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MEETING NO. 684

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1970. --Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Board of Regents convened in Special Session at 3:00 p. m. on Saturday, November 14, 1970, in the Film Room of the Daniel Meyers Coliseum, Fort Worth, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE. --

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairman Erwin, Presiding	Regent Bauer
Regent Josey	Regent Garrett
Regent Peace	Regent Ikard
Regent Williams	Regent Kilgore
Regent Ximenes	
Chancellor-Elect LeMaistre	Chancellor Ransom
Secretary Thedford	

[NOTICE OF CALL OF MEETING. --Under date of November 11, 1970, Chairman Erwin called a Special Meeting of the Board of Regents to be held at 3:00 p. m. (following the first half of the Texas - TCU game) on Saturday, November 14, 1970, in the Film Room of the Daniel Meyers Coliseum, Fort Worth, Texas, to consider the following:

1. Suspension and waiver of Section 6.21, Chapter I of the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One.
2. Review of and action on Item VI of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Texas Union held on October 29, 1970.

The notice of the call was sent via air mail special delivery.]

Chairman Erwin called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present.

SUSPENSION AND WAIVER OF SECTION 6.21, CHAPTER I, REGENTS' RULES AND REGULATIONS, PART ONE. --Upon motion of Regent Williams, seconded by Regent Peace, Section 6.21, Chapter I, of the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, (which requires five days' notice for the call of a special meeting), was suspended and waived by unanimous vote.

U. T. AUSTIN: ITEM VI OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TEXAS UNION ON OCTOBER 29, 1970 (NON-STUDENTS' USE OF CHUCK WAGON). --Chairman Erwin presented as the next and final order of business Item VI of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Texas Union at The University of Texas at Austin held on October 29, 1970. This proposed action of the Texas Union Board would open the use of the Chuck Wagon in the Texas Union to persons other than U. T. Austin students, faculty, staff and their guests. Upon motion of Regent Peace, seconded by Regent Williams, and by unanimous vote, Item VI of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Texas Union at The University of Texas at Austin held on October 29, 1970, was disapproved. Thus, the

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Chuck Wagon Guest Policy which was adopted by the Board of Regents at their meeting on January 24, 1970, remains in effect.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. --Chairman Erwin announced that this concluded the business of the meeting but that he wished to make a brief statement. His statement was:

This is the first statement that I have made since criticism arose over our conference telephone call of November 9 with respect to the proposed change in the admissions policy for the Chuck Wagon in the Texas Union at Austin.

The Texas Open Meetings Law requires that official action of the Board of Regents, as with all State agencies, take place in meetings that are open to the public and to the Press. This Board has studiously observed and complied with the requirements of that statute. However, between meetings of the Board, matters arise that require consultation between the members of the Board and the Chancellor and his staff. The Regents (both singly and in groups) frequently confer with the Chancellor and his staff, and in order not to delay unduly actions of the Texas Union Board and the Texas Student Publications Board, between Regents' meetings actions of these sub-boards are regularly circulated by mail to the Regents so that the sub-boards can be more quickly advised of the action which the Regents will take at their next meeting. It has never been suggested that Regents' meetings can be held either by telephone or by mail, but we can give these sub-boards reliable advice as to what the Regents will do at our next meeting and it allows the sub-boards to proceed without unnecessary delay.

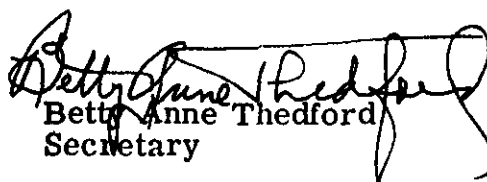
The matter of the proposed change in Chuck Wagon admissions policy was first called to my attention at 3:00 on the afternoon of November 9, and the action was to become effective at 7:00 a. m. the next morning. There was no opportunity to circulate that action to the Regents by mail, and Dr. LeMaistre and I got as many of the Regents as we could on a conference telephone call to ascertain what their feelings were with respect to this proposed action. That is all that occurred and there need be no apology for it. There was no Regents' meeting of any kind - either legal or illegal.

Today is the first time since November 9 that we could get five members of the Board together. The Regents are busy men, and it is not possible to get a quorum on short notice. Even in the telephone call the other day, one Regent was in Europe, one in Washington, and another in Colorado.

I make this statement with no admission of any kind of wrong doing and with an intention to do nothing more than simply state what occurred.

ADJOURNMENT. --Chairman Erwin announced that the purpose for which this meeting had been called had been accomplished. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p. m.

November 16, 1970


Betty Anne Thedford
Secretary