*Patents*) described in **Exhibit Y**, attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective immediately.

**MINUTE ORDER 270-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 36)**

**APPROVAL OF MAJOR REVISIONS TO SYSTEM POLICY 33.03 (NEPOTISM),  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

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

System Policy 33.03 (*Nepotism*) described in **Exhibit Z**, attached to the official minutes, is approved to be effective immediately.

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OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Nye called on Mr. Graves who presented Items 40 through 42. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 271-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 40)**

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

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

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 hereby confirms the appointment and commissioning of peace officers by the Presidents of the respective components of The Texas A&M University System, as reflected in **Exhibit AA**, attached to the official minutes.

**MINUTE ORDER 272-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 41)**

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

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, in accordance with System Policy 12.01 on academic freedom, responsibility and tenure, hereby authorizes the granting of tenure to the following faculty members as set forth on Tenure List No. 01-02-02, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit BB**.

**MINUTE ORDER 273-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 42)**

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

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Dr. Gramm and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

In recognition of long and distinguished service to The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents hereby confirms the recommendation of the Chancellor, and confers the title of “Emeritus/Emerita” upon individuals as shown on Emeritus Title List No. 01-02-02, attached to the official minutes as **Exhibit CC**, and grants all rights and privileges of this title.

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Mr. Nye called on Dr. Bowen who presented Items 43, 44 and 45. The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 274-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 43)**

**APPROVAL OF GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE  
BOARD OF VISITORS OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Effective December 1, 2001, the governance structure of the Board of Visitors for Texas A&M University at Galveston shall be as follows:

1. Total membership of the board shall not exceed twenty-five members at the discretion of the Vice President and CEO of Texas A&M University at Galveston.
2. Board Members shall serve three-year terms. Members may serve no more than two terms, whether in succession or in the aggregate.
3. The officers of the board shall be a chairman and vice-chairman, who shall be elected annually.
4. The Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston shall appoint an employee of Texas A&M University at Galveston to serve as secretary to the board.
5. The board shall meet biannually on the campus of Texas A&M University at Galveston. The meeting schedule and location are subject to change by the Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston.
6. A copy of the current bylaws of the Board of Visitors shall be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents.
7. The Board of Visitors may adopt and amend its bylaws to incorporate the requirements established by the Board of Regents, as well as other governance matters deemed appropriate so long as such bylaws do not conflict with any Minute Order or other action of the Board of Regents.

**MINUTE ORDER 275-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 44)**

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF  
JERRY S. COX TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Mr. Jerry S. Cox, Class of 1972, is hereby appointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University Private Enterprise Research Center, effective December 7, 2001.

**MINUTE ORDER 276-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 45)**

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF  
GEORGE L. LIPPE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE RESEARCH CENTER,  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

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

Mr. George L. Lippe, Class of 1976, is hereby appointed to the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M University Private Enterprise Research Center, effective December 7, 2001.

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Mr. Nye presented Item 48 and the Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 277-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 48)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2001,  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING,  
BOARD OF REGENTS**

On motion of Dr. Gramm, seconded by Dr. Avilés and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System held in College Station, Texas, on September 27-28, 2001, are hereby approved.

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Mr. Nye said Item 50 was discussed earlier in the day. He said it was being approved subject to receipt of a letter of approval from the Office of the Attorney General.

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**MINUTE ORDER 278-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 50)**

**APPROVAL OF PILOT FRESHMAN ADMISSION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM,  
(SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL),  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

On motion of Mr. Sosa, seconded by Ms. Armstrong and by a unanimous vote, the following minute order was approved:

Texas A&M University is hereby authorized to implement a Pilot Freshman Admissions Opportunity Initiative with the class matriculating in Summer or Fall 2002. Under this initiative, students in the top 20 percent of the graduating high school class in targeted and recruited high schools and meeting Texas A&M University's admission course requirements will be offered admission.

*(Secretary's Note: This minute order was adopted subject to receipt of a letter of approval from the Office of the Attorney General.)*

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Mr. Nye said the next regular meeting was scheduled for January 24-25, 2002, at West Texas A&M University.

RECESS AND RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Nye recessed the Board meeting at 10:45 a.m. He said the Board would reconvene its closed session in the Board Meeting Room.

RECESS CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Mr. Nye reconvened the meeting in open session at 1:05 p.m. He said the Board had met in closed session on Thursday, December 6 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. and reconvened on Friday, December 7 at 11:08 a.m. and concluded at 1:03 p.m.

The Board took action as set forth below:

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**MINUTE ORDER 279-2001 (AGENDA ITEM 49)**

**NAMING OF  
DR. LELVE G. GAYLE AS THE  
FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
THE TEXAS VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY,  
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

On motion of Dr. Avilés, seconded by Ms. Armstrong and by a unanimous vote, Dr. Lelve G. Gayle was named as the finalist for the position of the Executive Director of The Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. Final action will be taken after 21-day notice is given.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Nye adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m., Friday, December 7, 2001.

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

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