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July 30, 1979

To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University

From: James H. Stewart, Jr.

Subject: Administrative Notes

I. Board of Regents Meeting, August 30, 1979

After consulting with Board Chairman Dean W. Turner, a recent telephone canvass of the Board of Regents revealed that all members can attend a special called meeting of the board on August 30, 1979 instead of the previously scheduled date of August 31, 1979 thus eliminating the necessity of regents coming to Tyler two days in succession—on August 30, 1979 for the TEU Educational Foundation, Inc. meeting and returning on August 31, 1979 for the board meeting. The agenda for the Board of Regents meeting, now scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on August 30, 1979, will be mailed on August 22, 1979. According to information from A. W. "Dub" Riter, Jr., the meeting of the foundation Board of Directors is set for 4:00 p.m. Both meetings will be conducted on campus.

II. Board of Regents Meeting, August 3, 1979

As you have been advised within the past week through telephone communication with Board Chairman Dean W. Turner, a Board of Regents meeting has been called for August 3, 1979 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of acting on a change in the board chairmanship. This will be a brief meeting in the Board of Regents Room immediately preceding the robing for commencement. Your copy of the meeting agenda is enclosed.

III. 1979 Summer Commencement Schedule

As you are aware, activities scheduled in connection with Texas Eastern’s 1979 Summer Commencement on August 3, 1979 begin at Willow Brook Country Club with a 4:45 p.m. social period followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. We will leave Willow Brook promptly at 6:30 p.m. in order to allow
time for the 6:45 p.m. board meeting in the Board of Regents Room before robing for the processional in Room 210 of the Administration Building. The commencement program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center.

Presently there are 128 degree candidates eligible for Summer Commencement with 64 students applying for bachelor's degrees and 64 students applying for master's degrees. There are 13 bachelor's degrees to be conferred in the School of Applied Studies; 13 bachelor's degrees and 1 master's degree in the School of Business Administration; 19 bachelor's degrees and 43 master's degrees in the School of Education and Psychology; 11 bachelor's degrees in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and 8 bachelor's degrees in the School of Sciences and Mathematics. Twenty master's degrees in interdisciplinary studies will be conferred.

IV. National Data for Fall 1978 Enrollments

The final statistics have recently been released by the National Center for Education Statistics relative to enrollment data across the nation for the 1978-79 academic year. These statistics are based on fall enrollments each year, and last fall's enrollments (Fall Semester 1978) for all institutions of higher education in the United States showed a .2 percent drop in enrollment from the 1977 level. This is the second national enrollment decline since 1976. The 1978 fall enrollment total for all institutions was 11,391,950 which compares with 11,415,020 one year before in the fall of 1977.

The National Center for Education Statistics reflects that private institutions' enrollments increased while public institutions' enrollments declined. The gain for private institutions was 1.6 percent with a total of 2,548,749 students enrolled. At public institutions a .7 percent decrease was indicated with a total of 8,843,201 students enrolled in all public institutions. In the private sector enrollments at universities dropped, but increased at the four-year and two-year colleges. Within the public institution sector enrollment declines were noted in all three of these categories. Further information indicates that enrollment of male students declined by 2.5 percent to a total of 5,697,834 while enrollment of female students increased 2.2 percent to a total of 5,694,116.

As mentioned, this selected statistical information is based on national data and reflects general conditions pursuant to higher education enrollments throughout the nation. In looking at the regional picture, it is still projected that southern states will continue to have more healthy prospects relative to enrollment.
I remind you that the enrollment picture for our institution reflected a 7.9 percent increase last fall over the Fall Semester 1977 enrollment. Moreover, I mention that applications for the coming fall semester at our institution continue to run ahead of one year ago. Currently, applications for the Fall Semester 1979 are approximately 12.8 percent ahead of the comparable period for 1978. I hasten to add that, as you know, this is not information upon which final conclusions can be based; but certainly it is a continuing healthy sign concerning our institutional situation for the coming year.

V. University of Texas Board of Regents Meeting

At the July 25 and 26, 1979 University of Texas Board of Regents meeting, the board approved the resolution concerning Texas Eastern University/The University of Texas at Tyler which I sent to you last week, approved the institutional budget for the period beginning September 1, 1979, adopted the official seal of The University of Texas at Tyler (a copy of which is attached for your information) and approved the depository bank for the institution beginning September 1, 1979 in accordance with your earlier action. I might point out that the Tyler Bank and Trust Company was already approved as a U.T. System depository bank along with The citizens First National Bank of Tyler and The Peoples National Bank of Tyler. In addition to Tyler Bank and Trust, the other two banks were also approved as future depository banks for the institution.

VI. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending July 27, 1979.

JHS:rc
Enclosure and Attachments
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT  
PHASE II  
Week Ending: July 27, 1979

SCIENCE/MATH: Contractor has corrected approximately 90 percent of exceptions noted on substantial completion inspections.

BUSINESS: An interior substantial completion inspection (excluding lobbies, entrances, corridors, and some interior rooms which were incomplete) was made on 7/24/79. The contractor is now correcting exceptions noted in the inspection. Stairwell plaster work has been completed. Terrazzo work in lobbies and stairwells is in progress. Carpet installation has been completed except for trim work. Ceiling tile and baseboard work are over 95 percent complete. Electrical work is approximately 95 percent complete. Painting of mechanical rooms is in progress. Clean-up work continues.

GREENHOUSE: Electrical work and interior finish work are in progress.

SITWORK: No sitework was noted during the week. Wet weather prevented work on three days.

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
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Library - Part A
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GENERAL: Work was delayed three days due to rain. Form construction continues in the zero level, east stairwell area. Approximately 85 percent of the floor and roof steel decking has been installed. Miscellaneous steel work continues. Roof purlins have been installed over the Power Plant expansion area and steel decking placed for installation.

SITEWORK: No sitework was accomplished during the week.

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