Excerpt from H. J. McKenzie's Autobiography Concerning His Time as a Regent

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1. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration Award

An award of $7,590 to our institution has been made for the Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP) for fiscal year 1976. The allocation was made through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and determined on the basis of $11 per semester hour for each full and part-time student, a funding ratio which is applied equally to each participating educational institution in Texas. The funds will be used for tuition and fees and will be made available to students enrolled at our institution who are pursuing a degree related to the field of law enforcement.

2. Nursing Capitation Grant

Our institution has been notified of the approval of our application to participate in the Nursing Capitation Grant Program authorized by the Nurse Training Act of 1971 (P.L. 92-158). An award in the amount of $3,408 was made through the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Federal Assistance Financing System (DFAFS) and was computed according to the statutory formula based upon the enrollment data supplied by our institution. This grant will be used in the purchasing of instructional materials and equipment and will be very important in furthering our nursing program at TSC/TEU.

3. Veterans' Cost-of-Instruction Program

An award in the amount of $5,868 for the Veterans' Cost-of-Instruction Program has been granted to our university through the Federal Assistance Financing System for the period of July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. These funds will be helpful to our institution in serving the needs of veterans who are enrolled in our programs.

4. Institutional Revolving Fund

Our institution currently maintains a Revolving Fund in a local bank in the amount of $5,000 which is utilized to pay for purchases within discount periods, make prepayment on certain purchases when necessary and to pay the hourly waged employees.

To reimburse the fund for any expenditures, a detailed purchase voucher must be prepared, attaching all documents, and mailed to the State Board of Control and/or the State Comptroller for processing and issuing of a state warrant. It takes approximately twenty (20) days from the time a purchase voucher is mailed to Austin for the university to receive and deposit the warrant into the Revolving Fund.
With the growth of the university, the original $5,000 is not sufficient. The funds need to be increased to a minimum of $10,000 to provide for sufficient funds to meet monthly requirements and provide for turnaround time and reimbursement.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the administration to increase the Revolving Fund to $10,000.

MOTION: ____________________

SECOND: ____________________

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents authorize the administration to increase the Revolving Fund to $10,000.

(Approved) (Disapproved)

5. Revenue Bonds for Health and Physical Education Facilities

In accordance with the action of the Board of Regents at the July 9, 1975 meeting relative to the Revenue Bond issue, the staff has taken the matter before the Finance and Appropriations and Legal Committees of the board and a report and recommendation will be forthcoming from these respective committees.

6. Workmen's Compensation for TSC/TEU Employees

Effective July 18, 1975, all employees of TSC/TEU who are paid with state funds are covered by workmen's compensation insurance. Available at our institution for the first time, the new benefit program is a result of legislation passed during the 64th session of the Texas Legislature.

Workmen's compensation insurance provides money and medical benefits for physical injuries and occupational diseases that arise out of and in the course of employment. For an approved claim, the program pays all reasonable medical expenses without any time limit.

In connection with this program, I have appointed Vice President John R. Sawyer to serve as claims coordinator and Director of Physical Plant and Resident Engineer L. J. Grubbs as accident prevention coordinator.

7. 1975 Summer Convocation

Sixty-nine candidates for TSC/TEU degrees will be honored at our summer convocation ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. on August 7, 1975 in the College Auditorium. Chairman C. Quentin Abernathy will be present to bring greetings to the candidates. Of course, all regents are cordially invited to attend this program during which students who have completed degree requirements since our May 1975 Commencement will be honored and recognized.
8. Opening of the 1975-76 Academic Year

All TSC/TEU personnel have been requested to attend a meeting opening the 1975-76 academic year at 10:00 a.m. on August 26, 1975 in the College Auditorium. Following the opening session, which should conclude by approximately 10:20 a.m., there will be a "coffee break and social period" in the College Center. At 10:45 a.m., the faculty and professional staff will assemble in the first floor Conference Room for a general faculty meeting.

9. Communication from Mr. Henry M. Bell, Jr.

I received a communication from Mr. Henry M. Bell, Jr., concerning our requests for funding from the Tyler State College Educational Foundation, Inc. for the National Direct Student Loan program and for expenses for the academic staff through which he advised me that he has called a meeting of the Foundation's Executive Committee for today, August 6, 1975, at which time these requests will be presented. We should receive information on these matters in the near future.

10. Answer to Petition Filed

I have received a copy of the Defendant's Original Answer filed in the 7th Judicial District Court of Smith County, Texas, by Assistant Attorney General Harry C. Green relative to the petition filed against the institution by the Allen M. Campbell Company, General Contractors, Inc. A copy of this document, identified as Attachment A, is included for your information.

11. Texas Public Educational Grants Program

In order to provide financial aid to our students under the Texas Public Educational Grants Program, Attachment B contains guidelines which it is necessary for the Board of Regents to approve thereby giving the staff authority to involve the institution in this very significant financial aid program. The guidelines for administering this program have been adopted by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, through consultation with institutions across the state and now serve as Coordinating Board directions to institutions. As further information, I should mention that the Coordinating Board is acting under the authority of House Bill No. 688 which was adopted as law by the 64th Texas Legislature. This new law repeals certain sections of the Texas Education Code dealing with financial aid and replaces these former programs with new ones.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Regents approves the Guidelines for the Administration of the Texas Public Educational Grants Program authorized by the 64th Texas Legislature as contained in Attachment B.
MOTION: _______________________
SECOND: ______________________

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents approves the Guidelines for the Administration of the Texas Public Educational Grants Program authorized by the 64th Texas Legislature as contained in Attachment B.

(Approved) (Disapproved)