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COORDINATING BOARD APPROVES TSC NURSING PROGRAM

The bachelor of science degree in nursing program, submitted to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System by Tyler State College, received approval Tuesday in Austin.

President Stewart attended the meeting Tuesday. He said, "The approval of this new degree recognizes the documented need for a baccalaureate nursing program at Tyler State."

He added that the Tyler Smith County Area Health Council conducted a year-long feasibility study and this study provided the documentation for the need of the bachelor degree in nursing study in this geographic area.

Vice President Turney said, "Full implementation of the nursing program is planned no later than one year from now."

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(Nursing Program con't.)

He also mentioned that this would not preclude people from going ahead and getting into the program by taking general studies requirements this fall."

Dr. Stewart mentioned that only two other schools in the state were granted the baccalaureate degree programs in nursing at the upper-division level at the Tuesday meeting.

COST OF LIVING DATA TO BE COLLECTED

In conjunction with the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA), the School of Business has undertaken a continuing project to collect quarterly data on the cost of living in Tyler, Longview, and in the future other East Texas cities.

The data collected covers the six primary areas of consumer expenditures: food, housing, utilities, transportation, health, and miscellaneous services.

The procedure used in the survey is to send the local data to the ACCRA where it is combined with data from other cities to construct an index that will show the relative differences in the cost of living between the participating cities. The index resulting from the data for all participating cities should be available in several weeks.

Persons interested in receiving a copy of the index should direct their inquiries to the ACCRA Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyne Kieler, Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Eighth and High Streets, Des Moines, Iowa 50307.

STEWART AND SAWYER ATTEND 1975-77 BIENNIAL REQUEST HEARING

A 1975-77 biennial appropriations request hearing is being held in Arlington today. Representing TSC at the hearing is President Stewart and Vice President Sawyer.

At 1 p.m. today they were to appear at a preliminary hearing before staff officials from the Governor's Budget Office, Legislative Budget Board, and the Coordinating Board to review the TSC biennial request for legislative appropriations for the fiscal years ending Aug. 31, 1976 and 1977.

The TSC request is being made based on instructions from the Governor's Budget Office and the Legislative Budget Board under the zero-base concept.

The zero-base concept, being utilized for the first time by the State of Texas for submitting biennial requests, necessitates that a submission be made on two levels.

Level I request totals \$23,899,964. Included in this amount is \$3,447,459 for 1976 operating expenses and \$4,662,265 for 1977 operating expenses. An amount of \$15,790,240 for facilities construction is provided for 1976 with the unexpended balance carried forward for 1977.

For Level II the proposed total amount requested will be \$29,021,986. The Level II totals reflect \$4,542,434 for 1976 operating expenses and \$4,870,169 for 1977 operating expenses. Level II provides \$18,609,383 for 1976 facilities construction with the unexpended balance carried forward for 1977.

The TSC Board of Regents approved the proposed 1976-77 biennial appropriations request at their regular meeting on July 10.

ENROLLMENT HITS 346 FOR SECOND SUMMER TERM

The official enrollment count for the second summer term, 1974, is 346, plus one audit.

The enrollment figure reflects a notable 250% increase over the 99 students enrolled for the second summer session, 1973.

A total of 94 classes will be taught this term.



TSC LIBRARY RECEIVES \$4,250 HEW GRANT

Approximately 500 additional books will be absorbed into TSC's library during the next year as a result of a federal grant for library materials, according to TSC's Director of Library Services Jim Mayfield.

Through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's 1973 higher education act, TSC will receive a \$4,250 entitlement grant.

"This can be a big boost to colleges because it allows them to enrich their collections with money they probably would not have. At Tyler State \$4,250 is only a small percentage of the library's annual budget but it will help," explained Mayfield.

This is the second year TSC has received a basic grant from HEW. Grants were slightly more last year with Tyler State receiving \$5,000.

TWO MILLION BUDGET GETS REGENTS APPROVAL

At a regularly scheduled meeting July 10 TSC regents approved the 1974-75 institutional budget which totaled \$2,035,718.

The Educational and General Budget, made up totally of state appropriations, amounts to \$1,961,984. This amount provides the resources for all 1975 Fiscal Year operations of the college excluding auxiliary enterprises, construction funds and private contributions. Of this amount, \$1,288,801, or 69.3%, is budgeted for categories related directly to the educational functions of the college, i.e., faculty salaries, library departmental operating expense, organized research and instructional administration.

President Stewart remarked that this supports the basic philosophy that TSC exists for the prime purpose of serving the student.

He continued, "Therefore, diligent attention and efforts have been expended by the administration in developing the recommended budget to make every dollar count in an optimal manner in the direction of continuing to provide a first class instructional program during the 1975 Fiscal Year."

The 1975 Fiscal Year Budget provides \$344,752 more total dollars than the 1974 Fiscal Year Budget. Dr. Stewart commented, "With these additional funds that are available to the institution during the second year of the current biennium, it is possible for us to persist in the sound development of the total institutional program."

TSC IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

NOTES FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Long Distance Telephone Logs

In order that the Business Office may audit telephone bills to prevent incorrectly charged calls from appearing on monthly departmental operating statements, please keep a log showing date, person or place called, telephone number, whether call was Tex-An or regular long distance and the credit card number charged to.

Mailing Information

Please make notation on all outgoing mail showing the department from which mail originated. Also, mark mail with class that it should be sent; otherwise, it will be mailed the least expensive way.

Available Papers for Printing Requests

Due to the current paper shortage and the lack of storage space, only the following types of paper will be stocked by the Print Shop:

- 1) 20 lb. Sulfite bond in white and colors (letter and legal sizes)
- 2) 20 lb. recycled in white (letter and legal sizes)
- 3) 20 lb. bond, 25% rag content in white (letter size only)

Any other paper must be requested and approximately eight weeks allowed for delivery.

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