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1. Announcements

It was mentioned for the record that through an October 8, 1980 memorandum Vice President Donald W. Whisenhunt appointed Mrs. Martha D. Wheat as the residency officer for the university in order to insure consistency relative to applying university rules and regulations and state law concerning student residency status.

The Cabinet was advised that a meeting is to be conducted at 10:00 a.m. today, October 20, 1980, with local bankers pursuant to the possibility of Tyler bankers participating in the East Texas Higher Education Authority. This Authority relates to providing student financial aid under a federally insured student loan program. Ralph B. Rushing, president of R. B. Rushing and Company, Inc., Municipal Financial Advisors, requested that the university schedule a meeting with Tyler bankers for the purpose of discussing this matter.

2. Commencement

Discussion was conducted relative to a request from a group of students pertaining to the possibility of conducting a December commencement program. This matter has been under consideration by the Convocations and Commencement Committee, the Deans Council and Faculty Senate. Through discussion the Cabinet reviewed October 14, 1980 action of the Convocations and Commencement Committee and discussed Deans Council input on this matter. The Cabinet was advised that the registrar is conducting a survey of students who have applied for December commencement to determine potential participation level of this group of students in a December commencement. Following general discussion of the pros and cons of adding a third commencement program to the university calendar, as well as the possibility of conducting only one commencement per year, the Cabinet decided to defer a decision on this matter until the survey results are available along with other information that may be obtained from the Deans Council and general faculty.