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PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Board of Regents Meeting
3:00 p.m., June 2, 1976

1. Gift for Furnishing Reception Area

During the March 17, 1976 Board of Regents meeting, I reported that a prospective donor was arranging to make a gift to Texas Eastern University for the purpose of furnishing the third floor reception area of the Phase I Administration/General Classroom Building. I am now pleased to report that this gift has been finalized.

Miss Mettie Azalee Rodgers, a retired Texas A&M University and Baylor University English professor, has given the value of 453 shares of Massachusetts Investors Trust stock to furnish the reception room in the Administration/General Classroom Building in memory of her brother, David Ernest Rodgers. Although the exact value of the gift cannot be determined until the certificates have been sold, the estimated value is between $5000 and $5500. Actual costs have been established for most of the items in the reception space for which Miss Rodgers has provided her gift, and it appears that the furnishings for this space will cost approximately $5500. Therefore, Miss Rodgers' gift very closely approximates the actual cost of the reception area furnishings.

It is recommended that the Board of Regents received Miss Rodgers' gift in accordance with her specification that the revenue generated by the current sale of the stock certificates be designated for the reception room furnishings on the third floor of the Phase I Administration/General Classroom Building. Further, it is recommended that the university president be authorized to carry out the terms of Miss Rodgers' gift and designate the reception space as being furnished in memory of David Ernest Rodgers by his sister, Mettie Azalee Rodgers.

Motion:____________________

Second:____________________

BOARD ACTION: That the gift of 453 shares of Massachusetts Investors Trust stock be received from Miss Mettie Azalee Rodgers for the purpose of providing revenue to furnish the third floor reception area of the Phase I Administration/General Classroom Building in memory of her brother, David Ernest Rodgers and that the university president be authorized to act on behalf of Texas Eastern University in arranging for the sale of the certificates in accordance with Miss Rodgers' directions and specifications.

(approved) (disapproved)
2. Budget for Fiscal Year 1977

Work relative to the development of the Texas Eastern University Institutional Budget for Fiscal Year 1977 (September 1, 1976 through August 31, 1977) has been in progress for the past several weeks. And although the final budget document is not printed, bound and ready for distribution at the time the June 2, 1976 agenda is being sent to the board, the content of the 1977 Fiscal Year Budget comprising the staff recommendations has been completed and reviewed with Finance and Appropriations Committee Chairman C. Quentin Abernathy. It is anticipated that the final budget document will be ready for distribution to the board during the meeting, and a report on the budget for the ensuing year can be made by Committee Chairman Abernathy.

The budget document recommended by the staff reflects a carefully planned university program for the 1977 Fiscal Year within available resources which provides for strengthening academic programs and institutional services in such a manner that our fiscal resources are utilized with appropriate balance. In my opinion, the budget is a fiscally responsible document which provides for continued growth in most all areas of the university program.

3. 1976-77 Texas Eastern University Catalog

The 1976-77 Texas Eastern University Catalog, which was furnished to members of the Board of Regents at the April 14, 1976 meeting, is recommended to the board for approval.

Motion: ______________________

Second: ______________________

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the president, approve the 1976-77 Texas Eastern University Catalog.

(approved) (disapproved)

4. Faculty Research Projects

Two research projects have been approved recently in accordance with board policy following the recommendation of the Faculty Research Committee and the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Joyce Ballard will conduct the study titled A Comparison of Body Composition Factors and Aerobic Work Capacity Between (15-25) Normal Children and (15-25) Mentally Retarded Children (ages 7-11, Pre-pubescent) for the purpose of assessing the body composition and physical work capacity of a group of normal children and a group of mentally retarded children. This information would be important for two reasons: (1) It would provide a basis for better understanding the exceptional
child and how his capacities differ from those of the normal child. In this regard, it might suggest some specific physiological and/or movement needs of the exceptional child. (2) It could provide a scientific basis for prescribing exercise programs for children in physical education classes.

The second research study, titled Population Dynamics of Locustid Grasshoppers in Coastaland Common Bermudagrass Pastures in East Texas, will be conducted by Dr. W. C. Roddy and will include the taking of weekly population samples from adjacent fields of coastal and common Bermudagrass (Cynodon dactylon L.) to determine the population density and age distribution of the Locustid grasshoppers present. These population figures will be correlated to weather data, nutritive value of the grasses, preference in grass selection and other environmental factors. The data generated from this study will elucidate the factors controlling the populations of Locustids and provide a basis for prediction of economic threshold levels for these agronomic pests.

Total funding for these projects is in the amount of $1700 and will 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.

5. Consideration of Re-appointment of Present Faculty

REPORT: In accordance with Article V, Section 5.2 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents which specifies that the President shall nominate annually to the Board of Regents the employment of such faculty members, administrators and other personnel who, in his opinion, will serve the best interests of the institution, I recommend that the individuals named in the 1976-77 Texas Eastern University Institutional Budget serve the institution during the 1976-77 academic year in the positions and at the salaries specified in said budget.

Motion: ____________
Second: ____________

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents approve the individuals named in the 1976-77 Texas Eastern University Institutional Budget to serve the institution during the 1976-77 academic year in the positions and at the salaries specified in said budget.

(approved) (disapproved)

6. University Bicentennial Committee Program

The university Bicentennial Committee is planning a bicentennial celebration on July 2, 1976 on the permanent campus site to consist of a talent program, possibly other stage
entertainment, games, picnics, etc. All activities will be conducted outdoors (parking lot areas) with those desiring to join in the picnic portion of the program requested to bring their own picnic. The Dean of Student Life and students are joining with the Bicentennial Committee in planning this special occasion as another in a series of events through which the bicentennial birthday of our country is being observed. Present plans call for beginning the activity at 4:00 p.m. on July 2, 1976 with activities planned over an approximately four hour period. More details will be provided relative to this event as they are formulated.

7. Transfer of Texas Traffic Safety Program

As announced through the May 24, 1976 Administrative Notes, Governor Dolph Briscoe, by means of an executive order, transferred the functions of the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety to the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. This means, of course, that the program which Texas Eastern University implemented a few months ago at the invitation of the Governor will now have its state headquarters in the state highway department rather than the Governor's Office. The concept of operating the traffic safety program from university campuses remains unchanged. Therefore, the traffic safety program which is assigned to Texas Eastern University remains unchanged operationally so far as our institution is concerned. The only change involved is that the state official heading the traffic safety program will report to the Engineer-Director of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation rather than the Governor of Texas.

8. Modification of Architectural Agreement

REPORT: Following the action taken by the Board of Regents at the March 17, 1976 meeting concerning the university's agreement with Geren Associates Architects Engineers Planners, Mr. Geren reported a discrepancy in the ratio of payment to the architect for additional work by consultants. In order to correct this discrepancy, it is my recommendation that ITEM XVI of the Minutes of the March 17, 1976 Board of Regents meeting entitled "Payment to Consultants for Additional Work" be amended to read "that consultants employed by the architect for additional work shall bill at the rate of 2.5 times their direct personal expenses and the architect shall be reimbursed at 1.1 times (not 1.5 times) the charges of the consultants."

Motion: ______________________

Second: ____________________

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents amend the Minutes of the March 17, 1976 Board of Regents meeting under ITEM VII, "Payment to Consultants for Additional Work" to read: "That consultants employed by the architect for additional work shall bill at the rate of 2.5 times their direct personal expenses and the architect shall be reimbursed at 1.1 times the charges of the consultants." (approved) (disapproved)