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Minutes of the Telephone Meeting of the
Board of Regents
Nacogdoches, Texas
December 14, 2007
Austin Building 307**

A special telephone meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Valerie Ertz.

Present in Room 307, Austin Building, Nacogdoches:

Board Members: Ms. Valerie Ertz, Chair
Mr. Paul Pond

President: Dr. Baker Pattillo

Vice Presidents: Dr. Ric Berry
Mr. Danny Gallant
Mr. Steve Westbrook

General Counsel: Ms. Yvette Clark

Present by telephone:

Board Members: Mr. Richard Boyer
Mr. James Dickerson
Mr. Bob Garrett
Mr. Joe Max Green
Mr. Jimmy Thompson
Mr. Melvin White

Absent:

Board Members: Mr. Carlos Amaral
Ms. Stephanie Tracy

The chair immediately called for an executive session to discuss the following item:

Deliberations Regarding Negotiated Contracts for Prospective Gifts or Donations,
including a possible naming opportunity (Texas Government Code, Section 551.073)

The executive session ended at 3:05 p.m. and the meeting continued in open session.

BOARD ORDER 08-07

WHEREAS, the following information was considered by the board of regents:

The Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture (ATCOFA) would like to obtain approval to award a Certificate in Resource Interpretation. The program being proposed is strongly supported by the Natural Resource Distance Learning Consortium, as well as the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service. This certificate program will provide the opportunity for employees from these agencies to participate in graduate level education in order to further their career opportunities without full pursuance of a graduate degree. Upon approval, the following statement regarding the certificate program will be inserted in the SFA Graduate Bulletin and in the SFA General Bulletin: A Certificate in Resource Interpretation is available to students who complete 15 hours of graduate-level courses in Resource Interpretation and achieve an overall minimum GPA of 3.0 for the 15 credit hours. All of the courses eligible for the certificate program are taught as online, distance education courses (a few are also taught face-to-face to students in residence on campus). Each student must work directly with an assigned MSRI advisor to select a series of courses that will fit the needs of each student.

THEREFORE, upon motion by Regent Pond, seconded by Regent Boyer, with all members voting aye, the program for a Certificate in Resource Interpretation from the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture was approved to begin fall 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.