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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS Board of Regents Meeting 2:00 p.m., April 14, 1976

# 1. Release of Certain University Facilities

Since Phase I construction on the permanent campus site, with the exception of the health and physical education facilities, is near completion and availability of these facilities will result in eliminating the university's need for continued use of the leased facility at 409 West Locust including the adjacent 114 parking spaces and the leased facilities at 923 North Broadway, it is my recommendation that these facilities, commonly known as the "Safeway Store Facilities" and the "Faculty Office Building," be released by the university on August 31, 1976. Terms of the lease provide that either party shall have the right to cancel and terminate the leases by giving to the other written notice of such cancellation at least ninety (90) days prior to desired cancellation date, however, notice of such cancellation by lessee must have prior approval of the State Board of Control. After consultation with that state agency, we have been advised to proceed with notification to the lessor of our intent to cancel the leases effective August 31, 1976 and to request an acknowledgement of our notice of cancellation. Following this action, the university will forward copies of both letters to the State Board of Control whereupon proper cancellation papers will be prepared.

Motion:

Second:

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents approve cancellation of Lease No. TYS-8448-L-Tyler, covering the facility at 409 West Locust Street for the period September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1979, and Lease No. TYS-8447-L-Tyler, covering the building at 923 North Broadway for the period September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1979, and that such cancellation be effective August 31, 1976. Further, that the university staff notify the lessors of these two facilities in writing of notice of cancellation as specified in the contractual agreements.

(approved) (disapproved)

#### 2. Status of Degree Proposals Approved February 18, 1976

As you will recall, the Board of Regents at the February 18, 1976 meeting approved four degree proposals for submission to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System. These degrees, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology, Master of Science in Psychology, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music, have been scheduled for consideration by the Coordinating Board at its April 23, 1976 meeting. However, after consultation with Dr. Kenneth H. Ashworth, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Texas Eastern staff officers, it was decided that the degrees in art and music should be postponed for consideration until a later date and that only the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology and the Master of Science in Psychology degrees should be pursued at the April 23, 1976 meeting.

In making a decision to postpone the two degrees which the Board of Regents approved earlier, Texas Eastern would be joining with several institutions across the state in supporting to some extent the moratorium which the Coordinating Board has placed on new programs in Texas higher education. I emphasize that this is merely a postponement and not a withdrawal of these two degrees which are needed as a part of the Texas Eastern program and that they will be considered within the next year by the Coordinating Board. Also, it should be emphasized that postponement of these two degree programs in no way indicates they are needed any less now than when they were requested. Basically, such a decision recognizes the matter of priority pursuant to these four program areas.

This matter is being reported to the board for information and therefore, there is no particular action necessary.

### 3. Annual Commencement

The 1976 Annual Commencement program is scheduled for May 15, 1976 at 2:00 p.m. in Harvey Hall with the Honorable Bill Clayton, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, delivering the commencement address. Board members are requested to assemble at 1:25 p.m. in the Rose Garden Building in preparation for the processional.

- 4. Approval of 1976 May Commencement Graduates
- 5. Catalogs
- 6. Texas Community and Junior College Scholarships



#### Approval of 1976 May Commencement Graduates

The listing of Texas Eastern University graduates for the May 15, 1976 Annual Commencement has been completed and I request the Board of Regents' approval of these individuals to receive the degrees which each will have earned at the end of the current semester. The faculty, the Deans Council and the Vice President for Academic Affairs of Texas Eastern University have certified that the students listed are completing curricula offered by the several schools and departments of TEU and I recommend to the Board of Regents that these students be awarded the appropriate degrees in recognition of their academic accomplishments and that each student named be awarded the designated bacculaureate or master's degree during the 1976 Annual Commencement program to be conducted at Harvey Hall, Tyler, Texas on May 15, 1976 at 2:00 p.m.

The total number of graduates represented in the 1976 Annual Commencement is 223 with 72 students having completed their requirements during the Summer Semester 1975; 52, during the Fall Semester 1975; and 99, during the Spring Semester 1976.

There is a total of 143 bachelor's degrees and 80 master's degrees with the School of Applied Studies reporting 19 bachelor's degrees; the School of Business reporting 26 bachelor's degrees; the School of Education and Psychology reporting 57 bachelor's degrees and 77 master's degrees; the School of Fine and Performing Arts reporting 8 bachelor's degrees and 3 master's degrees; the School of Humanities and Social Sciences reporting 26 bachelor's degrees; and the School of Sciences and Mathematics reporting 7 bachelor's degrees.

#### SUPPLEMENT TO

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS Board of Regents Meeting 2:00 p.m., April 14, 1976

### Texas Community and Junior College Scholarships

Texas Eastern University has awarded ten scholarships under the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. Community and Junior College Scholarship Program for the Spring Semester 1976. There are seven institutions, Tyler Junior College, Lon Morris College and Jacksonville College, having two students assisted by the foundation scholarships.

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
Paris Junior College	202.50
Tarrant County Junior College	172.50
Tyler Junior College (\$172.50 & \$144.50)	317.00

A total amount of \$1,673.00 has been requested from the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. to provide these community and junior college scholarships for the Spring Semester 1976.