ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING COUNCIL
May 19, 1997
2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Reneau, Rea, Hall, Drewett, Thomas, Andrews, Hilburn, Jacobs,
Reagan, Benedict, Emery, Oakes, McConathy (for Deutsch), Ford.

Members Absent: Deutsch, Huth, Mayhall.

Others Present: Rasbury.

President Reneau welcomed Dr. Ed Jacobs to the meeting in his official capacity as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

The Administrative and Planning Council minutes of April 21, 1997, were approved as submitted on a Rea/Jacobs motion and unanimous vote.

President Reneau discussed the status of the Foster higher education spending plan for the regular session of the Legislature, as follows:

- $30 million for deferred maintenance on college and university buildings.
- $1 million to the Board of Regents to re-engineer and design how colleges and universities train and prepare teachers.
- $8.6 million to pay a six-year backlog in the state’s grant programs for endowed university professorships and chairs, which will generate about $12.5 million in private donations. (Tech currently has 14 endowed professorships awaiting matching funds in the amount of $560,000.)
- $3 million to the Board of Regents to develop distance learning. (The approval of this expenditure will probably result in an interactive classroom on each campus.)
- $10 million for academics and scientific equipment for departments and libraries with serious equipment shortages or accreditation issues. (The approval of this expenditure will allow the Board of Regents to distribute these monies to each campus. The money will probably be disbursed according to a weighted formula, perhaps according to degree type.)

In addition, a new bill introduced would give the Board of Regents $1.5 million for 15 new staff members.

LSU initiated a bill to charge a Technology Assessment Fee of $5 per student credit hour with a cap of $100 per semester for their students. The UOL System initiated their own similar bill. President Reneau met with Tech’s Student Government Association where they gave unanimous approval in support of the bill. Legislation is pending.
President Reneau distributed the list of capital outlay requests for 1996-97 (see attached) and discussed each project individually, as follows:

- Stadia repair has been funded and is nearing completion.
- An architect has been chosen for the Environmental Safety Building. Design and construction should begin this year.
- The bid was let last week for the construction of the Classroom and Aviation Building. Construction should begin within 30-50 days. Construction should also begin this year on a $600,000 building at the airport.
- We have received donations of $1,100,000 for renovation of Hale Hall. Tentative plans are to utilize the building for Admissions and Architecture. A feasibility study has been completed and $250,000 has been appropriated for planning.
- If funded, the Visual Arts building will be utilized by the College of Administration and Business for graduate and research programs.
- Consideration is being given to expansion of the Nursing Building to include other health care related programs.
- A large portion of the monies for major repair and re-roofing are being provided from deferred maintenance allocations.
- A Center for Families and Children is being discussed
- Utility system improvements are an on-going need.
- Library renovation/remodeling is needed.
- We have included residence hall renovation in our capital outlay plans. However, it is often difficult to get approval for this through capital outlay.

Following the discussion, suggestions for others areas of need for consideration were presented, as follows:

- Dean Andrews noted that the Ed Lab Building contains several very small rooms originally designed to house Special Education Lab/conference rooms. Due to the size, these rooms are not usable for anything but storage.
- The air conditioning system in Woodard Hall is 35 years old and leakage from condensation is a problem.
- Dr. Jacobs noted that Robinson Hall has no elevator and is, therefore, not handicap accessible.
- Mr. Thomas noted that GTM is one of the most utilized buildings on campus and in need of renovation.
- Dean Ford noted that renovations of the residence halls would certainly aid in recruiting.
President Reneau presented an update on projects completed and/or underway (see attached), as follows:

- The Institute for Manufacturing is almost complete on the Ruston campus. The Technology Transfer Center in Shreveport is in the design stage. Two beam lines have been installed at the LSU/BR facility.
- Centennial Plaza is complete. Bricks for 1996-97 graduates will be in place by Homecoming.
- The Art Building is almost complete. A 10,000 square foot facility for art at the farm is also complete.
- The Alumni House expansion is complete.
- The architect has been chosen for the expansion of the Field House. This project is funded through self-generated funds.

President Reneau discussed deferred maintenance (see attached) for the past several years.

Vice President Hall reported that the SGA has been considering a self-generated project for the renovation of Tolliver Hall. This building would be utilized for student activities. It would include an indoor theater, teleconference room, computer technology center, and offices or all student activities. The building would be open 24 hours a day. An outdoor amphitheater is also in the plans. The project would cost approximately $3 million and would be funded from self-generated funds. Plans are to have open discussions with the students in the fall and have a popular student vote in either the winter or spring quarter.

President Reneau welcomed Dr. Terry McConathy in her official capacity as Acting Director of Graduate School and University Research.

Members of the Council were polled for comments/announcements they wished to make.

Meeting adjourned, 2:55 p.m.