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Administrative Notes, June 23rd, 1975

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To: Board of Regents, Tyler State College
From: James H. Stewart, Jr.
Subject: Administrative Notes

I. July 9, 1975 Board of Regents Meeting

As was mentioned at the board meeting last week, a regular quarterly meeting of the board will be conducted July 9, 1975. A major item of business on the agenda will be the presentation of the 1976 fiscal year budget. We expect to have the proposed budget document ready for distribution along with the agenda for the July 9, 1975 meeting. Our plans are to mail the agenda and proposed budget on July 2, 1975. This will give each of you more time than the required four days to study this important agenda item.

II. Chronicle of Higher Education

A return card is enclosed through which you can indicate to me if you want to have your subscription to the Chronicle of Higher Education renewed. If you are presently receiving this publication, or if you do not wish your subscription renewed, there is no need to return the card.

III. Letter to Caudill Rowlett Scott, Inc.

In accordance with action of the board of regents at the June 18, 1975 meeting, I have responded to Caudill Rowlett Scott, Inc. relative to the Allen M. Campbell Company's letter of May 28, 1975. A copy of this letter of response is attached for your information.

IV. Library Building Funds Vetoed by Governor

Much to my dismay, I received a telephone call from the Tyler newspaper late Saturday through which I was informed that Governor Dolph Briscoe had vetoed the $3.7 million which the legislature had approved for our library building. As you will note
from the attached newspaper article from Sunday's Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph, the governor vetoed 136 construction projects at 18 state colleges and universities because they lacked Coordinating Board approval. This is very confusing because, as each of you knows, we did not request our library building funds any differently than our other construction funds from the standpoint of Coordinating Board approval. As you are aware, the library has been in the master plan from the beginning and it was approved by the Coordinating Board some three years ago.

It is paradoxical that our institution would get caught in something of this nature when our philosophy espouses the coordination concept for higher education in our state so strongly. In fact, the Coordinating Board and Coordinating Board staff have complimented our institutional stand on this matter because of our belief in and support for the coordination principle for higher education development in Texas.

I regret that the governor did not remember how critical the library is to our program and did not choose to discuss the matter with us prior to taking such severe action with no previous indication whatsoever that he planned a veto. In fact, all information we had obtained from his office concerning our total appropriation had been positive. As you will note from the attached newspaper article to which I referred earlier, Board Chairman Abernathy and Appropriations and Finance Chairman McKie both responded to the newspaper's inquiry about the governor's veto. I visited by telephone with both of these gentlemen following the Saturday night contact which the newspaper made with each of us. Needless to state, we are all very confused and perplexed about the entire situation. When and if additional information is available concerning the governor's action, I will pass it on. In the meantime, please understand that at the time this is being written, all my information about the veto has come from the Tyler newspaper reporter who picked the material up from the Associated Press wire story. Perhaps as we receive official information through the appropriate Austin offices, the matter will be more understandable.

JHS:rc

Attachments