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WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1999.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 1999, in the Regents' Meeting Room on the ninth floor of Ashbel Smith Hall at 201 West Seventh Street in Austin, Texas, for an open workshop session on the topic of distance education.

ATTENDANCE.--

Present
Chairman Evans*
Vice-Chairman Loeffler
Regent Hunt
Regent Oxford
Regent Riter
Regent Romero
Regent Sanchez

**Absent
Vice-Chairman Clements
Regent Miller

Executive Secretary Frederick

Chancellor Cunningham
Executive Vice Chancellor Burck
Executive Vice Chancellor Mullins
Vice Chancellor Sharpe

In accordance with a notice being duly posted with the Secretary of State and there being a quorum present, Regent Sanchez, as Chairman of the Special Committee on Telecommunications and Technology Transfer, called the meeting to order. He announced that the purpose of the session would be to discuss distance learning initiatives of the UT TeleCampus and that the meeting would start with a tour of the Electronic Data Systems (EDS) Financial Trading & Technology Center at the Graduate School of Business at The University of Texas at Austin. The meeting recessed and reconvened in Room GSB 3.118 at 2100 Speedway, Austin, Texas.

* Chairman Evans joined the meeting at The University of Texas at Austin.

**Vice-Chairman Clements and Regent Miller were excused because of prior commitments.

Dr. George Gau, Director of the Center and Chair of the Department of Finance at U. T. Austin, conducted a demonstration of the technological and learning features of the EDS Financial Trading & Technology Center Classroom (GSB Room 3.118). The classroom is designed for the innovative presentation of financial information and is equipped with the latest in audiovisual technology. The classroom is also a broadcast studio with real-time video and data transmission to allow experimentation with a variety of inbound and outbound distance learning approaches.

The meeting recessed at 1:50 p.m. for a briefing session by Vice Chancellor Michael Millsap in GSB Room 2.104 pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Section 551.075 and reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

The Board heard presentations as indicated by the following schedule, and [materials](#) used in those presentations are on file in the Office of the Board of Regents:

1:00 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Regent Sanchez Dr. Cunningham
1:05-1:30 p.m.	Background	Dr. Mario Gonzalez Dr. Darcy Hardy
1:30 p.m.	Overview of the Andersen Consulting Distance Education Study	Mr. Brad Englert Mr. Carl Kiefer Dr. Don Foshee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UT TeleCampus Mission Statement and Goals• UT TeleCampus Target Programs• UT TeleCampus Target Audiences• Five-Year Projected Registrations• Economic Analysis• UT TeleCampus Service Areas and Organization• Five-Year Implementation Plan• Year One Action Items	

There was general support for moving forward quickly to establish the UT TeleCampus as a "market leader," utilizing commercial partnerships to the extent possible. At the conclusion of the meeting, Regent Sanchez asked Chancellor Cunningham to do a further review of the budgetary implications of the options outlined by Andersen Consulting and to make an additional presentation to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT.--The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. on May 26, 1999.

/s/ Francie A. Frederick
Executive Secretary

May 31, 1999