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Administrative Notes, January 31st, 1977

University of Texas at Tyler

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

I. Budget Recommendations for Comming Biennium

Very recently official information relative to budget recommendations for fiscal years 1978-79 was received from the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Budget and Planning Office. Also the House of Representatives has introduced a separate appropriations bill that varies somewhat from the Legislative Budget Board recommendation which, as you know, is the recommendation normally introduced in both the House and the Senate. It is my understanding that the Senate is using the Legislative Budget Board recommendation in its finance deliberations.

I am attaching a copy of each of these three budget recommendations for your information. Additionally, I wish to mention that Vice President John R. Sawyer and I are working with Finance and Appropriations Committee Chairman C. Quentin Abernathy pursuant to an analysis of this material as it relates to our institutional request. None of the recommendations, you will note, contains funding for facilities. In this regard, it perhaps will be helpful for you to be aware of the fact that this was the general rule followed in the budget recommendations because none of the general academic institutions in the state had facilities recommended. There were, however, some recommendations made for facilities in case of medical school construction. Although it would be very positive, of course, to have some facilities recommended for our institution at this point, our information is that facility needs and requests will be dealt with during the legislative appropriations process.

II. Appropriations Hearing

I was notified last Friday that our hearing before the appropriative vice chairman and members of the House of
Representatives Higher Education Committee will be conducted Wednesday, February 9, 1977. The procedure in the House of Representatives this session calls for institutions of higher learning to appear before the Higher Education Committee group followed by a hearing before the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. The latter date has not been set. I have been informed that upon appearing before the House Appropriations Committee, the appropriative vice chairman of the Higher Education Committee will relate appropriation information for the various Texas colleges and universities. Additional testimony before the Appropriations Committee would be called for only if the institutions wish to present further information or, of course, if Appropriations Committee members have questions to direct to institutional representatives. Our hearing on February 9, 1977 before the Higher Education Committee will be sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Hopefully, as we approach February 9, 1977, the committee can be more specific about our hearing time.

III. Spring Semester 1977 Enrollment

Spring Semester 1977 enrollment has continued in a positive direction since my report to you last week. Enrollment for the current semester at 11:00 a.m. today is 1662 which represents an increase of 35.2 percent over the university enrollment one year ago and 10.5 percent over the Fall Semester 1976 enrollment. The official enrollment figure will be established as of tomorrow, February 1, 1977, which is the twelfth class day for this semester. Therefore, you should keep in mind that this report is unofficial at this time and is still subject to change through tomorrow. I am pleased about our enrollment currently, and I am confident that the increase which we have had will serve us well in our work with the legislature in the weeks and months ahead.

IV. Tyler Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Just a reminder that you should arrive at Harvey Hall by 6:05 p.m. Friday for the Tyler Chamber of Commerce banquet meeting. Your tickets will be available at the door.

V. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from our director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending January 28, 1977.

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Attachments