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It is July 27, 21 and one -- 2021. We will begin with roll call. >>
[roll call]

We are all present and accounted for. We will begin with our in vacation

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Thank you, let's bow and pray together. Our father we bow this morning to acknowledge your relationship and grace, we bow to exceed our fallibility in your and all ability our frailty and we can -- and weakness in your surpassing strength are frequent philistines in your internal knowledge. We are grateful that you know the end from the beginning and that you supply all of our needs according to your inexhaustible riches. You commanded us to love and honor you and to serve and love our neighbors, even as we love ourselves. We asked that you will grant us wisdom and insight today as we seek to serve the state and its citizens through this university. You give us challenges to try as and to strengthen us, and thus, we thank you for them . We thank you for the privilege of leadership, and now, we ask you to help us to discharge our duty faithfully and well. We prayer blessings now upon Stephen F. Austin State University and the students and faculty who invest their time and labor is here. We help us to delight in truth and integrity and will you bless our service here today found in the name of Christ, amen.

Thank you.

That was a good one.

We are honored today to have Cadet John Skinner lead us in our pledge. And before he does so, that me tell you a little bit about cadet John Skinner. He is the proud son of Jack Allen Skinner. John is an East Texas native growing up in Texas. Throughout his high school career, John participated in debate while also being a member of the Carthage high school technology program. Could it Skinner is a criminal justice major and maintains a 4.0 GPA and hopes one day to move into law enforcement after his military service. John is also a Smith Hudson scholar in a T LL Temple scholar. In the words of cadet Skinner, the first semester of being in the lumberjack battalion broke me out of my shell as well is force me to go to physical and mental limits I didn't think were possible. I hope to be a military intelligence and commission in May 2023 as a second lieutenant being the second officer in the history of my family's military service. Cadet Skinner, we have the opportunity to attend commissioning, and we look forward to seeing you and yours in 2023. Thank you for being here today. >> I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with

liberty and justice for all. Honorable Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to the Texas one state, under God, one and indivisible .

Thank you all, it is a pleasure to be here.

Thank you.

We begin today with special recognitions .

Thank you, Madam chair, and I am very pleased to recognize the individual who you all know, but this is actually his first official board meeting, and I have asked Lorenzo Smith, Dr. Smith to stand. Dr. Smith is SFA's new Executive Vice President. He comes to us from Sacramento State University where he was professor and dean of the college of engineering and computer science. Prior to his service at Sacramento State, Dr. Smith was a faculty member at Oakland University and taught courses ranging from mechanics of metalforming to the theory of plasticity. I am anxious to hear some of those lectures. He served as associate Dean from 2011-2014. Dr. Smith earned his bachelors degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois and a Masters from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, and a doctorate in engineering mechanics from Michigan State University. He is the author of over 60 publication and have secured grant funding and has been very successful in fundraising efforts totaling over \$5.6 million and had the honor in 2019

which included deans from the 20 engineering schools from across the State university system. We are excited to have Dr. Smith on board and look forward to some great accomplishments.

>>.com, Madam chair it is my pleasure to present to you the distinguished award recipient cents for that calendar year 2021. -- Distinguished award recipients for the calendar year 2021. Doctor, this is for the bronze level for \$250,000 to \$499,000 in research awards since 2018 the doctor has received over \$450,000 in grant awards. Dr. shops funded assessment of the impact of erosion control materials of wildlife, examining terrestrial food webs structure in managed and unmanaged shortly in East Texas, the risk of state entanglement and erosion control materials, species distribution models,

documents sparrow, distribution occupancy, and Mercury bioaccumulation of alligators, snapping turtles in Texas. There is a long list that continues. [laughter] but, it is such an honor to recognize you Dr. Shaw for your great accomplishments. I just have to say that you know the faculty, obviously they are working hard. They are filled with all the activities for teaching. These accomplishments are mostly by choice. He does not have to do much of this, but there is something in his DNA that gets going every morning, and I just congratulate you on that.

Thank you.

[applause]

Thanks a lot.

[applause]

I will recognize Dr. David [Indiscernible] and it is important that I recognize him for the civil labral for \$500,000-\$999,000 in research grant funding. Since 2015, he has received over \$600,000 in grant awards. His funded projects include such areas as finding, evaluating, and promoting salt and hurricane tolerant plants for Galveston Island, investigating the potential for golden kiwifruit as a new sustainable crop in Texas and evaluating the island in the area of rapid climate change. So, let us all this recognize him for his accomplishments.

[applause]

>> There is outstanding work selectivity with external research funding, and these are the first award recipients, so I would like to recognize social work. Rebecca Kidd of forestry, Julie of geology, Jessica [Indiscernible] of forestry, let us also recognize them for their first awards.

[applause]

Okay, I'm going to step over here and let them come in . Okay . Okay, first, I would like to recognize Dr. David Campbell but before I do that, let me just point out I'm always speaking about what drives people, and I asked what drives people in terms of their success on campus. Many times when I interviewed faculty members, I asked them you know, should you come to this university and you spend a lot of time here at this university, you look in your career, and reflect upon what makes you most proud, every single one of them that I've interviewed always say something about I would be most proud because I'm connected to people, helping other people from the midst of all of their teaching and research , I know that everyone up there takes a great amount of pride in the fact that they helped other people become better people, become better students, become better citizens. So now, I will begin with Dr. David Campbell Professor of music and for fracture of dance. He started at Um, SFA in 2004 . He has his doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. He would like to recognize you.

[applause]

Next, is Dr. Charles Gavin, professor of music started at SFA in 1984. His bachelors is from the University of Southern Mississippi and masters from the University of Iowa and his doctorate also from the University of Iowa. Dr., Charles Gavin.

[applause]

Dr. Andrew Parr, professor of music started at SFA in 1983. His bachelors and Masters are from Kent State University and his doctorate is from Yale University. Dr. par.

[applause] >> Dr. Fred Allen, professor of music started at SFA in 1994.

His Masters is from East Texas State and his PhD from Texas Tech.
Dr. Allen.

[applause]

Dr. Richard Jones, professor of theater started at SFA in 2001 masters from the University of Birmingham and PhD from the University of Kansas, Dr. Richard Jones.

[applause]

And we have Dean Pauline Sampson, Dean of the graduate in research studies, named Professor emeritus in human services and educational leadership started at SFA in 2004 , Masters degree at Drake University and bachelors and PhD from Iowa State. Dr. Sampson.

[applause]

And Dean Buddy Hines, served as the dean of fine arts in from 2007 until December 2020. His bachelors is from [Indiscernible] and his Masters and PhD are from the University of North Texas. Dean Buddy Hines.

[applause]

>> If you will give me three or four minutes, I would like to just invite each of the professors to just have a quick remark, if you want, whatever you would like to share with the Board of Regents, I want to start here and move down and will end with our two deans. Please, professor.

I guess the idea that what we are most proud of is interacting with people certainly resonates, but really, what I am the proudest of is the accomplishments of [Indiscernible] . All have gone on to fields that are related to their major or fields that are not related to the. And some that is [Indiscernible] [applause]

Thank you very much.

Okay, well, no one told us that we needed to. [laughter]

You know, over the years I have had a lot of people ask me, why did you stay at SFA ? Why didn't you try to go somewhere else? And I did

for the first five years or so, everything was much smaller the school of music only had 100 students and then I realized gradually this was a terrific place, and we have so enjoyed raising her family here and watching the University just continued to grow , and has been a wonderful life here, and I'm so glad that we stayed.

[applause]

I will echo what he does that. SFA has been great to me . The same track , the first five years I was looking for other places, and then I cited there was any better fit for me. We all have to have our personal fit. I trait -- take great pride in looking back from 1984 to where we are not as a school of music, College of fine arts and is the University, I have nothing but fond memories, and I wish the best for the University in the future.

[applause]

Like Andy and Charlie, I never looked for anything else. I was thrilled to be here from day one. What a great opportunity this was for me to work with Fred Allen and to work with a great artist and teachers in the school of music and to work with such amazing students for so many years. The only thing that I wasn't prepared for was how quickly and went by. It seemed like I started last week, and then suddenly I realized while trying to climb the marching band tower that that wasn't going to work anymore. [laughter] I so appreciate everything that the administration and the University has given me and my family, and I am deeply honored by this recognition. Thank you.

[applause] >> The benefit to going after all of these people, I'm going to take everything they said and mix it all up and change a few items. For me, it is the same. I cannot believe how lucky I was to get this job, because I grew up about an hour north of here in Longview, and I made a Texas Allstate band at the senior high school . [laughter] I couldn't believe I got this job, but I think SFA for the fact that it was a place of opportunity. It challenged me. I had to get better. This was a better job than what I had before. I had to be better, and I was able to grow, and it was opportunity plus challenge. I always felt like the luckiest guy in the world to be involved with the music department with these folks even with the search committee, they have been working for 14 years with the band spit. It just didn't feel like work. This is been a pleasure. This is the best place in the world to be employed.

[applause]

I want to iterate what honor it has been to work care. It has been a pleasure . I wish the best for SFA. All of the students have impacted me. I have learned from them. They have done great things . So, so the students, coworkers, all make me look great , and I appreciate everything they have done, so thank you.

[applause]

Well, Um, I would like to echo the words of [Indiscernible] Smith. You have motivated me for the past 14 years the faculty, students, the people of fine arts, this is a sort of surreal experience for me to be here being honored as a Dean emeritus . Most of the times I have been here before, I have advocated for the new construction that is going on over here and the original board members who remember that, I made the initial plea for that and explained the need for that and then it was improved -- approved in October 2019. The last time anybody ever saw Baker was the day that was approved, so I am very excited and very honored and I thank you all very much.

[applause]

Just a moment, real quick, I want to take just a moment to say this is a stellar lineup with your accomplishments . Thank you all for giving your lives and careers to SFA and to its students. I just have to mention that I have a number of

daughters whose piano abilities have been improved not yet perfected but greatly improved by Dr. Parr and his wife Linda who is here today and I have to express my appreciation to the entire group and make a special note to what being Parr family has done for our family.

[applause]

Thank you.

Next in our special recognitions, we will hear from Dr. grants.
-- Grant.

Good morning madam chair and members. I would like to recognize two very special people . Jeanette is the controller of

SFA and has been for 17 years. A little bit of background , we were here in school close to the same time years ago that was back near the time when dinosaurs roamed the earth. We all survived that and here we are today. She got to SFA and became an auditor and audited governmental entities. She was also involved in the school district she believe -- I believe she was the district manager or CFO there.

Interestingly, those of you who are sports fans, she was at that high school when Adrian Peterson was a student there. Adrian Peterson was the number one pick of whatever draft that was. He was the number one recruit in the country. Oklahoma pick them up anyway, she shared some interesting AP stories with me, but the thing I want you to know is she has been passionate about her work as a steward of SFA finance. In fact, she is the creator and the architect

of what the board approved a couple of years ago, so she has been instrumental. I think back to our conversation and she said I want to be able to have an impact on the increased enrollment. If we can get students to graduate quicker and get out and minimize the debt, she did the right thing for the right reason, so now, as I look at the plans, guess who's picture is going to be in my mind? Lynette's , and so I

think of that. I also will tell you a personal sports story. She was on I think the second year soccer team and SFA , and later on became NCA recognize women's sport, but I was told she was pretty quick and agile. The net is a special person, if you've never had a chance to engage with her humor, she will keep you laughing for days. She is a tremendous professional, and tremendous student, and I'm going to miss her.

[applause]

This is Pam [Indiscernible], in our business office. She has been with us for 10 years or 26 years. Pam is one of those individuals at the University whether it is in financial aid, the business office, admissions, wherever, she is on the front line and is one of the individuals who interact on a daily basis with students as you may know, we have challenges with problems and issues, and she has been tremendous in that regard there's opportunities for a trainer and there will be occasions and Pam was always immediately getting information upon the information that is that interesting part was so good that , so we are going to miss you. I know you're going to enjoy your retirement. I think there is some grandkid babysitting in your future, so best wishes for that. We will replace these two individuals, but there will be someone else who assumes these roles. Thank you very much, Pam and Annette.

>> I love the special recognitions, because they tell a story of the University and the reason that we do all that we do. I loved hearing as described the University as a place of opportunity.

So after hearing some of the stories of the University, we will move on to the business with the University and look at our first action item which is the approval of minutes. We have minutes and are board books from three different meanings. From 3 to 43 on April 20, 2021 and 344 on May 7, 2021, and meeting 345 on June 14 and 15th of 2021. We've had the opportunity to review these minutes. Is there a motion to approve the minutes from those meetings

Have a motion and a second, is there any discussion on the pavers , all opposed? The motion carries

>> So, we will backtrack and incorporate the minutes and I guess as amended, is there a motion to approve those particular ones ? All of those in favor, all of those opposed?

Next on action items 2, 3, 4, 5 the reelection in this case , the chief audit executive, the coordinator of compliance and the General Counsel and the president. Every year , the board does performance reviews of these employees, and we are required to go through an election process with the executive session. We gave glowing reviews so for those employees and it has been great enthusiasm that we discussed yesterday that this morning we would be due for reelection . Gino Goolsby is the chief auditor executive and April Smith is the coordinator and General Counsel and Doctor Scott Morgan as the president of the University for 2021-22 engine effective September 1, 2021 and with that, is there a motion on action items

and said thank you to all four of you for your efforts. [applause] you have served the board well, and we are appreciative. >> Action

item 6 is the adoption is also an executive session to do a self-evaluation, which we did yesterday and included that under the leadership of the General Counsel. Is there a motion to approve the adoption and evaluation? Any discussion all of those in favor? The motion carries. We will move on will move on to personnel and Dr. Gordon.

Demonstration rings for your consideration and approval for personal items of staff appointments and promotions and employment changes in status. These appointments and changes have been assessed for human resources and the corresponding administrator, and we ask for your approval.

Okay, so we have action item 7-14 before us. Is there a motion to approve those? Is there a second? Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye, all opposed? The motion carries. Okay, we will move to a report from the academic and student affairs committee.

Thank you, Madam chair. As many of you know for the last two days, the committees of the board have met, and that included the academic and student affairs committee members being myself, Laura, Jennifer Winston, Spencer, and we discussed action items 15-20 and at this time, I would like to present action item 15 for approval.

The administration recommends the Board of Regents adopts the following action for the low performing programs and as stated below, this is a Doctor of philosophy and a bachelor of arts and philosophy, bachelor of arts and social and liberal studies, bachelor of arts in economics, and all of those would be retained with a bachelor of arts, bachelor of science and health administration be consolidated with a bachelor of arts in political science and a Master of science in the school of mathematics teachings, and I make those in the form of a motion.

Second.

Regent Henderson has made the motion after than an action item 15 and it has been second. Is there any discussion? All in favor say aye, those opposed? The motion carries.

Okay, action item number 16 is curriculum changes, and we looked over all of these. It is quite lengthy and the explanation the committee did review under Dr. Smith's leadership, these classes, the curriculum changes, and I present those as printed in her notes.

Have a motion, is there an second? A second by region Alders, any discussion? All of those in favor say aye, those opposed, motion carries. Okay action item 17 is for the agreement between students at Austin State University in the College of education school of science and the construction management advisory committee and it is recommended by the administration that the board approved the James R Perkins College of a education school of human sciences for the advisory committee as a support group at the University and that the president

be authorized to sign the agreement included as presented. I present the in the form of a motion.

Is there a second? Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye , those opposed? Motion carries.

Action item 18 is that an amateur rise buyback payout and notification of amendment and the administration recommends that the president be authorized to sign purchase orders and any associated contract documents related to the \$4,259,565 unamortized buyback and ratify the amendment for changing contract expiration from August 31, 2021 to June 30, 2021 . I present that as a motion.

Perfect, so we have a motion action item 17 is there a second? Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye , all of those opposed? The motion carries. You have the approval for the calendar year 2021-2022 . It is presented in our documents , and we recommend the approval for that schedule

That is a motion, so we have a motion is there a second? Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye, all the posts, all opposed? Motion passes. >>

We recommend approval I offered that in the form of a motion is there a second? Is there any discussion? All of those in favor say aye , those opposed, the motion carries. That concludes the business of academic and student affairs.

Thank you. We will move to our report from the building and grounds committee.

Madam chair, we have about five action items relating to the contract, so we will take those individually, since they are a bit complication -- complicated.

The cost bid to replace Burroughs's \$625,000 therefore after our committee discussed this and the board discussed this yesterday, we recommend a move that we replace the units at a cost of \$675,000 using the higher education funds and purchase orders related to that.

Have a motion from regions Alders, is there a second?

Second.

Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye? Those opposed? Motion carries. >> This relates to the sources of funds for the completion of the power Plant 1 expansionist to accommodate the project but also I want to read the recommendation in total before I present the motion.

As we discussed yesterday, the ministers recommends that we do ratify the purchase order issued for equipment in phase 1 of \$1,502,394.19 in the change order for the supplemental work order for phase 2 with core construction services for a total amount of \$3,755,910.70. Demonstration also recommended to us that the initial contract of 2 million had core construction services and be approved for total contract with \$6,230,530.70 . The administration work in the the

funds be used within utility expansion and upgrade projects , so , we also firmly have to allow this, so competition for this comprehensive project budget, I move that we approve the utility expansion budget related to power Plant 1 in fine arts and the projects and that includes the three and have million dollar expansion with the buildings upgraded in the fine arts expansion project of \$6.6 million and that is my motion on behalf of the committee.

We have a motion, is there a second? Is there any discussion ?

I just want to make sure that we authorize dissociated contracts

Thank you, region Alders, any other discussion ? With that, all of those in favor say aye .

Aye.

All opposed, the motion carries.

This relates to the certification from the Texas certification of the fine arts expansion project, and SFA is required to submit the completed project review application

for the Board of Regents certification for certifying the region's approval of the project for the applicable state or federal compartments, so included in this motion were included in the information supporting this is a copy of the Board of certification and other required forms for project commission. Again on the behalf of the committee, I move that is board certified in fine arts expansion project certified that it has been approved with all state and/or federal requirements.

We are promotion from region Alders the second?

We have a second region Henderson, any discussion? All of those in favor say aye , all opposed? The motion carries.

This relates to the basketball performance center whose project is nearing completion. There have been a number of contract commitments associated with that project as time has gone on, and so after discussing all of that, I move that this board ratify the basketball performance center contract commitments 23,000,880 and 1000 --

and \$107,500 with KBW -- KBW with a maximum price amount of \$1 million with a total contract approval with KDW would be \$25 million. My motion is Madam chair precisely that the board ratify all of these contracts amendments to the total of \$25,570,104.

We have a motion from region Alders. Is there a second? >> Second.

Second from region to wind them. Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye. Those opposed? Motion carries. Um,

I think the last of these complicated contract

amendments, the bond resolution approved by the Regents at the October 2018 meeting of the board allocated \$87 million in total for a bond issue, which was passed in 2018 for the fine arts expansion initiative project and included on the rise purchase orders. However, the language was not submitted and approved for specific contracts for the minute that exceeds 25% of the original contracts. Today we want to ratify formally for the total contract and specific amendments. So, I move that this board ratify the contract amendments associated with the fine arts expansion project

for a total guaranteed maximum price of 41,956,000 \$925 the total contract amount of 42 million \$57,754.

Have a motion from region Alders, is there a second? Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye those opposed? The motion carries. >> I guess this was a schedule you

one was changed in a recent session, and that was a policy we discussed these changes yesterday and they comply with state statutes, and over half of the committee, I move that we approve all five of these policy provisions

which is firearms, explosives, and ammunition.

>> Is there a motion or a second? Second? >> Is there any discussion? All of those in favor say aye all of those opposed, the motion carries.

Will go to the podium with opportunities.

I'll give them the credit they deserve here. Action item 38 will be the building, and I will read this resolution and offer it because I do want to mention that it is subject to the terms and conditions with the gift agreement executed

by the University and contingent on receiving the full amount of the gift. With that, or proceed with the resolution, and this is a gift. And [Indiscernible] is a 97 -- 1970 graduate has distinctions of as an innovative leader in the gas industry and internationally. With the society, in 2006, there was funds to support the school in perpetuity were as there is an example of dedication to the University for the gifts of support and standards of excellence now therefore, let it be resolved the Board of Regents expresses its admiration and gratitude in high regard by naming the main lobby we offer this as a motion >> Is there a second?

We have a second from region nation -- Regents Mason. The motion carries

Now moving to action item 39, it is also the work of our president and development staff for bringing these very important gifts to the University, and we welcome the opportunity resolutions as time goes on, so this resolution this would be with respect to the Dean's sleep in that building the college of business and the naming of the Dean's sleep, subject to the terms and conditions mutually agreed upon executed by a representative from the University without resolution where he is a 1985 graduate for business and accounting and has distinguished himself with LLP leaving the U.S. real estate sector with over 30 years razzing that the way to create a current successful partnership with

SFA and Deloitte engaging our graduates to be employed with the company while encouraging their lifetime support in the accounting program were as fellow SFA graduates and delete partners , Sam Lowery, John England, and Mark Layton made gifts to honor and celebrate the recent retirement. There is a distinguished example of loyal dedication with support and centers of excellence and therefore let it be resolved the Board of Regents expresses its admiration and gratitude for high regard by naming the Dean's sleep located in the E building . Madam chair, I move for approval . >> Is the second?

Second.

Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye , those opposed? The motion carries.

That includes everything on the report

Thank you. >> We will move now to the report from the finance and audit committee.

Madam chair, we met yesterday and it was comprised of myself [Indiscernible] , and, we had a number of action items we considered that we wanted to do today. First is action item number 27 audit services report so we heard yesterday from our chief , specifically , the expenditure audit and the proportional audit in the contract management audit an update on the on, and we discussed those matters yesterday and acknowledge receipt of the services reports that were just identified latest committee.

We have a motion from region nation does not Mason is the second?

Second

Second from region Alders all of those in favor say aye ?

Aye

All opposed? Motion carries. >> Regarding the annual audit plan and schedule from the staffing plan, it was presented to us for the committee

with the undertaking in all of the areas is also presented . I will move the we accept the annual plan as provided a motion from Regent Mason. Is there a second?

Second from Regent Winston, any discussion?

All of those in favor say aye all opposed, the motion carries.

The state of Texas General appropriations act, demonstration submitted the proposed fiscal year 2021 and 2022 for the total of \$262,019,418 . The budget contains a 5% reduction in certain mandatory tuition and fee revenue from fiscal year 21 mandatory tuition in the proposed budget also contains support from the American rescue plan . \$363,304 from the reinvestment funds and \$4,289,538 for the general institution balance. So, we recommend approval of the 2021 22 annual operating budget associated .

We have a motion from Regent nation, is there a second?

A second from Regent Florence, any discussion? All of those in favor say aye , those opposed? The motion carries.

We are looking at action item number 30. Historically, those matters have been included with the parts and services relations and the structure has been provided and we reviewed that yesterday. We have changes the fiscal year 2021 . But I do recommend and I will make a motion to accept it as presented .

A motion for Regent Mason, is there a second?

Second.

Second from Regent Wyndham , any discussion? All those in favor say aye? Those opposed? Motion carries.

We will move to action item number 31 84th legislature added new requirements for state agencies for procurement and these requirements were in the Texas education program in 2015. State law requires University to identify contracts for performance monitoring and submit information on those contracts to the Board of Regents. [Indiscernible] division , I move that we accept the contract as presented

That is a motion from Regent Mason, is there a second?

Second. Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye, those opposed? The motion carries.

Action item number 32 if the extension of the marketing campaign we have heard from the committee

with an extensive website development , and the contract were we continue to December 31, 2021. The current contract expires on May 31 , and the work is not yet complete, we remove and extend the date to the contract to be completed, but if there is no increase in the budget, it is \$790,000. Move that we amend the contract

Have a motion for Regent Mason, is there a second? Any discussion ? All of those in favor say aye . Those opposed? The motion carries . >> We heard yesterday was actually underway for medical building with the

athletic department and it is option to provide further services as needed and mutually agreed

in the responders were evaluated and the committee recommended with the charges 35% and in addition to literature , they will charge \$12,000 annually in \$1000 in elections. The recommendation is that we select [Indiscernible] and provide services with the option to extend for longer periods than administration also recommends that the president be authorized to sign purchase orders associated with [Indiscernible] .

Is a motion from Regent Mason as presented, is there a second?

Second from Regent Alders, any discussion? All of those in favor say aye, those opposed? The motion carries.

Madam chair with action item 34 disregard grant awards for the fiscal year 2021 , the award total is currently grant awards applicable for 20 Zwingli are currently \$32,000,641,000 with an increase of \$15,000,497,274 since the last report. The grant awards result in faculty research and service engagement with grandson include the words.

I move that we ratify the additional fiscal 2021 for \$15,000,497,000 with grant awards [Indiscernible] presented on the following pages.

Had a motion from Regent Mason action item 34 as presented, is there a second?

Second from Regent Winston, any discussion? All of those in favor say aye, those opposed, the motion carries

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The utilization as well as the institutional funds, we maintain the quasi-endowments and shall be directed student publication office was student affairs have received funds in the form of payments for goods and services provided. Utilizing funds from this discretionary which requesting to move \$25,000 to establish a quasi- [Indiscernible] and will be removed that from funds received were used to establish the quasi-endowment, we have a Memorial scholarship with the generator revenue at the discretion of the scholarship committee with approval of student affairs . Primarily, this supports scholarship awards on a discretionary basis.

We have a motion from Regent Mason as presented in the board book. Is there a second? Second from Regent also, any discussion? All of those in favor say aye, those opposed? The motion carries

>> As a result of the changes necessary to amend and authorize institutional presented this presented , and it advises those for our account, so moved that we approve it as presented

We have a motion from Regent Mason, is there a second? The second from Regent Alders, any discussion? All of those in favor say aye, all opposed? The motion carries.

Action item number 37, they are routine to scheduled reviews and they include the information in such policies elsewhere, so, I would recommend that the Board of Regents adopt the following policies as presented with the tuition and fees with computer person does that purchasing and prices external bank accounts 3.14 , [Indiscernible] 3.15 , and federal tax compliance 3.5 , purchasing from officers [Indiscernible] 17.22 .

We have a motion for Regent Mason, is there a second? Any discussion? All of those in favor say aye , those opposed? The motion carries

That concludes my report

Thank you Regent Mason for all the work. That concludes our committee reports and a lot of work from our committees over the last few days since we last met . Before we moved to reports, I think will be remiss if we didn't say we have an off-site meeting but this is our first board meeting at this table, so welcome to you both . . The race is on. But, welcome to the table. We are glad that you're here and thank you for your participation, active dissipation

over the last few days . We will move now to reports and will first hear from Dr. Gordon.

Thank you, Madam chair, and the Board of Regents, it is my pleasure to report to you at this July board meeting. We are coming up on a very important date beginning August 1, we will return to for classroom capacity and normal operations . A note was sent out to the campus recently to that effect in addition to returning to normal University policies, followed those policies will be restored on August 1 as you may recall, the board did give me temporary authority to modify interest in policies to work through the Covid pandemic. We are though, still looking at recommendations and data from our Um, 19. As you know, Covid infections specifically the Delta variant and are in many communities, including here in East Texas. That Covid team will keep an eye on what is happening and alertness to any increases within either our community internally with external community , fingers crossed. Page 1145-1149 in your books, you will see we are currently winding down our position replacement program. To this effect, have a total of \$3,277,000 in order to reinvest into positions and that was split up with a little over two point where you -- 2.1 million for faculty positions and currently, you can see our vice president for business and finance have been filling positions, and we are down to about the end. We have about 3% of the money left in the faculty area and 1% left in the staff area so that's \$62,000 left for the investment in faculty lines and 15,000 left in the staff lines, so we are very much running down that entire program. This summer, we have been working very hard on budgets as we have talked about and discussed through the course of the last two days. We do have some budget

challenges, and I think it is fair to say that in order to fix the problem, we must first understand it and this holds true budget challenges. Much of the summer has been sent -- spent undercover colleges in developing the governance process to resolve these issues. Working with campus groups have begun with leadership discussions with our chairs, counsel, as well as our Dean's and once campus resumes operations here in August, those discussions and processes will be ramping up very quickly. I can't emphasize enough that increased enrollment and retention for all student classifications including our returning students, first time in college students, transfer students, and are continuing students and just as important, the development of efficiencies and cost savings and the focus on reducing operating expenses in every division of the University with no exceptions. We have a structural deficit, but we can and we will resolve it. One of the things that we need to do and all of the state of Texas is we need to be visible. I will say that over the last five days or so, we have been out on the road, and I and many others on campus have been on this inaugural roadshow meeting with individuals and prospective students, current students, families, potential donors, etc. we will continue that starting tomorrow morning and in the gut by the end of the day in Dallas. We will be on the road until August 3. I want to say right now that this is a tremendous collaboration

between our advancement conference, our alumni office in our enrollment management office. Got to give a special shout out to Joe [Indiscernible] and her team. If you assessing the traffic of Houston where I had a meeting every hour and a half in different parts of Houston Thursday and Friday were traffic is a little bit hearing -- a little bit hairy, it was a challenge for the, and they passed with an A+, just a tremendous effort. We start again tomorrow to go to Longview, Tyler, and Dallas from Dallas we go to Austin, from Austin, we go to college station and on August 3, we will return home

I did want to be cognizant of time. I want to talk about our student affairs provision with a new contract on July 1, to sample some of the flavors realizing they have only been on campus no for a little over three weeks student affairs is working on a East campus dining plan exploring contract services to assist us with housing bond utilization, and I will say as I mentioned earlier about our budget challenges, or division of student affairs has taken those challenges and embraced those challenges. Since coming on board, Dr. Fry and his team did some reorganization and streamlining which has resulted in \$1.1 million in savings, so, that is what I see every division needs to be looking at the streamlining and cost savings. We also hired our assistant vice president for student affairs and Dean of students, he will be on campus running, and will surely introduce them to the board. Our athletics teams, if you haven't heard about the success of those teams, you probably don't have television radio and newspaper or smart phone with Facebook and twitter on it, but I'm going to go through, because these divisions have done some extraordinary things. With our athletics and I think it is phenomenal. They also participated in a summer tour where again, our football team won the regular-season conference championships, and this is the last time will be hearing about the conference championships. As you know, we are now as of 27 days ago in

the Western athletic conference. Our men's track and field won a championship. Our athletics program one the commissioners for the top athletics program and the conference, our women won the conference all sports trophy the seventh consecutive, Coach Olson was the track and field coach of the year. Coach Dixon was a softball coach of the year. We have players winning many different awards including player of the year, hitter of the year, we have the track and field freshman of the year. We have the track and field newcomer of the year. We had grandson Ellis who won a national championship in the pole vault and actually went to the Olympic trials. If you didn't want our men's 4 x 4 100 relay team that came in second in the nation, you need to. Have a video of it. You have to watch it. It will make the hair on your arms and probably legs, SFA need to --

Um, to stand up. Omar Robinson was a second pass 400 event in the history of the NCAA. I could not hear it either.

And so, we had 10 All-Americans in track and field. The community service of our athletes was amazing, especially during our winter storm. They put him over 3000 hours of community service, frothing they deserve it. A round of applause.

[applause]

So, the accolades don't stop with our student affairs area athletics area. We have the diversity of equity and inclusion with Dr. fields. We just found out recently that we have been named a college of distinction for equity and inclusion 2021 and they are recognized for their noteworthy support to all students, so congratulations on that.

[applause].

And, I will say that our advancement office besides driving Miss Daisy also known as Mr. Scott around to the state of Texas, I am not a backseat driver, but they have been working very hard on the comprehensive campaign. I want everybody to mark your calendars October 29. That is the public launch for our comprehensive campaign, and from that point on, all you will be doing is elevating, you will hear about that other than later. I also want you to know that the night before so I can the 28th, we will kickoff events with our college of business lecture series with Damon John, we probably all recognize, because he is an individual on the shark tank, and entrepreneur that will be here to speak with the community as well as our students. Also, I will say that our social media team has been doing tremendous work. There are various records of social media presence of college campuses, and I think it is amazing that SFA has received third-place, and only two schools ahead of us are two big schools that are flagship schools that I won't reveal at this time, for we have surpassed all other institutions in the state for our social media presence and awareness, so congratulations to our social media team.

[applause]

As we continue to find ways to elevate and move an attempt to elevate our visibility in our programs, we are also looking for and we had a recent review to elevate our academic programs, and we also have worked to elevate our advancement foundation as well as the alumni associations, and this year, we had VWF come in and look at our preparation, not just for the current campaign that we are in the silent phase of but our next campaign, because we start planning your next campaign during your current campaign, we have had some great assessments of our alumni associations, who were very instrumental in that campaign and instrumental in our visibility and foundation office. There are also some tremendous accolades for the work that both the alumni and the advancement teams have been doing, so congratulations to them as well. Well, I'd like to say that the legislative session is over, and it is on the we now have a special session that we are in, and there will likely be another special session monitoring that, Charlotte give me daily updates, and, we are keeping a close eye on what's happening as far as higher education, especially some of the federal monies that have yet to be determined. I know you have heard about this yesterday, Dr. Smith talks about funding. We are excited about that funding, but we are also excited here any single day now about the federal funding for the renovation of the old science research Center, which will be the new home I just wanted to mention that any day now, we have been currently in negotiations on the contract with the EVA out of Washington DC. We are also continuing our distinguished high school partnerships. This past year we have six schools that we announced as the student has to partnerships. We are going to have some additional schools, will give you the entire list of schools that we either have already or will be working with and having press conferences for in the distinguished high school partnership space. Nacogdoches high school, Livingston high school, Hudson, and Central Heights. Also, Jasper,

in the DFW area,
and Houston, Langone Creek, Conroe, and [Indiscernible], so we are very excited about again continuing to build those relationships and getting SFA to be top of mind for these high school student. An important part of the shared governance is our staff and SFA has never had a organization that were not able to represent. So, I am working with John Wyatt to develop a staff counsel. We hope to have that penalty established beginning their work from time later this fall, so that's another exciting addition to the campus. And then, you probably remember it was several meetings ago I wanted to keep the board informed of how those are being utilized, so our faculty and staff have tremendous innovative ideas that can help SFA today but in the future. This is a competitive grant program that is run out of our sponsored research office and Dr. Sampson has been very instrumental in this but this is a program to invest in faculty and staff that will creatively fuel increased student enrollment, engagement, retention, and success. Those characteristics I talked about and we have tremendous faculty and submitting this ideas

beginning, a lot of exciting things happening on The
I am very confident that we be working together as one team

I'll have a question, but I will comment. First, thank you to your teams. Thank you for assembling great teams. You are doing very impressive work, and thank you to you for your energy, I speak for everyone when I say that, so thank you very much

[applause] of [applause]

I serve as an assistant professor of educational leadership which accompanies our program our superintendent program, our athletic director concentration, and our doctoral program in education, so I have a few items this morning. I'm actually going to apologize in advance. I think it is relevant, but I believe you all were given my bio, so I'm going to reiterate everything, I was a teacher and a coach and a school principal every hour have been

It is so wrong

right the faculty of Trenton are very aware of the challenges we are facing as we move forward, and we embrace the opportunity to work collaboratively with everyone across the whole University. I want to address these issues so we can not only impact this in the short term and the long term but more specifically the solution the students will transition pics. We look for understanding both challenges

So, and those are

Our faculty continues to do great things in the area with scholarship and research. I look forward to the rest of this year. We will continue to present those accomplishments [laughter]

Once again, I don't have any questions

Very important with the faculty Senate, and we appreciate everything that you are doing right now and the work that you're going to take on this upcoming academic year so thank you for being here and for your presentation.

Thank you. I appreciate that. For those who know me well, I typically like to talk a lot, so I would definitely do my best to try to keep these things direct and to the point that still answer as well as I can.

Thank you

[applause]

>> . Good morning, everyone. >> I am excited just appointed to students to take over the one-year term

and

Have the opportunity to experience

there will be a circus of the diversity on campus. This project and that this completion date will be at the beginning of August

>> The header orientation/ spirit they say students have accidents then, we also have the SFA old tradition again, accessibility, where the you on campus. The T-shirt derives investment designs are finalized. I think you guys are going to like first person. Technology companies, we are really passionate about making sure the students know of these opportunities, and is doing everything that we can to ensure that our students are ready. We want to make sure. Welcome, as well. I want to hear from you for the first time in

that is very interesting. Is excited to religiously approach the team to have one point, it was just me and my laptop. [laughter] I saw other interns, the look on my face to see that it was not just me, it was something that was supposed to be normal. It was nice being able to connect with other people. My birthday is next week I will be turning 22. [applause] [laughter]

You are a Leo. >> Where is hometown?

Hometown is Dallas, Texas. I love Dallas. That is where my mom is. I've never been here in the summer. I've always kind of gone home in May and came back in August. It's so nice. Everybody is so welcoming. It is a little quiet, parking slots are available. [laughter] it is nice.

Wonderful.

Happy birthday.

Thank you.

What make you choose SFA #

I chose SFA because I toured back in February 2017. When I came onto this campus, everything just fell into place. I have family in East Texas hour and a half away, so my dad could not come knock on my door every day, but if you wanted to come he could on the weekend. [laughter] I really envisioned myself here. When I came here, everything truly fell into place, financial aid, friends, housing, with other universities or had a? But it was really an easy decision for me.

What is your favorite thing about everything?

My favorite thing about SFA as an organization, I truly believe I can grow in the organizations and be a member and I was talking to a friend a few days ago and I was like you remember when we will go back title I, unlike we can do that anymore so it is just crazy and how times have changed. Have a favorite spot on campus. It is a wonderful sanctuary for us. There is a lounge. But just finding a spot on campus and finding a space on campus for like that is ultimately

what will build the relationship and have something to look forward to, and I think that is what the leadership brings up .

I would like to make a couple of comments about Lauren. What a pleasure to have her on campus. That smile, it is constant. I have never seen Lauren not smile and the other thing to note is Lauren will be joining us , so she will be part of the team, and we are anxious to get input from line on student perspectives on issues that we discussed.

Fantastic, thank you for being here, Lauren, it is great to be here in this setting, and we appreciate you representing the student body. It gives us energy as a board to learn about what you're doing day-to-day, and we thank you for all of your efforts.

I'm excited. I love to talk, so, more to come.

All right, thank you very much.

Thank you all.

[applause]

We talked about students who represent the student body well, we are glad you're here, Spencer, and we appreciate all of your participation over the last three days and at the retreat in June. You present the SFA student body well , and thank you for all of what you're doing on behalf of the students.

[applause]

Agenda says we will adjourn at this time, is there a motion to adjourn?

[laughter] >> We have a second from Regent Henderson. All of those in favor say aye. Those opposed?

Motion carries. We are adjourned. Good work, everybody.

>> [Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM EST]

[Event Concluded]