Administrative Notes, November 7th, 1977

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November 7, 1977

To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University

From: James H. Stewart, Jr.

Subject: Administrative Notes

I. Request for Attorney General's Opinion Concerning Constitutional Tax Fund

With Administrative Notes for October 24, 1977, I furnished a copy of the "draft" request for an Attorney General's Opinion concerning the constitutional tax fund which was to be jointly signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and Commissioner of Higher Education. The formal request was prepared shortly thereafter (October 27, 1977), and a copy of the official opinion request from Comptroller Bullock and Commissioner Ashworth is attached for your information. Since I commented on this matter in my October 24, 1977 communication, no further comment seems necessary at this time.

II. Placement Information Concerning TEU Graduates

In connection with the discussion conducted during the October 19, 1977 Board of Regents meeting relative to job placement for Texas Eastern University graduates, I attach a report for your information. This report reflects data for 366 graduates during the 1976-77 academic year. Of this number, 270 (73.8 percent) are employed, 25 (6.8 percent) are enrolled in graduate school and 9 (2.5 percent) were not seeking employment at the time the report was compiled. Only 7 students (1.9 percent) were known to be seeking employment when survey information was requested. The status of the remaining 55 students (15 percent) is unknown to us. In regard to those about which information is unknown, I mention--although probably obvious to you--that it is almost impossible to achieve 100 percent success in having students register with our career planning and placement office. And, of course, there is no requirement for students to register even though we encourage them as much as possible. Nonregistration occurs
because some already have positions, some wish to seek positions on their own through a variety of approaches, some do not wish to enter the job market, etc. Nevertheless, I feel that having 85 percent of our 1976-77 graduates accounted for is significant. Moreover, several important inferences can be drawn from the fact that many of our graduates are employed. The fundamental inference which I draw from this matter pertains to the basic purpose for which the institution was created, i.e., to provide educational opportunities directly related to societal needs. The fact that most all of our graduates are seeking—and finding—employment lends very significantly to confirming the validity and productivity of our academic program.

III. 1977 Student Directory

A copy of the Texas Eastern University 1977 Student Directory is enclosed.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending November 4, 1977.

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Attachments and Enclosure