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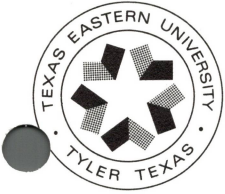
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 16, 1978

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

I. Conflict of Interest Question Regarding Regents' Membership on Foundation Board

As you will recall, the state auditor, during the last annual Texas Eastern University audit, raised a question about a possible conflict of interest problem because members of the Board of Regents also serve on the Texas Eastern University Educational Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. The basic reason for the question, as you know, focused on the contract which the foundation has with the university for the leasing of O. M. Roberts School.

In accordance with the suggestion of the state auditor, the attorney general has reviewed the contractual arrangement between the foundation and the institution and has indicated that no conflict of interest exists. The basis of this conclusion by the attorney general is that members of the Board of Regents' compensation is in no way dependent on the making of the contract in question. Therefore, in the absence of evidence that Board of Regents members' compensation is in any way dependent upon the making of the contract, the attorney general advises that such a contract is not contrary to public policy. The attorney general, of course, has advised the state auditor of this conclusion and there should be no further problems pursuant thereto.

II. Phase I Facilities Honor Award

Additional information has been published concerning the Honor Award received on the Texas Eastern University Phase I facilities from the Texas Society of Architect's 1977 design awards which I previously mentioned in September 19, 1977 and January 3, 1978 Administrative Notes. The five projects

which received this recognition are being featured throughout the year in the Texas Architect, official magazine of the Texas Society of Architects. Texas Eastern University has been so honored in a two-page layout appearing in the September/October 1978 issue of this publication. Copies of these two pages are attached for your information. I am seeking to obtain a copy of the September/October 1978 Texas Architect for each of you, and hopefully I will have these copies available to send in the near future.

III. Something New Added--Finally

Here to greet you as you arrive for the Board of Regents meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 1978 are our entrance identification signs. Letters and seals were installed on the markers Saturday, October 7, 1978. The only remaining construction work on this project is the installation of lighting. Of course, additional grounds work will be performed by our maintenance department following final completion of the contractor's work.

IV. Minutes of the August 16, 1978 Board of Regents Meeting

Minutes of the last Board of Regents meeting held August 16, 1978 are attached for your information.

V. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending October 13, 1978.

JHS:rc
Attachments