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I. Texas Eastern University Audit Certification

Although the attached copy of the Texas Eastern University audit certification for fiscal year 1976 by State Auditor George W. McNiel is dated July 29, 1977, it was not received in my office until last week. After the audit certification is received, it is necessary to include it in each bound copy of the financial report. Therefore, it will be next week before I can provide the complete financial report to you. Nevertheless, I wanted to send the separate audit opinion at the earliest possible time for your information.

Also, I take this opportunity to emphasize that the state auditor's certification letter or audit opinion contains no qualifications or exceptions. Not even an administrative letter was directed to me. And I might point out that it is somewhat commonplace for the state auditor to send an administrative letter to state agencies through which at least minor suggestions are indicated. Therefore, we can take great pride in the manner in which our financial affairs were handled during fiscal year 1976. As you are aware, this has been the rule throughout the existence of our institution. Certainly, I am very pleased with our fiscal affairs area and the exceptional leadership which Vice President John R. Sawyer provides. Vice President Sawyer is one of the most capable and knowledgeable fiscal officers in Texas higher education, and it is a pleasure to work with him. Additionally, our business manager and others in the fiscal area are very capable and conscientious. My administrative policy pursuant to fiscal matters has been and continues to be a policy of total and complete adherence to appropriate state fiscal practices. (This does not imply that our actions are perfect. Inadvertent errors may occur occasionally, but these are corrected upon being detected.) Moreover, we adhere
to the policy of utilizing all institutional resources in an efficient manner. As I have stated to the Board of Regents several times, there may be some agencies of Texas state government that do as well in this regard as Texas Eastern University, but I am fully confident that no agency or institution does better.

II. Fall Semester 1977 Enrollment Report

I am pleased to report that enrollment statistics for the current semester continue to improve over one year ago, not only in head count but also semester credit hours. Head count enrollment Friday afternoon, September 2, 1977, was 1703 which is an increase of 13.2 percent over the final Fall Semester 1976 enrollment of 1504. Latest tabulation of semester credit hours revealed a total of 15,110 which is a 14.8 percent increase over the final Fall Semester 1976 count of 13,167.

III. Damaged Berta Street Facilities

One 12- and three 13-year-old boys were apprehended on August 28, 1977 at approximately 5:15 p.m. after they were reported for damaging several windows in the gymnasium of Berta Street facilities. It appears that we will be successful in having the parents of the boys pay for damages in which case no charges will be filed. As indicated, this act was committed during daylight hours (5:15 p.m.) and represents only the second or third act of vandalism at the north campus as we enter our sixth year of operation.

IV. No School Today

In accordance with the institutional calendar, Texas Eastern University is closed today, September 5, 1977, for the Labor Day holiday.

V. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending September 2, 1977.

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Attachments