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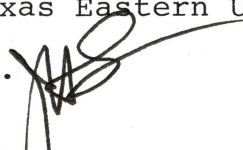


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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 14, 1977

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

I. Board of Regents Meeting, March 16, 1977

You are reminded of the special called meeting of the Board of Regents on Wednesday, March 16, 1977 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board of Regents Room. The primary purpose of the meeting is to consider Phase II construction documents from which, it is hoped, the board can approve a schedule for moving forward with the Phase II project. Committee meetings will be held at 2:00 p.m.

II. Texas Eastern University Appropriations

At this time our final legislative hearing pertaining to appropriations (House of Representatives Appropriations Committee) has not been scheduled. I do, however, expect this hearing to be scheduled and conducted within the next week or two. The general climate in Austin pursuant to fiscal matters for the next biennium continues to be very restrictive. Nevertheless, in working with members of the East Texas delegation, I can report that affirmative action is taking place concerning the library project. Our senators and representatives are highly sensitive to the need for a library building and, hopefully, the 65th Texas Legislature will, in the final analysis, fund this project. Of course, the work of each governing board member in regard to encouraging state officials to support our needs is of continuing significance.

III. Degree Approvals for Texas Eastern University

During the March 8, 1977 meeting, the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System approved two degrees, Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Art, for Texas Eastern University. As you will perhaps recall, these two degrees were approved by the Board of Regents on February 18, 1976 and submitted for consideration at the April 23, 1976 Coordinating Board meeting. As you will also probably recall, the Coordinating Board declared a moratorium on new programs throughout the

state prior to the April meeting. In compliance with the concern for economy in higher education, TEU withdrew the two degree proposals from consideration at that time. Last week's meeting was the first consideration of new programs by the Coordinating Board following the earlier moratorium. Because several months have passed since these degrees were before the Board of Regents, perhaps I should mention that these new degrees basically represent degree title designations more appropriate for the practitioner in the fields of art and music as well as for the student who desires to pursue graduate study in one of these areas. The courses which are required for the degrees are courses which already existed (with the exception of three in the art area) for the Bachelor of Arts with a major in music and Bachelor of Arts with a major in art degrees. Although neither of these degree areas is extremely large in enrollment at TEU, we are pleased that the programs have been approved.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending March 11, 1977.

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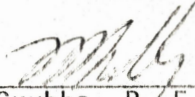
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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
H & P E
Project No. 6
Week Ending: March 11, 1977

General: Construction is progressing very well. Masonry work shows the most evident progress with approximately 90 percent of the south wall completed. Masonry work is also underway on the east and west walls. On the second floor, gypsum board fire proofing is being applied on metal channels just under the roof structural steel joists. Gypsum board is also being applied to vertical steel columns. The south stair has been poured and is now being used by construction personnel. Steel work involved with the drama room catwalk is near completion.

The electrical contractor has accelerated his work which involves roughing-in electrical lines and boxes in exterior walls and installation of the primary power line conduit from the existing Power Plant Building. The plumbing contractor shows good progress in all areas with heavy emphasis on restroom sanitary sewer piping installation, including chair carriers which are in place on the first floor. Hot and chilled water supply and return piping is being installed to the mechanical room areas. The plumbing contractor is also in the process of installing overhead sheet metal duct work at the first floor level and insulation on roof storm drains.

Site Work: Concrete headers around the tennis court areas have been poured. All tennis court chain link fence corner and line posts are in place. The header has also been poured around the volleyball court area.



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Director of Physical Plant
and Resident Engineer

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Mr. John R. Sawyer