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PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Board of Regents Meeting
3:00 p.m., December 3, 1975

1. Traffic Safety Program

Official notification was received from Governor Dolph Briscoe's office on October 30, 1975 giving final confirmation to the Multi-jurisdictional Traffic Safety Program which the Board of Regents approved on September 17, 1975 following Governor Briscoe's request that Texas Eastern University assume one of the area leadership roles for his Traffic Safety Program.

Along with notifying me of TEU's designation for the leadership role in our area of East Texas, the Governor's office allocated $38,702 to this project for a nine month period extending from October 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976. (It should be noted that since the program did not begin until November 15, 1975, the Governor's office has reported that appropriate adjustments will be made in the funding after the program has been implemented.) Further contact with the Governor's office leads us to expect that the program will be renewed at the end of the present period.

During the time which the Traffic Safety Program has been under consideration, Governor Briscoe's office recommended that Mr. Richard P. Jarrell assume the coordinator's role at our university. Mr. Jarrell has been involved in traffic safety work for a number of years and, according to the Governor's office, is one of the most knowledgeable traffic safety professionals in the state. We are fortunate indeed to have him associated with this program.

As you probably recall, when the Governor's office brought the Traffic Safety Program to our attention, he designated twelve counties in the East Texas area with which TEU would work. In final directions to us concerning the program, these same counties were officially designated to comprise our traffic safety area. Counties included are: Gregg, Kaufman, Ellis, Henderson, Harrison, Navarro, Marion, Upshur, Cass, Van Zandt, Smith and Wood.

2. Texas Community and Junior College Scholarships

Texas Eastern University has awarded eleven scholarships under the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. Community and Junior College Scholarship Program for the Fall Semester 1975. There are eight institutions represented in these awards with three of the institutions, Tyler Junior College, Lon Morris College and Jacksonville College, having
Participating colleges and their respective awards, which vary in amount according to the individual's course load, are as follows:

- Henderson County Junior College $202.50
- Jacksonville College ($172.50 & $144.50) 317.00
- Lon Morris College ($172.50 & $144.50) 317.00
- Navarro Junior College 144.50
- Panola Junior College 202.50
- Paris Junior College 172.50
- Tarrant County Junior College 172.50
- Tyler Junior College ($172.50 & $144.50) 317.00

A total amount of $1,845.50 has been requested from the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. to provide these community and junior college scholarships for the Fall Semester 1975.

3. University Research Grant

A research grant for the university biology department has recently been approved in accordance with board policy following the recommendation of the Faculty Research Committee and the appropriate vice president. Titled Characterization of an Unidentified Endospore-producing Bacillus, the project will be conducted by Dr. James R. Stewart in connection with his instructional duties and will include involvement of students in Dr. Stewart's biology classes.

Dr. Stewart's capability in this area is attested to by the fact that his doctoral research included, in part, the classification of a previously undescribed group of bacteria and that he conducted research for the four years prior to coming to Texas Eastern University which involved regulatory mechanisms in a protozoan system.

The current research will be concentrated upon an endospore-producing bacterium which was isolated last spring in Pathogenic Microbiology Laboratory (BIO 401) and appears to possess properties quite different from species described in the literature. Total funding for the research is in the amount of $1,700, to be expended from university budget account number 15100, Organized Research, in accordance with the purposes for which the Board of Regents has approved the expenditure of these funds. The funding will extend over the period of November 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976.

4. Authority to Commission and Arm University Police Officers

Under the authority of Title 3, Subchapter E, of the Texas Education Code, the Board of Regents is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the safety and welfare
of students, employees and property of the university and to employ, commission and arm campus security personnel for the purpose of carrying out their professional responsibilities. Any officer commissioned under this authority must take and file the oath required of peace officers and must be bonded before he is vested with all powers, privileges and immunities of peace officers while under the control and jurisdiction of the university.

Under the professional leadership of our new director of University Police, Texas Eastern University has established rigid requirements, including education, training and experience for all officers on the campus police force, and with the knowledge that it is necessary for such officers to be armed for personal protection and for protection of university personnel and property, it is the recommendation of the university staff that the Board of Regents authorize the president, or his designee, to commission and arm qualified university police officers.

Motion: ___

Second: ___

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents, acting under the authority of Title 3, Subchapter E, of the Texas Education Code, authorize the president, or his designee, to promulgate rules and regulations for the safety and welfare of students, employees and property of the university and to commission and arm university police personnel for the purpose of carrying out their professional responsibilities.

(approved) (disapproved)