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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 2, 1979

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

I. Board of Regents Meeting, January 10, 1979

The agenda for the January 10, 1979 regular quarterly Board of Regents meeting and the minutes of the October 31, 1978 meeting are enclosed. The board meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. with committee meetings, as required, starting at 1:00 p.m. If you plan to have lunch in the Board of Regents Room--please note that lunch is not to be served in the University Center--at 12:00 noon, complete and return the attached card at your earliest convenience in order that appropriate arrangements can be made.

II. Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System Statement on Faculty Salaries

As the Legislative Budget Board completed recommendations recently pursuant to Texas higher education funding, Dr. Kenneth H. Ashworth, commissioner of higher education, presented a statement to legislative leaders through which he commented on the 5.1 percent salary increase for faculty members included in the recommendations of the Legislative Budget Board for the ensuing biennium. Dr. Ashworth also provided a copy of his statement to Texas College and University presidents, and a copy of the text of this statement is attached for your information. The message of his statement is very clear and requires no further comment relative to the essence of his communication. As a reminder to each of you, I do point out, however, that the Texas Eastern University Legislative Appropriations Request was submitted on the basis of a 6.4 percent increase for each year of the biennium. As Dr. Ashworth mentions in his statement, the 6.4 percent increase was also the earlier recommendation of the Coordinating Board.

January 2, 1979

III. Acknowledgement of Floral Tribute

An expression of appreciation has been received from the family of former Tyler Police Chief Ronnie Scott Malloch, who died December 10, 1978, for the floral tribute sent from the Board of Regents and total university community. It may interest you to know that Ronnie was a student in our Department of Criminal Justice and expected to complete degree requirements during the Spring Semester 1979.

Also, as a matter of interest, I mention that Tyler's Acting Police Chief Willie Jim Hardy holds two degrees from Texas Eastern University: a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement, 1975; and Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, 1977.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending December 29, 1978.

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Enclosures and Attachments

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COORDINATING BOARD, TEXAS COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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NOTE TO EDITORS AND BROADCASTERS: A summary of faculty salaries at public junior and senior colleges in Texas is attached as background information.

Statement of Kenneth H. Ashworth, Commissioner of Higher Education,
Regarding Faculty Salaries

Last January the Coordinating Board adopted formulas for the funding of Texas higher education for the next two years. At that time the Coordinating Board recommended a 6.4 percent increase for faculty salaries. It appeared then that inflation might be held in line and that the 6.4 percent rate would be adequate to prevent further erosion in the buying value of the faculties' wages.

Since then inflation has run at a double-digit rate for some months. The hopeful prediction from Washington is that the rate for the entire year can be held under 8 percent.

Consequently, the recommendation of the Legislative Budget Board for only a 5.1 percent increase in faculty salaries for next year is of concern to me and every college president in Texas. Nationally the increase in faculty salaries has lagged far behind the rise of the consumer price index and even further behind the salaries of non-agricultural employees.

I consider it unfortunate that our faculties and their families are being asked to personally give up each year 3 to 5 percent of their income through losses to inflation. Faculty members will continue to make their significant contributions regardless of their pay, but in fairness the public should not ask them and their families to sacrifice more than other workers.

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Therefore, I hope that the legislative leaders will carefully reconsider the recommended 5.1 percent salary increase for faculties. I hope that an increase can be provided which will at least help them to hold their own with their present income in the face of escalating costs of living. At this time even the 6.4 percent recommended by the Coordinating Board in January seems to be low.

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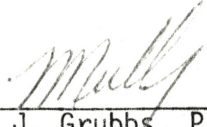
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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT
PHASE II
Week Ending: December 29, 1978

SCIENCE/MATH: Exterior masonry work on the building is essentially complete. Masonry work on the south entrance retaining walls is approximately 40 percent complete. The roof flood coat and gravel have been applied. All air handlers are operational. Johnson pneumatic control work is complete except for the setting of thermostats. Electrical rough-in work is essentially complete and trimming work continues satisfactorily. The installation of environmental control rooms is over 90 percent complete with associated electrical work still pending. Casework is approximately 80 percent complete with related utility work paralleling the casework installation.

BUSINESS: Exterior masonry work is essentially complete and is now being washed down by the masonry subcontractor. Drywall framing work is approximately 80 percent complete. Tape and bedding work is over 50 percent complete. Final duct work has started in the mechanical rooms. Electricians are continuing with electrical rough-in work and the setting of panels. The roof flood coat and gravel application work has started.

SITework: Road "B" curbing has been completed except for areas where gutters will be established. No other sitework was noted during the week.



L. J. Grubbs, P.E.
Director of Physical Plant
and Resident Engineer

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cc: Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr.
Mr. John R. Sawyer