Texas State University System Telephonic Called Board of Regents Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2015 11:00 AM

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Agenda Item
 - 1. TXST: Naming of Engineering and Science Building
 - 2. TSUS/TXST: Resolution of Trademark Dispute between TXST and the Old Gray Foundation
- 3. Adjourn

TXST: Naming of Engineering and Science Building

Upon motion of Regent	, seconded by Regent	,
it was ordered that:		

Texas State University be authorized to name the Engineering and Science Building the Bruce and Gloria Ingram Hall.

Explanation

Bruce and Gloria Ingram have been generous donors to Texas State in the past having given us \$9.2 million. In June 2015, they made an additional gift of \$5,000,000 to support the construction of research facilities and equipment in the new Engineering and Science Building. As an Emerging Research University, this gift is eligible for a 100 percent matching grant from the State of Texas as part of the Texas Research Incentive Program, thereby making this gift value \$10,000,000. In addition, Ingram Readymix, a company started by Bruce and Gloria Ingram in 1957 has executed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide \$2.1 million as a gift-in-kind of concrete for the building. In recognition of all their gifts, the University proposes to name the new Engineering and Science Building the Bruce and Gloria Ingram Hall.

TSUS/TXST: Resolution of Trademark Dispute between TXST and the Old Gray Foundation

Upon motion of Regent	, seconded by Regent	, it '	was
ordered that:			

The president be authorized to sign a Settlement Agreement and Assignment Agreement, to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, securing the university's trademarks, upon review and approval of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.

Explanation

In 2006, the founder of the Old Gray Foundation (OGF), which purports to support rugby at Texas State University, successfully registered the trademark, "TXST" with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In July of 2013, the university sought to decertify the registration. The university and OGF have entered into settlement discussions which are in at an advanced stage. When the negotiations are complete, execution of both a Settlement Agreement and an Assignment Agreement, in which the mark would transfer to university ownership, will be required. This proposed motion authorizes the president to sign the Agreements, once finalized, and upon the review and approval of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel.