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THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2003.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened via telephone conference call at 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2003, on the Ninth Floor, Ashbel Smith Hall, 201 West Seventh Street, Austin, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.--

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairman Miller, presiding	
Vice-Chairman Clements	
Vice-Chairman Hunt	
Vice-Chairman Riter	
Regent Caven	
Regent Craven	
Regent Estrada	
Regent Huffines*	
Regent Krier	
Counsel and Secretary Frederick	

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Chairman Miller called the meeting to order.

1. U. T. Board of Regents: Adoption of Resolution to Reaffirm the Importance of U. T. Arlington to the State's Higher Education Mission and to The University of Texas System

At the request of Chairman Miller, Chancellor Yudof referenced recent public discussions about historic ties of The University of Texas at Arlington with The University of Texas System. He said this has been a great relationship since 1965 and under the leadership of former President Witt, U. T. Arlington has become the fastest growing component of the U. T. System, with 24,000 students, and research expenditures in excess of \$20 million in Fiscal Year 2002. He said \$430 million has been invested over the years with Board approval of more initiatives recently to build the science program and expand residence hall capacities.

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\*Regent Huffines joined the meeting during the Executive Session.

Chancellor Yudof said U. T. Arlington enjoys extraordinary community support, as well as moral, political, and financial support, all of which are key elements of a successful institution.

Chancellor Yudof said he wanted this prosperous relationship to continue and following comments from the Board about the improved communications and dialog that has developed in the past few days, Chairman Miller read a suggested resolution, substantially in the form that follows, that further reaffirmed the Board of Regents' commitment to U. T. Arlington. Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Riter and seconded by Vice-Chairman Clements, and following discussion and suggested revisions by Regent Krier, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

### Resolution

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Arlington has been a valued and essential member of The University of Texas System since 1965 and within that relationship:

- Has grown and flourished as a comprehensive university serving a growing number of undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students;
- Has experienced significant gains in the range and quality of academic programs, as well as the amount of research spending;
- Has benefited from major capital investments that have created one of the state's most modern campuses;
- And has developed extensive and fruitful collaborations with public and private-sector entities;

WHEREAS, It is clear that The University of Texas at Arlington has tremendous potential for advancement in all aspects of its mission, including education, research, community service, and economic development, and that membership within The University of Texas System offers the University the best opportunity to achieve that potential in the most timely manner;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT STRONGLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Regents and the administration of The University of Texas System affirm their support for The University of Texas at Arlington and are firmly committed to working with The University of Texas at Arlington and all of its constituencies in order to accelerate the growth and development of the University, both as a comprehensive institution

providing access and excellence to students at all levels of higher education, and also as a major research university at the forefront of discovery and innovation across a broad range of fields, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents and The University of Texas System commit to pursuing, with energy and enthusiasm equal to all U. T. System institutions; increased opportunities for advancement in research opportunities and collaborations; recruitment of outstanding faculty, students, and administrators, including a national leader for the university presidency; increased public-private sector funding and increased philanthropy that will directly benefit the continued growth and development of The University of Texas at Arlington as a major research university for the Metroplex, the State of Texas and the nation.

2. U. T. System: Briefing on Legislative Issues

Vice Chancellor Ashley Smith updated the Board on Legislative issues being considered by the 78th Session of the Texas Legislature.

RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.--At 1:35 p.m., Chairman Miller announced that the Board would recess to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074 to consider those matters listed on the Executive Session agenda.

RECONVENE.--At 3:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session for action on matters considered in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Chairman Miller reported that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss matters in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074. In response to an inquiry from Chairman Miller regarding the wishes of the Board, the following actions were taken:

1. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Legal Matters or Pending and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers

There was no action taken related to consultation with an attorney regarding legal issues of The University of Texas System.

2. U. T. System: Consideration of Personnel Matters Relating to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment and Duties of Officers or Employees

There was no action taken related to general personnel matters of The University of Texas System.

3. U. T. System: Consideration of Personnel Matters Relating to Evaluation of Presidents and U. T. System Executive Officers

There was no action taken related to evaluation of institutional presidents and Executive Officers of The University of Texas System.

ADJOURNMENT.--Chairman Miller announced that the purpose for which this meeting was called had been completed and the meeting was duly adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

/s/ Francie A. Frederick  
Counsel and Secretary to the Board

April 23, 2003