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PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Regents Meeting

2:00 p.m., April 4, 1979

1. Approval of Graduates for 1979 Commencement

REPORT: The listing of Texas Eastern University graduates for the May 12, 1979 Annual Commencement (Attachment B) has been completed and the Board of Regents' approval of these individuals to receive the degrees for which they have filed contingent upon their completing all requirements by the end of the current semester is recommended. The faculty, Deans Council and vice president for academic affairs of Texas Eastern University have certified that the students named are completing curricula offered by the several schools and departments of TEU, and it is an honor for me to recommend to the Board of Regents that these degree candidates be awarded the appropriate degrees with all rights and privileges pertaining thereto in recognition of their academic accomplishments and that each student named be awarded the designated baccalaureate or master's degree during the 1979 Annual Commencement program to be conducted at Harvey Hall, Tyler, Texas on May 12, 1979 at 2:00 p.m.

The total number of graduates presently anticipated for the 1979 Annual Commencement is 501 with 131 students having completed degree requirements during the Summer Semester 1978; 144, during the Fall Semester 1978 and 226, during the Spring Semester 1979.

There is a total of 358 bachelor's degrees and 143 master's degrees including 47 master's degrees in interdisciplinary studies. The School of Applied Studies has reported 85 bachelor's degrees; the School of Business Administration, 68 bachelor's degrees and 5 master's degrees; the School of Education and Psychology, 116 bachelor's degrees and 91 master's degrees; the School of Fine and Performing Arts, 11 bachelor's degrees; the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, 59 bachelor's degrees and the School of Sciences and Mathematics, 19 bachelor's degrees.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD ACTION: That the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the president, approve each degree candidate

to receive his/her recommended degree contingent upon each degree candidate successfully completing the requirements for his/her degree; furthermore, that each approved degree candidate named in Attachment B be awarded the designated baccalaureate or master's degree during the Annual Commencement program on May 12, 1979 at 2:00 p.m. in Harvey Hall.  
(approved) (disapproved)

2. Fine Arts Scholarships

REPORT: Based on the April 12, 1978 Board of Regents request, the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. funded Fine Arts Scholarships in music and drama for a two-year period as follows: \$2,000 for the first year and \$4,000 for the second year for music students based on a formula of \$200 per student per year and \$500 for the first year and \$1,000 for the second year for drama students based on a formula of \$100 per student per year.

In regard to the \$1,000 designated for second-year drama scholarships, it is recommended that this amount be utilized for speech scholarships. These two academic programs are closely related, and it has been determined that this modification would best serve our present situation.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD ACTION: Appropriate action will be taken upon consideration of the report and recommendation.  
(approved) (disapproved)

3. Extension of Social Security Coverage to University Employees

REPORT: As reported to the Board of Regents on April 12, 1978, an employee referendum for the purpose of determining employee preferences concerning social security coverage was postponed last spring in order to observe any actions which the 66th Texas Legislature might take concerning payment of the employee's portion of social security (5.8 percent on earnings up to \$16,500). Since no legislation has emerged or is anticipated in the 66th legislature which would change the state's social security program, it is now desirable and appropriate to reinitiate an employee referendum on social security.

On January 18, 1978 it was reported to the Board of Regents that the process for accomplishing this objective requires a request that the Social Security Division of the Employee's Retirement System of Texas conduct a referendum for the purpose of determining employee preferences concerning social security coverage for university employees. Further, a



representative institutional committee to conduct the referendum under the direction of the Social Security Division of the Employee's Retirement System of Texas is required. A committee comprised of the business manager, a faculty member and a classified employee has been recommended to the director of that office for appropriate action.

It is required that notice of the date of the referendum shall be posted not less than 90 days prior to the referendum. Therefore, an announcement was posted February 28, 1979 giving advance notice of the referendum which is planned for June 1, 1979 in order for implementation of the program to take place September 1, 1979.

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.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD ACTION: To be presented as information.

4. Texas Community and Junior College Scholarships

REPORT: Texas Eastern University awarded seventeen scholarships to students from thirteen institutions under the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. Community and Junior College Scholarship program for the Spring Semester 1979. Participating colleges and respective awards, which vary in amount according to individual course loads, are as follows:

Blinn College	\$ 144.50
Eastfield College	172.50
Jacksonville College (2)	
(\$144.50 and \$144.50)	289.00
Kilgore College	172.50
Navarro County Junior College	172.50
North Harris County College	198.50
Panola Junior College (2)	
(\$202.50 and \$144.50)	347.00

Paris Junior College (2)	
(\$144.50 and \$172.50)	317.00
San Antonio Junior College	144.50
San Jacinto College	172.50
Temple Junior College	172.50
Tyler Junior College (2)	
(\$144.50 and \$126.50)	271.00
Western Texas College	172.50
Total	<u>\$2,746.50</u>

Our business office had estimated the amount needed for Community and Junior College Scholarships for the Spring Semester 1979 to be \$4,312.50. Accordingly, \$4,143.00 (the estimated requirement of \$4,312.50 less a \$169.50 balance on hand) was requested from the foundation under authority previously established by the Board of Regents.

BOARD ACTION: To be presented as information.

#### 5. Student Enrollment Reports

REPORT: A report relative to Spring Semester 1979 twelfth class day student enrollment was prepared according to House Bill 1012, 65th Texas Legislature, and provided to members of the Board of Regents with Administrative Notes for March 26, 1979. This report indicates the identity and academic rank of instructors, the number of semester credit hours accrued to each course, the course number and title and the department in which the courses are offered. Reference is made to the report herein for the purpose of making the material a part of the official record of the university as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting. State law, through House Bill 1012, further specifies that governing boards shall be provided with a report relative to student enrollment in each class on the last day of the semester. This data for the Fall Semester 1978 was provided to Board of Regents members with Administrative Notes for January 29, 1979 and will become a part of the official university record as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.

BOARD ACTION: To be presented as information.

SPRING 1979 COMMENCEMENT

Master's Degrees

Interdisciplinary Studies	47
Business Administration	5
Education & Psychology	<u>91</u>
	143

Bachelor's Degrees

SCHOOL OF APPLIED STUDIES	85
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	68
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & PSYCHOLOGY	116
SCHOOL OF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS	11
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES	59
SCHOOL OF SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS	<u>19</u>
	358

GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>501</u></u>
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