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Administrative Notes, October 20th, 1975

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To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University  
From: James H. Stewart, Jr.  
Subject: Administrative Notes

I. Meeting with Phase II Architect

The staff met with Preston Geren last Wednesday for a long session to continue our efforts toward moving the Phase II construction program along. The meeting was an exceptionally good one and provided an opportunity for us to communicate a great deal of information to our architect. We are very encouraged about the schedule for Phase II since we are making very good progress with our planning and programming efforts.

II. Senator Bill Moore Day

Regents David K. McKie, B. H. McVicker, M.D., Robert G. Schleier, and I, along with several other East Texans, attended the Senator Bill Moore Day activities at Washington-on-the-Brazos Tuesday evening October 14, 1975. It was estimated that some four or five thousand people were present for this occasion including Governor Dolph Briscoe and numerous other state officials.

While visiting with Senator Tom Creighton at the Bill Moore Day activities, we learned that Senator Creighton is being honored at a similar occasion in Mineral Wells on Thursday, November 6, 1975. It is hoped that Texas Eastern University can be represented by our governing board and others at the Creighton program. Therefore, please mark your calendars now, and I will follow up with you soon on this matter. Two of our Regents, Jack Morgan and Bob Schleier were in law school with Tom Creighton.

III. Phase II Architectural Contract Approved by Attorney General

Harry Loftis advised me on Tuesday, October 14, 1975 that he had our Phase II architectural contract prepared in accordance with the content approved by the Board of Regents
at the October 8, 1975 meeting. Since Dr. Anthony and I were required to be in Austin for a Coordinating Board meeting Friday, October 17, 1975 the contract was hand delivered to the Attorney General's office whereupon Assistant Attorney General John Reeves approved the document as to form while we were in Austin thereby allowing us to hand carry the contract back to Tyler upon our return trip.

During a visit with Preston Geren last Wednesday, he indicated that the contract would be acceptable to him but wanted to raise one or two questions about it. As soon as these questions are received in writing, I will confer with Chairman Abernathy and Regent Schleier to share the information with them. It is my feeling that the questions which our architect has are very likely insignificant, i.e., his questions will not be matters that will prevent him from signing the agreement. In the meantime, as I stated in item I, we are proceeding to work with our architect pursuant to Phase II planning.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from our director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending October 17, 1975.

V. Expenditures for Period Ending September 30, 1975.

Attached is a copy of the expenditures for Texas Eastern University for the period ending September 30, 1975 for your information and files.
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT

Week Ending: October 17, 1975

General: Work progress has been good this week and all work is proceeding on schedule and without incident.

Power Plant: Considerable progress has been made on wire pulling, control piping, etc. Also, the curb/gutter work and final road preparation is underway on the road from the Spur to the Power Plant.

Student Center: The several work activities in this facility are progressing very well. Work in process includes: tapping/floating, light fixture installation, window wall, red cedar trim work, completion work on drywall, etc.

Administration: The brick work is essentially complete. Interior work such as drywall, fixture installation, duct work (including insulation), pulling wire, and window wall work is progressing well. Also, work associated with the air handlers is underway and progressing satisfactorily.

Science/Math: The sheeting work is near complete with the brick work on the entire facility at 50% complete. Weather permitting, this work will be complete by November 7th. Other interior work, including laboratory utilities, is progressing well and on schedule.

Physical Plant: Progress has not been significant this week on this facility except some work has been done on the entrance drive and parking lot.

Site Work: Paving is complete, except for minor corrections, on Parking Lot No. 3. Final preparation is in process on Parking Lot Nos. 2 & 6. Also, the installation of the chilled and heating water pipe (Perma-Pipe System) is complete except for 3 or 4 small runs. The work on Parking Lot No. 4 is well underway, including curb/gutter. Recall that work on this lot only started 2 weeks ago since this area was used for job shacks, material storage, contractor parking, etc.

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