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PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
Board of Regents Meeting  
2:00 p.m., January 11, 1978

1. Extension of Social Security Coverage to University Employees

As reported to the Board of Regents at the July 6, 1977 meeting, legislation passed by the 65th Texas Legislature provides for the State of Texas to pay each state employee's portion of Social Security taxes up to 5.85 percent on earnings up to \$16,500 per year effective September 1, 1978. Although in 1972 TEU employees informally expressed the preference not to participate in the Federal Social Security program and the Board of Regents therefore did not pursue the matter at that time, it seems desirable and appropriate to examine the program presently in view of action during the last legislative session.

The process for accomplishing this objective requires a request that the Social Security Division of the Employees Retirement System of Texas conduct a referendum for the purpose of determining employee preferences concerning Social Security coverage for university employees. Furthermore, a representative institutional committee to conduct the referendum under the director of the Social Security Division of the Employees Retirement System of Texas is required. A committee comprised of the director of Personnel Services, chairman of the Faculty Welfare Committee of the Faculty Senate and president of the TEU Women's Forum has been recommended to the director of the office for appropriate action.

It is required that advance notice of the date of the referendum shall be not less than 90 days prior to the referendum which is planned sometime between mid-March and mid-May 1978 in order for implementation of the program to take place before the September 1, 1978 effective date if the Board of Regents decides later to approve the program.

Results of the referendum will indicate the number of employees for and against Social Security coverage and will assist in the final decision on this matter by the Board of Regents. No fixed percentage of votes is required to implement the program. In the event the board elects to provide Social Security coverage for university employees, the employees who vote for the coverage will be required to participate while employees who vote against the program will be excluded from participation. Furthermore, if the program is initiated at Texas Eastern University, all new employees joining the university after the referendum will be required to participate in the program.

2. Student Enrollment Report for Fall Semester 1977

A report relative to twelfth class day student enrollment for the Fall Semester 1977 was distributed to members of the board

through the December 5, 1977 Administrative Notes. Prepared as a result of House Bill 1012 enacted by the 65th Texas Legislature, the report indicates the identity and academic rank of instructors, the number of students enrolled in each class, the number of semester credit hours accrued to each course, the course number and title and the department in which courses are offered. House Bill 1012 also stipulates that board members have access to information concerning enrollments in each class on the last class day of each fall and spring semester. As you will recall, the latter report was mailed to you with January 3, 1978 Administrative Notes. Both reports are mentioned at this time in order to make the material a part of the official record of the university as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.

3. Vaughn Foundation Gift

A gift in the amount of \$10,000 has been received from the Vaughn Foundation to be used to enrich our nursing program. It is, of course, because of the continued generosity of Dr. Jim M. Vaughn, M.D., through the Vaughn Foundation, that the university is able to meet some of the challenges associated with our nursing program. We are very grateful for this support.

4. Faculty Research Projects

Three research projects were approved recently in accordance with board policy following the recommendation of the Faculty Research Committee and the vice president for academic affairs.

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| Dr. Stephen E. Rada<br>(No. 15) | The Current Status of<br>Native American<br>Broadcasting | \$295.00 |
| Dr. Wayne H. Goff<br>(No. 16)   | Organization Analysis:<br>A Simulation Approach          | \$250.00 |
| Dr. Robert W. Jones<br>(No. 17) | A Study of Texas<br>Pulitzer Prize Winners               | \$296.00 |

Total funding for these projects is in the amount of \$841.00 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. Conference for Governing Board Members of Texas Higher Education Institutions

The conference for governing board members of Texas institutions of higher education about which information has previously been provided to board members will be reviewed and any additional information received about the conference will be reported.



Additions to President's Report and Recommendations  
January 11, 1978

1977 Fall Convocation

Texas Eastern University's 1977 Fall Convocation program was conducted on December 9, 1977 in the new Physical Health and Education Building with Regent Jeff Austin, Jr. extending congratulations on behalf of the Board of Regents to the largest number of degree candidates (125) to participate in fall convocation ceremonies. In the fall of 1976 there were 93 degree candidates so honored while in 1975 there were 52, and in 1974 there were 37.

Academic areas represented by the 21 master's and 104 bachelor's degree candidates included:

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|-----------------------------|----|
| Accounting                  | 9  |
| Applied Arts & Sciences     | 6  |
| Art                         | 3  |
| Biology                     | 2  |
| Criminal Justice            | 12 |
| Curriculum & Instruction    | 2  |
| Early Childhood Education   | 4  |
| Elementary Education        | 24 |
| English                     | 2  |
| General Business            | 6  |
| General Studies             | 1  |
| Health & Physical Education | 4  |
| Health Professions          | 1  |
| History                     | 2  |
| Industrial Education        | 1  |
| Interdisciplinary Studies   | 8  |
| Management                  | 4  |
| Marketing                   | 3  |
| Mathematics                 | 2  |
| Nursing                     | 8  |
| Political Science           | 3  |
| Psychology                  | 4  |
| Reading                     | 4  |
| Secondary Education         | 5  |
| Sociology                   | 3  |
| Vocational Education        | 2  |

Certification of Fall 1977 Enrollment for Upper Level Institutions

As reported to you through Administrative Notes for January 3, 1978, the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System has furnished the "Certification of Fact to the Governor" document (Attachment) regarding 1977 fall enrollment for upper level institutions to the Governor of Texas. This official certification is necessary in order for qualifying upper level institutions to receive contingency funds as provided by the 65th Legislature. ~~As I previously mentioned~~, our Fall Semester 1977 enrollment produced 102 full-time student equivalents in excess of 10 percent growth. Therefore, Texas Eastern University will receive its predetermined maximum of \$57,076 in contingency funding for the current year as a result of enrollment increase.

*Only 38,228 were necessary for \$57,076; achieved 62.33 more and if money had been allocated, some 95,125 would have been earned.*