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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Chairman Krier

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Time: Following the Meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee

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1. **U. T. Arlington - Authorization to Purchase Improved Real Property Located at 202 East Border Street, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas; Authorization to Acknowledge the Bargain Sale Status of the Transaction; Authorization to Submit a Request to the Coordinating Board for Approval; Authorization to Take All Necessary Actions to Acquire the Above Real Property; and Authorization to Execute All Documents Related Thereto**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and Interim President Sorber that authorization be granted by the U. T. Board of Regents, on behalf of U. T. Arlington, to:

- a. Purchase the improved real property located at 202 East Border Street, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas
- b. Acknowledge the bargain sale status of the transaction
- c. Submit a request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval of the transaction
- d. Authorize the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs or the Executive Director of Real Estate to execute all documents, instruments, and other agreements, and to take all further actions necessary to acquire the above real property.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Arlington wishes to purchase a commercial office building located near the campus at a bargain sale contract price of \$1,500,000. The appraised fair market value of the property is \$1,760,000. The building was constructed in 1986, and contains a gross building area of 28,263 square feet. The site contains 49,118 square feet (1.128 acres).

The building will be used to house the Arlington Technology Incubator (ATI) Project and the Office of Grants and Contracts, which currently occupies leased space in another office building in downtown Arlington. It is anticipated that a portion of the building will generate rental income from the start-up companies working with the ATI Project.

The source of funding for the acquisition will be Unexpended Plant Funds. It is currently anticipated that a grant from the U. S. Department of Commerce will provide reimbursement for this acquisition up to \$1,400,000 in association with the ATI Project.

This item was presented to the Academic Affairs Committee March 2003.

2. **U. T. Arlington: Parking Improvements/Addition: Request for Approval to Amend the FY 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2002-2003 Capital Budget to Include Project; Authorization of Institutional Management; Approval of Total Project Cost; Appropriation of Funds and Authorization of Expenditure; and Approval of Use of Revenue Financing System Parity Debt, Receipt of Parity Debt Certificate, and Finding of Fact with Regard to Financial Capacity**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and Interim President Sorber that the U. T. Board of Regents:

- a. Amend the FY 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2002-2003 Capital Budget to include the Parking Improvements/Addition project at U. T. Arlington at a preliminary project cost of \$1,800,000 with funding from Revenue Financing System Bond Proceeds
- b. Authorize U. T. Arlington to manage the total project budgets, appoint architects, approve facility programs, prepare final plans, and award contracts
- c. Approve a total project cost of \$1,800,000
- d. Appropriate funds and authorize expenditure of \$1,800,000 from Revenue Financing System Bond Proceeds.

The Chancellor also concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs that, in compliance with Section 5 of the Amended and Restated Master Resolution Establishing The University of Texas System Revenue Financing System, adopted by the U. T. Board of Regents on February 14, 1991, and amended on October 8, 1993 and August 14, 1997, and

based in part upon the delivery of the Certificate of an Authorized Representative as required by Section 5 of the Master Resolution, the U. T. Board of Regents resolves that:

- a. Parity Debt shall be issued to pay the project's cost, including any project costs prior to the issuance of such Parity Debt
- b. Sufficient funds will be available to meet the financial obligations of the U. T. System, including sufficient Pledged Revenues as defined in the Master Resolution to satisfy the Annual Debt Service Requirements of the Financing System, and to meet all financial obligations of the U. T. Board of Regents relating to the Financing System
- c. U. T. Arlington, which is a "Member" as such term is used in the Master Resolution, possesses the financial capacity to satisfy its direct obligation as defined in the Master Resolution relating to the issuance by the U. T. Board of Regents of tax-exempt Parity Debt in the aggregate amount of \$1,800,000
- d. This resolution satisfies the official intent requirements set forth in Section 1.150-2 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

U. T. Arlington wishes to fund approximately \$1,800,000 from Revenue Financing System Bond Proceeds for parking lot improvements and expansion to meet the parking demands due to increasing student enrollment and loss of parking spaces resulting from building construction. Expansion of parking lots 27, 50, and 52 by approximately 830 additional spaces is planned.

This project is best managed by the U. T. Arlington Facilities Management personnel who have the experience and capability to manage all aspects of the work. Funding will be appropriated after approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

This off-cycle project has been approved by U. T. System staff and meets the criteria for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program.

This project was presented to the Academic Affairs Committee (March 2003) and the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee (April 2003).

3. **U. T. Arlington - Brick Repairs - Pickard Hall and the College of Business Administration (Project No. 301-017): Request for Approval to Amend the FY 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2002-2003 Capital Budget to Reduce Total Project Cost; Approval to Add the Deferred Maintenance/Capital Renewal Projects to the Capital Improvement Program; Approval to Transfer Funds; Approval of Total Project Cost for New Project; Appropriation of Funds and Authorization of Expenditure; and Authorization of Institutional Management**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and Interim President Sorber that the U. T. Board of Regents:

- a. Amend the FY 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2002-2003 Capital Budget to reduce the total project cost for the Brick Repairs - Pickard Hall and the College of Business Administration project at U. T. Arlington from \$9,462,953 to \$8,057,599
- b. Approve the addition of the Deferred Maintenance/Capital Renewal Projects to the Capital Improvement Program
- c. Approve the transfer of funds of \$1,405,354 for the Deferred Maintenance/Capital Renewal Projects
- d. Approve a total project cost of \$1,405,354 for the new project
- e. Appropriate funds and authorize expenditure of \$1,405,354 with funding from Permanent University Fund Bond Proceeds
- f. Authorize U. T. Arlington to manage the total project budgets, appoint architects, approve facility programs, prepare final plans, and award contracts associated with the Deferred Maintenance/Capital Renewal Projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Brick Repairs - Pickard Hall and College of Business Administration project at U. T. Arlington is included in the FY 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Program and FY 2002-2003 Capital Budget at a total project cost of \$9,462,953 with funding of \$8,894,153 from Permanent University Fund Bond Proceeds and \$568,800 from Tuition Revenue Bond Proceeds. In May 2002, Board approval was received to transfer funding totaling \$3,605,847 from this project to a new project entitled Fire and Life Safety and Security Projects.

U. T. Arlington is requesting the transfer of \$1,405,354 from this project for a new project entitled Deferred Maintenance/Capital Renewal Projects that will address exterior masonry repairs to University Hall, chiller replacements at the Automation Robotics Research Institute (ARRI) (Fort Worth Riverbend Campus), and elevator renewals/replacements.

This project is best managed by the U. T. Arlington Facilities Management personnel who have the experience and capability to manage all aspects of the work.

This off-cycle project has been approved by U. T. System staff and meets the criteria for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program.

This project was presented to the Academic Affairs Committee (March 2003) and the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee (April 2003).

4. U. T. Austin: Request for Acceptance of Resolution Reaffirming "The Eyes of Texas" as the Official Song of U. T. Austin

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and President Faulkner that the Board of Regents approve the following resolution reaffirming "The Eyes of Texas" as the official song of U. T. Austin:

Resolution

Whereas, "The Eyes of Texas," written by John Lang Sinclair with the encouragement of Lewis Johnson, was first performed on May 12, 1903, at the Hancock Opera house in downtown Austin;

Whereas, "The Eyes of Texas" is a treasured tradition for the community of The University of Texas at Austin, linking together generations of students, faculty, staff and alumni; and

Whereas, "The Eyes of Texas" is a symbol of The University of Texas at Austin, sung in celebration of the University's academic and athletic achievements in its pursuit of excellence;

Therefore, On the occasion of its centennial anniversary, be it known that "The Eyes of Texas" is reaffirmed as the official song at The University of Texas at Austin.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

"The Eyes of Texas" is sung reverently and proudly wherever one or more U. T. Austin students are gathered. This song is synonymous with a wide variety of activities especially on-campus but also anywhere in the world where there is some representation by students or alumni of U. T. Austin. Lewis Johnson, a member of the U. T. Austin Varsity Band and director of the chorus, encouraged campus participation to write a University song. Fellow band member John Lang Sinclair wrote a composition inspired by the well-received words of President William Lambdin Prather contained in his inaugural speech and which became the ending line of all his subsequent speeches to the student body, "Remember young men and women, the eyes of Texas are upon you." The song was first performed on May 12, 1903, at the Varsity Minstrel Show in the Hancock Opera House on West Sixth Street and repeated many times that evening in response to the demands of several encores. It became a standard at student dances, annual banquets and outdoor concerts. On Thanksgiving Day 1905, the U. T. Austin versus Texas A&M football game was tied until fans began to sing "The Eyes of Texas." U. T. Austin won a 27 - 0 victory and a new tradition began. From protests to remembrances, "The Eyes of Texas" is a part of life at U. T. Austin and on its 100th anniversary deserves the recognition of being reaffirmed the "Official Song of U. T. Austin."

5. **U. T. Dallas - Activity Center Expansion: Request to Amend the FY 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2002-2003 Capital Budget to Include Project and Authorize Institutional Management**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and President Jenifer that the U. T. Board of Regents:

- a. Amend the FY 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Program and the FY 2002-2003 Capital Budget to include the Activity Center Expansion project at U. T. Dallas at a preliminary project cost of \$3,100,000 with funding from Revenue Financing System Bond Proceeds
- b. Authorize U. T. Dallas to manage the total project budgets, appoint architects, approve facility programs, prepare final plans, and award contracts associated with the Activity Center Expansion.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This project will be an addition of approximately 12,350 gross square feet to the Activity Center and will include new administration space, athletic lockers, a multi-purpose room, and an increase in the size of the existing exercise room. The student body voted to approve a fee increase in the Student Recreation Fee to cover this expansion.

This repair and rehabilitation project would best be managed by the U. T. Dallas Facilities Management personnel who have the experience and capability to manage all aspects of the work.

This off-cycle project has been approved by U. T. System staff and meets the criteria for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program.

This project was presented to the Academic Affairs Committee (March 2003) and the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee (April 2003).

6. **U. T. System: Update on U. T. System Research Plan**

Executive Vice Chancellor Sullivan will update the Board on the U. T. System Research Plan.