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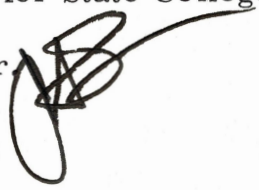
TYLER, TEXAS 75701

May 19, 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. Biennial Appropriations

The Tyler State College portion of each of the "money bills" considered by the House and Senate are attached. As you will note, the House bill is very close to the amount which we requested while the Senate bill is short in the new construction and library elements as well as two or three other elements.

As you are all aware, we have a great deal of work to perform during the next few days while the Conference Committee is writing the final bill for both houses to consider. I will advise you as soon as the appropriations conferees are named.

II. Institutional Name Change

Although you were notified immediately following the May 14, 1975 action of the Senate Education Committee approving the change of our institutional name from Tyler State College to Texas Eastern University, I want to give you a few additional facts for your information.

First, there were eight of the nine Senate Education Committee members present for the hearing. Those present were Committee Chairman Senator Oscar Mauzy and Senators A. M. Aikin, Jr., W. E. "Pete" Snelson, William N. Patman, Lindon Williams, Grant Jones, H. Tati Santiesteban and Kent Hance. Only Senator Jack Ogg was absent.

It is significant to note that there was absolutely no negative sentiment expressed during the name change hearing by the membership of the committee. Senator Snelson made one inquiry about the purpose of the name change which pertained to our commitment to the upper level concept. This question, of course, was answered to his satisfaction. I was very pleased that Senator A. M. Aikin, Jr. made the motion to approve the name change. The vote was 8 to 0 as has already been indicated.

The bill will now go to the Senate Administration Committee to be placed on the local calendar. This committee meets Tuesday, May 20, 1975. Immediately following Senate Education Committee approval of our name change, I talked with Senator Don Adams who chairs the Administration Committee and he advised me that his committee would favorably consider the measure on Tuesday and it would be completely out of the Senate on Thursday, May 22, 1975.

Anticipating the possibility of a public bill signing ceremony with Governor Dolph Briscoe, I talked with Representative Bill Clark (as you are aware, the bill originated with Representative Clark) about arranging such a ceremony. Representative Clark is proceeding to determine if such a ceremony can be scheduled. You will receive further information about this matter as soon as it is available.

A copy of my letter to Senator Peyton McKnight relative to his involvement in our name change is attached.

III. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from our Director of Physical Plant and Resident Engineer for the week ending May 16, 1975.

JHS:ll
Attachments

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