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We appreciate the opportunity which the Board of Regents is giving us today to focus attention on academic and student services programs at Tyler State College through what can be considered a status report pursuant to academic and student services development. Surely, I want to acknowledge special appreciation to Dr. B. H. McVicker, Chairman of the Board, and Regent Jeff Austin, Jr., Chairman of the Academic and Personnel Committee, for their encouragement for us to present this special report.

Also, I want to thank Dr. Bill Turney, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and each of the members of the Dean's Council who will be introduced by Dr. Turney shortly for their efforts in bringing to you a look at where we have been, where we are, and where we are going in the various areas of the institution. I think that this period of time will allow us to turn our attention to what is going on for the benefit and welfare of students at Tyler State, which is really, as we all know, the only reason for our existence.

Before introducing Dr. Turney, I would like to read for you a brief statement by John Masefield entitled "What is a University?".
1975 Fiscal Year Budget

The Tyler State College 1975 Fiscal Year Budget which is to be considered by the Board of Regents upon presentation by the Finance and Appropriations Committee has been developed with the basic philosophy in mind of providing maximum resources for the direct educational functions of the college, thereby insuring the student at Tyler State the best possible educational opportunities within available capabilities. The total budget amount for the period of September 1, 1974 through August 31, 1975 is $2,035,718.00. This amount includes the auxiliary enterprise functions of the bookstore and student services which are included in the budget in an amount of $73,734.00.

The Educational and General Budget, made up totally of state appropriations, amounts to $1,961,984.00. 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, $1,288,801.00, 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. This supports the basic philosophy that Tyler State College exists for the prime purpose of serving the student. 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 $344,752.00 more total dollars than the 1974 Fiscal Year Budget. 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.

Major program improvements and developments reflected in the 1975 Fiscal Year Budget are:

1) A 6.8% statutory cost of living increase for those faculty whose salary was less than $15,000 during the 1974 Fiscal Year.
2) A minimum statutory cost of living increase of 3.4% for those faculty with salaries of $15,000 or more and all classified personnel.

3) Salary increases to implement a pay plan for classified personnel which was developed during the 1974 Fiscal Year. This resulted in position classifications based on job descriptions for all classified personnel.

4) The implementation of the School of Technical and Vocational Studies, including the addition of a Dean for the school and the office support necessary for efficient and effective operation.

5) A new Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences who will also serve as the academic administrator for the School of Sciences and Mathematics and the School of Fine and Performing Arts. This is an interim step toward full implementation of the Board's institutional organizational structure and is consistent with sound educational and fiscal practices.

6) The position of Chairman, Department of Nursing, is provided in order that this significant program can be implemented following the anticipated approval of a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

7) Ten new faculty positions including one in the School of Sciences and Mathematics, two in the School of Business, five in the School of Education and Psychology and two in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

8) The addition of a media specialist who will function as a member of the library staff in developing institutional media resources.

9) The addition of some 31,000 volumes for the library which will bring the total volume count to between 100,000 and 110,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

10) An executive assistant who will have the prime duties of the institutional personnel function including the large volume of work required by both the state and federal governments in the areas of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity. This is another interim step to fully implementing the Board's organizational structure. As you recall, the visitation committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during their
accreditation visit reported that the personnel function should be implemented at an early date.

11) The implementation of the full time position of Director of Data Processing from the current half time status.

12) The addition of two clerical positions for the Business Office and one for the Office of Admissions and Records. Also, a mail clerk is included to serve the institution.


The Tyler State College biennial request for legislative appropriations for Fiscal Years ending August 31, 1976 and 1977 reflects our proposed submission based on the instructions from the Governor's Budget Office and the Legislative Budget Board under the zero-base budget concept. The elements of institutional costs provide the fundamental guide for submitting biennial requests for state institutions of higher learning. The proposed request for the next biennium is in conformity with the summary estimated appropriations request reported to and approved by the Board of Regents at the June 5, 1974 meeting. However, upon compilation and refinement of data for the request, the total amount shown in the biennial request is slightly less than the estimated amount presented to the Board through my report at the June 5 Board meeting.

As has been mentioned, 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. Our two levels are given in a printed request which is to be sent to Austin upon approval. As you will note from study of the request, Level I totals $23,899,964. Included in this amount is $3,447,459 for 1976 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 total amount is $29,021,986. The Level II totals reflect $4,542,434 for 1976 operating expenses and $5,870,169 for 1977 operating expenses. Level II provides $18,609,383 for 1976 facilities construction with the unexpended balance carried forward for 1977. The detail for the above figures is contained within the request document.

The proposed request presented for Board consideration is based on the concept of allowing Tyler State College to continue to offer a quality academic program emphasizing teaching and its defined role and scope of serving the regional needs of students transferring from community and junior colleges, as well as other institutions. In accomplishing
these objectives, attention will be focused in the areas of: (a) academic program growth and development; (b) implementing the approved academic and administrative organization; (c) acquiring library and instructional resources for the educational program and the supporting administrative and student service operations; (d) building additional facilities on the permanent campus site in accordance with the approved institutional campus master plan; (e) identifying educational services that can and should be made available to the public served by the institution.

The nature of Tyler State College as an upper level institution has pointed it in the direction of seeking a non-traditional senior college character. Philosophically, this means the institution emphasizes programs that are meaningful to students and thus to society through careful articulation with institutions that provide the nucleus of the student body - namely, community and junior colleges.

As in the past, maximum effectiveness for the Tyler State College program through efficient use of the tax dollar will be of prime concern. Resources made available by the State of Texas for the 1976-77 biennium will be highly significant to the institution by permitting continual sound growth and development of a quality educational program.
3. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Dr. Richard Barbe, Professor of Educational Administration, School of Education, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, has officially been appointed and accepted the appointment to serve as chairman of our Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visitation committee. Further, through communications from Dr. Gordon W. Sweet, Executive Secretary, and Dr. Grover J. Andrews, Associate Executive Secretary, Commission on Colleges, the dates of September 10-13, 1974 have been officially set.
June 25, 1974

President James Stewart
Tyler State College
Tyler, Texas  75701

Dear President Stewart:

I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Council of the Commission has authorized the Evaluation Committee for initial accreditation for Tyler State College for September 10-13, 1974. This action was taken at the June 24, 1974 meeting of the Council and was based on the report of the Candidate Committee of September 1973 and the special June 1974 report from your institution.

The Council stressed that the institution be made fully aware that all Standards of the College Delegate Assembly must be fully met in order to achieve initial accreditation. Special emphasis should be placed on acquiring an adequate faculty, library, and financial support base for the curriculum and course offerings project by the institution and approved by the Texas Coordinating Board. These items should be thoroughly presented in the Status Report to be prepared for the visiting committee.

Please let me know if I can be of any help to you as you prepare for the committee visit. I look forward to being on your campus September 10-13.

Sincerely,

Grover J. Andrews
Associate Executive Secretary
Commission on Colleges

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President James Stewart  
Tyler State College  
Tyler, Texas  

Dear President Stewart:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Dr. Richard H. Barbe has accepted our invitation to serve as chairman of the committee to visit your institution, September 10-13, 1974. We request that the chairman make a visit to the campus preliminary to the arrival of the full committee. It is suggested that this visit be made forty-five to sixty days prior to the arrival of the committee. Dr. Barbe will be in touch with you in regard to arrangements for the preliminary visit.

Our experience has proven that this visit can be extremely important, not only to give the chairman an opportunity to meet key personnel and to make necessary arrangements, but also to be certain that the Status Report and the institution will be ready for the visiting committee.

As soon as the committee is complete, we shall notify you of the other members.

Sincerely,

Gordon W. Sweet  
Executive Secretary  
Commission on Colleges

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cc: Dr. Richard Barbe