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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Stephen Jordan

FROM: Dr. Edward H. Hammond, President

DATE: August 19, 1994

SUBJ: AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 1994 MEETING OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

Fort Hays State University has three agenda items for the September 1994 meeting:

1. Fort Hays State University seeks permission to name the new physical science building which will be dedicated in May 1995.

The University seeks permission to name the physical science building in recognition of Dr. Gerald W. (Jerry) Tomanek. Dr. Tomanek served as President of Fort Hays State University from 1975 through 1987. During his tenure as President, Fort Hays became a university, established two new academic schools, won two national championships in basketball, and established the groundwork to save historic Sheridan Hall. Dr. Tomanek is a nationally recognized expert in grass-land management and was recognized as "Kansan of the Year" by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas in 1978.

(A summary of Dr. Tomanek's accomplishments will be mailed.)

2. The University seeks permission to demolish McGrath Hall. The University has studied renovation of this residence hall into office space, apartment housing, and for other uses. Unfortunately, it is not financially feasible to renovate the facility and the University seeks permission to use housing fees to demolish it.

(Backup documentation will be mailed.)

3. The University seeks permission to move forward with the construction of apartment style student housing.

(Backup documentation will be mailed.)

If there are any questions regarding these items, please call my office.

MEET DR. GERALD W. (JERRY) TOMANEK (pronounced "ta-man-ek)

- * B.A. degree in botany at FHSU, 1942
- * M.S. degree in botany at FHSU, 1947
- * Became member of FHSU faculty, 1947
- * Ph.D. in botany at U. of Nebraska, 1951
- * Chair, Department of Biology, FHSU, 1958
- * Chair, Division Natural Sciences and Mathematics, FHSU, 1959
- * Vice President for Academic Affairs, FHSU, 1972
- * President of FHSU, 1976

HIGHLIGHTS AS A FACULTY MEMBER:

- * Was a nationally-recognized expert on grass and pasture lands
- * Was twice called to the Argentine to lend his grass/pasture land expertise
- * Was a consultant for a prairie grasslands special by CBS-TV
- * Widely published writer and contributor of articles to professional journals
- * In demand as a workshop participant across the U.S.
- * Contributed chapters to many books about grasslands
- * Undoubtedly one of the best and most popular professors ever at FHSU
- * Recipient of FHSU Alumni Achievement Award
- * Recipient of Trail Boss Award (Range Management Society)
- * Recipient of Chamber of Commerce Award
- * Recipient of Conservation Educator of the Year Award (Kansas Wildlife Society)

HIGHLIGHTS AS PRESIDENT OF FHSU (1976-1987)

- * FHSU changed from college to a university
- * Established President's Cabinet, Council of Deans
- * Buildings built: Rarick Hall, Stroup Hall, Heather Hall, Riegel Animal Science Hall.
- * Noticeable improvements at University Farm
- * Extra salary increments for faculty
- * Allowed increased input from faculty (Faculty Senate) and classified staff (initiated Classified Senate)
- * Increased annual fund drive and size of university endowment
- * Developed Destiny Statement (mission statement)
- * Initiated Center for High Plains Studies
- * Improved quality of faculty
- * Increased off-campus offerings throughout western Kansas
- * Brought ROTC to campus
- * Strengthened Admissions Counseling (student recruiting) efforts
- * Led re-accreditation by NCA and NCATE
- * Instituted School of Business and School of Nursing
- * Secured \$2 million federal grant to enlarge computing center
- * Led the charge to renovate old Sheridan Hall into offices and Performing Arts Center.
- * Tiger basketball team win 1984 and 1985 NAIA National titles
- * Supported the efforts for major improvements to the Sternberg Museum.
- * Increased alumni activities across the U.S.
- * Supported the establishment of the Visual Arts Center
- * Dedicated new Kelly Psychological Services Center
- * Established Herndon Speech and Hearing Center
- * Supported first non-traditional (older students) organization
- * Supported Special Olympics basketball tournament on FHSU campus
- * Organized activities and services for retired faculty
- * Named "Kansan of the Year" in 1978 by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas
- * Recipient in 1986 of AASCU appreciation award