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Transcript and Letter Concerning Degrees Earned by Texas Eastern University Students

University of Texas at Tyler

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Abernathy: I am still strongly in favor, once it goes to UT that the students of this university have the opportunity to exchange or receive a degree from the UT of Tyler in lieu of their degree from Texas Eastern University—at their option. I do not feel that the 1800 plus students should be left with a degree from a nonexistent university and I feel that this board should go on record very strongly and very plainly asking the UT board of regents to consider to the utmost the opportunity for graduates of this university to exchange their degree from this university to a degree from the University of Texas at Tyler if it is their desire to do so.

I would move that action

McVicker: You made a motion?

Abernathy: Yes, sir.

McVicker: I second that motion.

Turner: Any discussion.

Nall: I would like clarification. When you talk about the ones from 79 and thereafter.

: All of them—past graduates.

Abernathy: Future graduates will get that degree.

Dunagan: Does that include Tyler State College?

No.

Abernathy: They have already been given that opportunity.

McKie: Dr. Stewart, do you know the policy of the university on that?

Stewart: Regent Abernathy and Regent McVicker both have been very interested in this and I have also. I think it is very critical that we seek to provide this opportunity. Based upon conversations I have had with them, and also the chairman, the UT system is looking into it with their legal staff and we don't know what the results will be. One UT source said it could not be done and one said it could be. Regent McKie, I don't know, but the UT Legal staff is examining this in anticipation of this and knowing how strongly we feel about this....

Austin: I was reading a UT student publication and it said that if you needed to have your name changed on your diploma, just send your other one back, so have everyone send it back for a name change and they will get University of Texas at Tyler.

Turner: You have to pay a new diploma fee of $25.

Abernathy: I don't think they ought to have to pay a thing.
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Dear Henderson County Junior College Graduate:

Hearty congratulations upon recently receiving the associate degree from Henderson County Junior College! This is a significant achievement, and I am pleased to join with your family and friends in recognizing your accomplishment.

As you may be aware, Texas Eastern University is an upper and graduate level institution with a special charge of serving graduates of community and junior colleges. Therefore, our faculty, staff and administration have a special interest in you and your future higher educational planning, and I invite you to consider choosing Texas Eastern as your university for continued baccalaureate degree study.

I am confident that enrollment at Texas Eastern offers each student opportunities for profitable and enjoyable educational experiences through whatever academic program is pursued. You will find that everyone associated with TEU is interested in you as an individual and in providing you an educational experience which will result in quality professional preparation.

Although a brochure is enclosed which provides general and basic material about the university, I invite you to contact our admissions staff concerning questions that relate to your educational planning. Our admissions staff is anxious to counsel with you concerning courses of study, personal matters and professional opportunities. Certainly, it would also be a pleasure for me to have the privilege of visiting with you.

Again, I extend personal congratulations upon your completion of the associate degree and wish for you much success in the future.

Cordially yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.
President

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I think we can make a contract with the graduates of this university that if it goes to UT you'll get a new diploma. They said that they would honor all contracts we make.

Turner: I think your resolution is well-taken, and I certainly don't think it would do any harm for us to bring this to their attention and ask them to consider it. All in favor say, "aye." (Motion carried)

Nall: Who is going to write the letter, the President?

Turner: (to Stewart) Will you take care of it?

Stewart: Yes
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