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1. **U. T. Austin: Request to approve the honorific naming of the Center for African and African American Studies as the Dr. John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor ad interim concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Vice Chancellor for External Relations, and President Powers that the U. T. System Board of Regents approve the honorific naming of the Center for African and African American Studies as the Dr. John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies at U. T. Austin to recognize Dr. Warfield's significant contributions to the Center as its founder and long-time director.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Upon his death on October 25, 2007, Dr. Warfield left a significant legacy of service to The University of Texas at Austin. He served as a faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts for 26 years. Coming to The University of Texas in 1973, he combined the Afro-American Studies and the African and African American Research Centers into one center and became the first director, a position he held until 1986. Dr. Warfield played a critical role in recruiting and establishing the Center's first faculty, establishing the African and African American Studies major, creating its curriculum, and facilitating its research agenda. He was instrumental in the promotion of African and African American Studies as an essential field of study.

Dr. Warfield worked to diversify the University and connect its resources with the wider community. He was also the founder of Community Radio, Inc., which runs KAZI-FM, Austin's community-based radio station. He was an activist scholar publishing in the area of race and sports at a time when this area of interest was in its infancy. In Spring 2000, the Center for African and African American Studies established the John L. Warfield Undergraduate Research Scholarship to encourage undergraduate students to conduct research in Africa and the African Diaspora.

The Center for African and African American Studies today offers a multidisciplinary course selection for undergraduate and graduate students, in addition to presenting conferences and sponsoring community building activities. The Center has over 54 faculty members and is headed by Director Edmund T. Gordon, Ph.D.

The proposed naming is consistent with the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, Rule 80307, relating to the honorific naming of facilities to recognize the significant contributions by Dr. Warfield.

2. **U. T. Tyler: Authorization to accept a gift of the surface interest in approximately 46.386 acres of unimproved land from the Texas Area Fund Foundation and a gift of approximately 3.844 acres of unimproved land from the City of Palestine, both of which tracts are located near the intersection of Loop 256 and U.S. Highway 287, Palestine, Anderson County, Texas, for the purpose of expanding the U. T. Tyler Palestine Campus**

RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor ad interim concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, and President Mabry that authorization be granted by the U. T. System Board of Regents, on behalf of U. T. Tyler, to

- a. accept a gift of the surface interest in approximately 46.386 acres of unimproved land located near the intersection of Loop 256 and U.S. Highway 287, Palestine, Anderson County, Texas, from the Texas Area Fund Foundation, for the purpose of expanding the U. T. Tyler Palestine Campus;
- b. accept a gift of approximately 3.844 acres of unimproved land located adjacent to the western border of the 46.386-acre tract of land, in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas, from the City of Palestine, for the purpose of expanding the U. T. Tyler Palestine Campus; and
- c. authorize the Executive Director of Real Estate to execute all documents, instruments, and other agreements, subject to approval of all such documents as to legal form by the Office of General Counsel, and to take all further actions deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing recommendations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The subject tracts of land consist of the surface interest in approximately 46.386 acres of unimproved land located near the intersection of Loop 256 and U.S. Highway 287 (also known as State Highway 19 and West Spring Street), and approximately 3.844 acres of unimproved land located adjacent to the western border of the 46.386-acre tract, both in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas. The Texas Area Fund Foundation owns the surface interest in the 46.386-acre tract and the City of Palestine owns the 3.844-acre tract. Both gifts of land will be used for the expansion of the U. T. Tyler Palestine Campus.

The U. T. Tyler Palestine Campus officially opened in 1995 with 20 students enrolled in the undergraduate nursing program, which was located in borrowed space in the Trinity Valley Medical Center and the Trinity Valley Community College. In Fall 1996, the U. T. Tyler Palestine Campus relocated to its present site at 1820 West Spring Street, which it leased from Kay Lynn Sportswear, Inc. On February 12, 1998, the U. T. System Board of Regents approved the purchase of the Spring Street site consisting of approximately 2.536 acres with 16,556 square feet of improvements located at the intersection of Loop 256 and U.S. Highway 287. The U. T. Tyler Palestine Campus currently offers courses in nursing, business, education, health and kinesiology, and history. The two gift tracts are located south of the existing U. T. Tyler Palestine Campus.

It is anticipated that U. T. Tyler will receive, at a future date, a donation of additional land from the City of Palestine to connect the existing campus with the new gift tracts and provide access to U.S. Highway 287. U. T. Tyler is currently working with the City of Palestine to determine the size and exact location of the additional land gift.

The gift tracts will provide U. T. Tyler with additional land to expand programs, particularly nursing, where critical shortages exist throughout the State. Additionally, it is U. T. Tyler's position that acquisition of the gift tracts will help fulfill two goals in the institution's Strategic Plan - New Millennium Vision. First, the new campus will help create a greater sense of togetherness and provide a more complete and attractive campus that will contribute to the fulfillment of the goal of creating an exciting community of learning throughout the University that fully and actively engages all students. Second, the planned use of the gift tracts will contribute to the goal of increasing meaningful community service and promoting the economic development of Tyler, Longview, Palestine, and all of East Texas. The objective of the second goal is to create centers of excellence that connect the academic, research, and service resources of U. T. Tyler to the business and public needs of East Texas by working closely with area economic development organizations to accomplish this objective.

The Palestine Campus Expansion project is included in the FY 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program at a total project cost of \$7,000,000, consisting of \$6,300,000 of Tuition Revenue Bonds and \$700,000 of Permanent University Fund Bonds. The total project cost will be \$8,000,000 if approved on May 15, 2008 (see Item 10 on Page 126 of the Facilities Planning and Construction Committee regarding this construction project). The terms and conditions of the gifts of land are reflected in the transaction summary below:

Transaction Summary

Institution:	U. T. Tyler
Type of Transaction:	Two gifts of unimproved land
Total Area:	Approximately 46.386 acres (surface interest only) and 3.844 acres

Improvements: None

Location: Intersection of Loop 256 and U.S. Highway 287 (also known as State Highway 19 and West Spring Street), Palestine, Anderson County, Texas, in the John Crist Survey, Abstract No. 165, and the William Smith Survey, Abstract No. 712, Anderson County, Texas; see attached map

Donors: Texas Area Fund Foundation (46.386 acres), City of Palestine (3.844 acres)

Appraised Value: 46.386 Acres: \$765,000
(Appraisal Associates, March 10, 2008);
3.844 Acres: \$63,500
(Appraisal Associates, March 10, 2008)

Intended Use: U. T. Tyler Palestine Campus expansion

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Subject Property

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U. T. Tyler
Palestine Campus

PALESTINE
WATER
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STATE
OF
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PALESTINE
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WORKS

U.S. Hwy 287 | State Highway 19

3.844 ac

46.386 ac

LOOP 256

W SPRING ST

STERNE AVE



3. **U. T. Dallas: Report on Project Emmitt**

REPORT

President Daniel will present a progress report on Project Emmitt, a \$300 million program to advance the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science program at U. T. Dallas to top-tier status. The program was announced in 2003 and was made possible through the leadership of Texas Instruments with cooperation from the State of Texas, U. T. System, and U. T. Dallas.

Supplemental Materials: Project Emmitt PowerPoint presentation on Pages 107 - 109 of Volume 2.

4. **U. T. System: Discussions on academic leadership matters - differentiated institutional missions**

PURPOSE

Executive Vice Chancellor Prior will lead a discussion and engagement with presidents and members of the Board on topics related to academic issues and opportunities and differentiated institutional missions.