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AGENDA BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING TYLER STATE COLLEGE

6:00 p.m., November 30, 1973

I. Invocation

II. Approval of Minutes, October 10, 1973

REPORT: Each of you has been sent a copy of the Minutes of the October 10, 1973 Meeting of the Board of Regents. Are there any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the October 10, 1973 Meeting?

Motion:

Second:

BOARD ACTION: That the Minutes of the October 10, 1973 Meeting of the Board of Regents of Tyler State College be approved as read. (approved) (disapproved)

III. Approval of Agenda

REPORT: Each of you was furnished a copy of the letter to the Secretary of State in accordance with Senate Bill 260, Sixty-First Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, advising him of this meeting and furnishing him a copy of the items to be considered today. Do I hear a motion to approve the agenda?

Motion:_____

Second:

BOARD ACTION: That the agenda of the Board of Regents Meeting as presented to the Secretary of State pursuant to Senate Bill 260, Sixty-First Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, be approved. (approved) (disapproved)

- IV. Report of Standing Committees
 - A. Executive Committee Regent Robert G. Schleier

B. Academic and Personnel Committee - Regent B. H. McVicker, M.D.

1. Personnel

REPORT: The persons named below have been approved by the appropriate vice president and the president, and have been checked in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Academic and Personnel Committee and the checks were found to be positive, and are therefore recommended for the following positions and at the salaries stated:

Professional - Full Time

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Mr. Roby Kenneth Muckelroy, age 38, Assistant Professor of Music and Acting Chairman of the Department of Music, beginning Spring Semester, 1974, at an annual salary of \$13,000 (nine months). It is further recommended that the annual salary be reduced to \$12,000 (nine months) if Mr. Muckelroy has not completed the requirements for the doctorate degree prior to the beginning of the 1974 Spring Semester.

Dr. Larry Gene Spears, age 35, Professor of Chemistry and Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, beginning Spring Semester, 1974, at an annual salary of \$15,000 (nine months).

Professional - Part Time

The following individuals have been approved by the appropriate vice president and the president, and have been checked in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Academic and Personnel Committee and these checks were found to be positive. The committee recommends the employment of each individual at the position and salary stated contingent upon institutional needs:

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The following individuals have taught previously at Tyler State College. It is the recommendation of the president and the vice president for academic affairs that they be employed as part time instructors for the 1974 Spring Semester at the positions and salaries stated. The employment of each individual is contingent upon institutional needs:

Dr. Peter J. Turano, teaching three classes in Political Science, \$1000 per class.

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Mrs. Julie C. Davis, age 39, Typist ($\frac{1}{2}$ time in School of Education and $\frac{1}{2}$ time in School of Business), beginning October 8, 1973, at an annual salary of \$4,608. Clerk-Typist 1.

Resignation

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Crow as Associate Professor of Education effective December 19, 1973.

Motion:

Second:_____

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents approve the personnel additions and resignation as recommended by the Academic and Personnel Committee. (approved) (disapproved)

2. Consideration of Data Processing Proposal

REPORT: A report relative to the consideration of a data processing proposal will be presented for consideration by the Board of Regents.

Motion:_____

Second:

BOARD ACTION: Appropriate Board action will be taken upon consideration of the proposal. (approved) (disapproved)

- C. Campus and Building Committee Regent Neal E. Velvin
 - 1. Consideration of Architectural Planning

REPORT: A report relative to architectural planning will be presented by the Campus and Building Committee for consideration by the Board of Regents.

Motion:

Second:

BOARD ACTION: Appropriate Board action will be taken upon consideration of the report by the Campus and Building Committee. (approved) (disapproved)

2. Consideration of Conveyance of Property to the City of Tyler for Relocation of Streets on Permanent Campus Site

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REPORT: A report relative to conveyance of property to the City of Tyler for relocation of streets on the permanent campus site will be presented by the Campus and Building Committee for consideration by the Board of Regents. 52

Motion:

Second:

BOARD ACTION: Appropriate Board action will be taken upon consideration of the report by the Campus and Building Committee. (approved) (disapproved)

3. Consideration of Request for Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, Approval of Site Development Work on the Permanent Campus Site

REPORT: In order for the college administration to submit the necessary application to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, relative to consideration of the site development project on the permanent campus site, the Board of Regents must first approve the application. The application should be submitted to the Coordinating Board staff thirty days prior to the Coordinating Board meeting during which it is to be considered. Since it is desirable for the Tyler State College application to be considered by the Coordinating Board at its January 18, 1974 meeting, it is important that the application be acted on by the Board of Regents and the administration be authorized to submit the request application.

Motion:

Second:

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents approve the request for Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, consideration for approval of the site development project to be accomplished on the permanent campus site; and further, that the Board of Regents authorizes the administration to submit the application request in sufficient time to permit the Coordinating Board to place this item on their January 18, 1974 agenda. (approved) (disapproved)

D. Finance and Appropriations Committee - Regent C. Quentin Abernathy

E. Legal Committee - Regent Dean W. Turner

V. Report and Recommendations of the President of the College.

VI. Reports of Special Committees

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- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business

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IX. Adjournment

Motion:_____

Second:_____

Time:_____



MINUTES

Special Called Meeting of

BOARD OF REGENTS

TYLER STATE COLLEGE

Held on the Campus of Tyler State College

November 30, 1973

The Board of Regents, Tyler State College, convened at 6:00 p.m., November 30, 1973, with six members present: Chairman Jack C. Morgan, Robert G. Schleier, Neal E. Velvin, C. Quentin Abernathy, David K. McKie, and B. H. McVicker, M.D. Three members were not in attendance: Jeff Austin, Jr., H. J. McKenzie, and Dean W. Turner.

Also present were Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr., President; John R. Sawyer, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs; James S. Powell, Director of Public Information Office of Tyler State College; John R. Pierce, Director of Physical Plant; Mrs. Lou Love, Secretary to the President; Mr. Watson W. Wise; Dr. Dick Simmons, from the Texas A&M University Data Processing Center; Caudill Rowlett Scott representatives William T. Steely, Frank Lawyer, Lannis Kirkland, and John Jacob; E. Davis Wilcox from E. Davis Wilcox and Associates; Mrs. Carol Taylor and Archie Whitfield from the Tyler Courier-Times; and Richard Centner from Channel 7 TV Station.

The meeting of the Board of Regents, Tyler State College, was called to order by Chairman Morgan.

ITEM 1: INVOCATION

Regent C. Quentin Abernathy pronounced the invocation for the special called meeting of the Board of Regents of Tyler State College.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES, MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 1973

On motion of Regent Schleier, and seconded by Regent Velvin, the Board of Regents approved the Minutes of the meeting of October 10, 1973.

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regent Schleier moved, and Regent Abernathy seconded, that the agenda of the Board of Regents meeting as presented to the Secretary of State pursuant to Senate Bill 260, Sixty-First Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, be approved. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President James H. Stewart, Jr. introduced the guests present for the meeting, including Mr. Watson W. Wise, Dr. Dick Simmons, Mrs. Carol Taylor, and Mr. Richard Centner.

ITEM 5: CONSIDERATION OF DATA PROCESSING PROPOSAL

Regent McVicker reported that the Academic and Personnel Committee had looked extensively into the data processing needs of Tyler State College and were of the opinion that the institution could best be served by going off campus and contracting this service rather than providing inadequate equipment on campus.

Dr. Dick Simmons, director of the Texas A&M University Data Processing Center, explained in detail the services that are available through Texas A&M's center. He stated that Tyler State can use any amount of time in any type of service such as library inventory, registration, payroll, research, instruction, property control, etc., and pay only for the time used.

Vice President for Fiscal Affairs John R. Sawyer substantiated his statement that the Data Processing proposal was within the limits of the budget by distributing a proposed data processing center budget for Tyler State College for the fiscal year September 1, 1974 to August 31, 1975. (Exhibit A)

Regent Abernathy, Chairman of the Finance and Appropriations Committee, inquired of Dr. Simmons the date for transacting another contract with Texas A&M University. Dr. Simmons stated that contracts were renewed on a fiscal year basis, therefore the contract would be renewable September 1, 1974; that Texas



A&M would not cancel nor fail to renew a contract; would work very closely with Tyler State College should TSC desire to cancel at any time; also, if and when Tyler State no longer needs the services of the Texas A&M Computer Center, Tyler State will retain all software.

BOARD ACTION: Regent McVicker moved, and Regent Schleier seconded, on the recommendation of the Academic and Personnel Committee, that the Board of Regents approve the administration entering into an Interagency Cooperation Contract and Agreement between Texas Engineering Experiment Station, Texas A&M University System and Tyler State College with said contract to begin January 1, 1974 (or upon approval by the Board of Control) and terminate August 31, 1974 and with the total amount of said contract not to exceed \$8,000 (Exhibit B). Motion carried.

ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF TYLER FOR RELOCATION OF STREETS ON PERMANENT CAMPUS SITE

President Stewart reported that the legal counsel for Tyler State College had drawn up a contract conveying certain property on the permanent campus site to the City of Tyler for street and public right of way purposes in relocating Calloway Road to better serve Tyler State College. Dr. Stewart stated further that the contract had been approved as to form by the Attorney General's Office of the State of Texas.

BOARD ACTION: Regent Abernathy moved, and Regent McKie seconded, that the Board of Regents approve the document showing conveyance of property to the City of Tyler for relocation of street and public right of ways as described in said document; and further, that Chairman Jack C. Morgan, acting for the Board of Regents, sign the document. Motion carried. (Exhibit C).

ITEM 7: CONSIDERATION OF ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING

At the invitation of Regent Velvin, William T. Steely gave the following progress report on Phase I construction for Tyler State College:

- (1) There have been several meetings in the past few weeks with the faculty and administrative staff relative to space utilization and fixed and movable equipment.
- (2) CRS Engineering Project Manager John Jacob, CRS Civil Engineer George Harris, CRS Electrical Engineer Pat Mann have worked with Tyler State College personnel relative to engineering for the permanent campus site. Additionally, Food Services Consultant J. Forrest Cauley has consulted with CRS and college personnel regarding food services for the institution. In addition, there will be a consultant from a nationally

known landscape design firm who is sensitive to ecology, and a representative from an acoustical consulting firm.

- (3) CRS is continually checking with the City of Tyler to be sure the firm is interpreting and conforming correctly to all building codes.
- (4) A CRS team, along with Regents Velvin, Abernathy, and college staff, made an on the site visit to the campus on November 15, 1973, viewing first hand the staked building locations, and verifying topography survey with Surveyor John Cowan.
- (5) The CRS electrical engineer was in Tyler during the month of November working on security, fire alarm, telephone, electrical and mechanical control systems.
- (6) Bill Steely and Frank Lawyer discussed and showed slides of a construction method called Sarabond developed by Dow Chemical Company for exterior wall construction that is a very effective method and speeds up construction. Mr. Lawyer posted drawings showing some recent design changes in floor plans and moving of the administration building to better fit the site.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

ITEM 8: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT

President Stewart covered the following items in his report to the Board of Regents:

- (1) Legal Services: In accordance with the Board of Regents' action at the October 10, 1973 meeting, Dr. Stewart requested an opinion from Attorney General John L. Hill relative to retaining outside legal counsel for Tyler State College. The Honorable David Kendall, chairman of the Opinion Committee, acknowledged request and advised that it was under study and an opinion would be prepared.
- (2) <u>School Colors</u>: It was officially requested by the Board that input concerning school colors be secured from Tyler State College student and staff personnel; and further, that the Interiors and Graphics Department of CRS be consulted for suggestions relative to a stronger color combination of the proposed colors of blue and green. In response to this request, the president reported that through a student and personnel poll, the colors of green and blue received a plurality and the Interiors and Graphics Department of CRS had suggested PMS 347 for the green color and PMS 293 for the blue color to give a stronger color combination.

BOARD ACTION: Regent McVicker moved, and Regent Abernathy seconded, that the Board of Regents approve PMS 347 green and PMS 293 blue as the official school colors for Tyler State College. Motion carried.

- (3) Energy Crisis: President Stewart reported that efforts are being exerted at Tyler State College to cooperate in saving energy. Among the specific measures mentioned were setting thermostats at 68 degrees for heat and keeping all electrical equipment, including lights, off except when needed.
- (4) Proposed Texas Constitution: At a meeting of the Council of State
 College and University Presidents in Austin on October 30, 1973,
 Dr. Stewart stated that action was taken by that group approving the following recommendations to the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission:
 - (a) To support common language for Article Seven of the proposed new constitution.
 - (b) That the Council of Presidents, through a committee of the governing boards, develop prior to January 1, 1974 an overall common language position statement and specific constitutional language for Article Seven to be presented to the Constitutional Convention.
 - (c) That the Council of College Presidents, through the committee of governing boards, secure the services of a full time coordinator for state higher education to carry out the first two items through the duration of the Convention.

At a succeeding meeting on November 26, 1973, the Council of Presidents approved a resolution in support of a revised State Constitution for Texas that includes six principles related to higher education. (Exhibit D)

- (5) Upper Level Formula Advisory Committee: Vice President John R. Sawyer and President Stewart attended a meeting of the Upper Level Formula Advisory Committee which was designated by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, to study formula funding for upper level schools on November 27, 1973, in Austin. In spite of the lack of data with which to begin relative to this matter, this committee is making very good progress in the direction of establishing formulas for funding upper level colleges and universities in Texas. The administrative offices in each of the upper level institutions in Texas have devoted a great deal of time to formulating data in view of attempting to bring the problem of formula funding for upper level programs into focus.
- (6) <u>Financial Disclosure</u>: Through a recent conference conducted by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, and the Attorney General's Office, information was given relative to the financial disclosure law as it applies to higher education.
 - (a) Lesser Disclosure Requirements: Members of Boards of Regents of institutions of higher learning in Texas are in this category. The law states that disclosure will be made 90 days after January 1, 1974, which means the initial disclosure statement is due in the office of the Secretary of State no later than

5 p.m., Monday, April 1, 1974, for the initial disclosure.

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- (b) Stricter Disclosure Requirements: This applies to college presidents, as well as a number of other Texas public officials.
- (7) Open Meetings Law: House Bill No. 3 of the Sixty-Third Legislature, amending Sections 1, 2, 3a, and 4, Chapter 271, Acts of the Sixtieth Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, commonly referred to as the "Open Meetings Law" will become effective January 1, 1974. The amended sections in the law are explicit. (Exhibit E)
- (8) Average Budgeted Faculty Salaries of Public Senior Colleges and Universities in Texas: The president discussed the 1973-74 average budgeted faculty salaries of public senior colleges and universities in Texas report distributed by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, and provided copies of the report for each Board Member. (E xhibit F)

ITEM 9: PERSONNEL

Chairman Morgan explained that the Board of Regents had several items to consider in terms of personnel and salaries and declared the meeting to be in executive session.

Following the executive session, Regent McVicker reported that the persons named below have been approved by the appropriate vice president, the president, and are recommended for the positions and salaries as stated by the Academic and Personnel Committee. These individuals have been checked in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Academic and Personnel Committee and these checks were found to be positive.

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Resignation

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Crow as Associate Professor of Education effective December 19, 1973.

BOARD ACTION: Regent McVicker moved, and Regent McKie seconded, that the Board of Regents approve the full and part time professional personnel and the classified personnel at the positions and salaries stated, along with the one resignation, as recommended by the Academic and Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

ITEM 10: ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING

The feasibility of an early site package was thoroughly discussed by the Board of Regents with representatives of the architectural firm. Information handed out to the Board on site work packaging was the basis of further discussion. (Exhibit G)

CRS Engineering Project Manager John Jacob outlined three different schemes for producing and releasing site packages. Each scheme would contain a different scope of work, released at different times, and probable construction cost of each would vary.

After much discussion, it was decided that little could be gained by releasing an early site package. The construction documents will all be released at the same time.

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Another item of discussion was the use of critical path scheduling for construction. CRS estimate is that this service could possibly cost \$20,000-\$30,000. The CPM service should be contracted for in ample time to get it incorporated into the bidding documents. The advantage of this is that each bidder would have this information and it could result in better bids, plus making the firm more responsive to the owner.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

ITEM 11: CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, APPROVAL OF SITE DEVELOPMENT WORK ON THE PERMANENT CAMPUS SITE

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Regent Velvin reported that in order for the college administration to submit the necessary application to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, relative to consideration of the site development project on the permanent campus site, the Board of Regents must first approve the application. The application should be submitted to the Coordinating Board staff thirty days prior to the Coordinating Board meeting during which it is to be considered. Since it is desirable for the Tyler State College application to be considered by the Coordinating Board at its January 18, 1974 meeting, it is important that the application be acted on by the Board of Regents and the administration be authorized to submit the request application.

Discussion followed as to the amount and kind of site work that should be accomplished within the next several months.

BOARD ACTION: Regent Abernathy moved, and Regent McKie seconded, that the Board of Regents authorize the administration to submit the request application for Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, approval of site development work on the permanent campus site in accordance with the appropriate construction figure and description of work to be done following consultation with the Tyler State College architectural firm; further, that this request be sent to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, prior to December 18, 1973. Motion carried.

ITEM 12: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO PERFORM FOUNDATION EXPLORATION WORK FOR PHASE I DEVELOPMENT

East Texas Testing Laboratory, Inc. submitted a proposal to perform the foundation exploration work for Phase I development of Tyler State College as described in a letter of proposal. (Exhibit G)

BOARD ACTION: Regent Abernathy moved, and Regent McKie seconded, that the Board of Regents approve the proposal submitted by East Texas Testing Laboratory, Inc. to perform the foundation exploration work for Phase I development of Tyler State College as described in Exhibit G attached with the total cost not to exceed \$2,208.25. Motion carried.

ITEM 13: CONSIDERATION OF STATEMENT FROM CRS FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES PERFORMED

Chairman Morgan presented a statement from CRS in the amount of \$19,102.34 for additional services performed.

BOARD ACTION: This was received as information and referred to the Campus and Building Committee.

ITEM 14: SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS REPORT

President Stewart reported that the administration had responded to the recommendations of the Visitation Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and he will attend the annual meeting of the Southern Association in Houston on December 9-12. President Stewart stated to the Board that the administration and faculty had fulfilled the obligation of seeking and obtaining accreditation at the earliest possible time. It was emphasized by the president that the visit of the accrediting team resulted in several recommendations which had been communicated to the Board in writing. Emphasis was given by the president that the matter of institutional priorities is a very significant part of the Southern Association's report and requested that the Board of Regents continue their support of the administration and faculty in the development of sound academic planning as recommendations are presented on a priority basis to maintain quality and achieve full accreditation for the institution by December, 1974.

BOARD ACTION: Regent McVicker moved, and Regent Abernathy seconded, that the Board of Regents go on record as commending the work that has been accomplished by the administration toward full accreditation in so short a time; further, that the Board go on record as unanimously commending the institutional staff and faculty in securing the approval by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, of eight Masters degrees. Motion carried.

ITEM 15: ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Stewart invited the Board of Regents and their wives to a Christmas buffet for all Tyler State personnel on December 21, 1973 on the campus. He also announced that a date for a Christmas dinner for the Regents and their wives will be discussed with Chairman Morgan and information concerning this occasion will be sent to all Regents in a few days.

BOARD ACTION: Received as information.

ADJOURNMENT ITEM 16:

On motion of Regent McVicker, and seconded by Regent Abernathy, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Neal E. Velvin, Secretary

APPROVED:

Jack C. Morgan.