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Tyler State College

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Tyler, Texas 75701 February 10, 1975

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To:

Board of Regents, Tyler State College

From:

James H. Stewart, Jr.

Subject:

Administrative Notes

I. Texas Eastern University Bill Introduced

Representative Bill Clark introduced a bill to change our institutional name from Tyler State College to Texas Eastern University in the Texas House of Representatives last Thursday, February 6, 1975. It is my understanding that Senator Peyton McKnight will introduce the bill in the Senate in the near future. It was through mutual agreement that the bill was introduced in the House first. In fact, Senator McKnight suggested that this would be the appropriate procedure.

After the bill passes both houses of the legislature, it will become effective immediately upon the Governor's signature being affixed. That specific date is, of course, indeterminable at this time. Representative Clark, however, in announcing the introduction of the bill stated that it is his desire that the name change will be effective in time for it to be used at the spring commencement. I trust that when the time comes for the Governor to sign the name change into law, our legislators will arrange a bill-signing ceremony in which the Board of Regents will have the opportunity of participating.

A copy of Representative Clark's bill is attached for your information and files.

II. Texas Highway Commission Response to Spur 248 Request

I was elated to be informed Friday that the Texas Highway Commission has responded very positively to our request to improve Spur 248 from the end of the existing curb and gutter section east to State Highway 64.

In a lengthly letter to the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, B. L. Deberry, state highway engineer, discussed several items which

the Chamber presented to the Commission along with our Spur 248 request. Following is a portion of the letter from Mr. Deberry written upon instructions from the Commission which pertains to our interests:

"The Commission met in a later session and discussed your presentation in great detail. They have asked me to advise you that, after reviewing all of these worthy projects, they feel special attention should be given the Spur 248 request, Item (a). If this section within the Urban Area will be selected and designated as the City of Tyler's No. 1 priority for use of Urban Funds, it will be considered for construction in the near future."

I think this quote from State Highway Engineer Deberry's letter tells us, not only what we need to know, but what we wanted to hear. I might mention that I have written everyone concerned with this effort a letter of appreciation. Nevertheless, I am sure that Mr. Gilbert L. Reeves, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce, would be pleased to have letters or comments from our board. He along with Isadore Roosth, Harry Loftis, Peyton McKnight, Bill Clark, Freeman Carney and some thirty to forty other individuals did a magnificent job in handling this matter which will be so very important to Tyler State College.

III. Hearings before House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees

Although I have not received definite information about our hearings before the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, I want to mention that these will be scheduled in the next few weeks I am sure. On occasions in the past, as I know you are aware, short notice has been given to institutions about the time for appearing for hearings. With the thought in mind that each of you will be interested in attending these hearings if at all possible, I will let you know about the schedule as soon as I receive that information.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from our Director of Physical Plant and Resident Engineer for the week ending February 7, 1975.

V. Expenditures for Period Ending January 31, 1975

Attached is a copy of the expenditures for Tyler State College for the period ending January 31, 1975 for your information and files.

JHS:rc

Attachments