



Office of Communications

June 1, 2005

Contact: Laura Hanna
Director of Communications
Office: (817) 531-4498
lhanna@txwes.edu

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXTENDS CONTRACT OF PRESIDENT HAROLD G. JEFFCOAT UNTIL 2014

The executive committee of the Texas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees has voted to extend the contract of President Harold G. Jeffcoat until 2014. This move will ensure leadership stability and continuity and will enable the president not only to set long-term goals, but to be here to implement them. His previous contract would have expired in 2008.

Board of Trustees Chairman John Maddux said, "This action is a strong vote of confidence in Dr. Jeffcoat by the University's Board of Trustees. Since joining Texas Wesleyan, he has overseen a successful capital campaign, campus renovations, and the construction of new classroom buildings and apartment-style student housing. We look forward to his continued leadership as he initiates and implements new programs in the coming years."

Vice Chair Anne Skipper added, "Dr. Jeffcoat has been an excellent leader for Texas Wesleyan University. I am pleased that the Trustees chose to extend his contract and that Dr. Jeffcoat wanted to stay at Texas Wesleyan. I look forward to working with Dr. Jeffcoat and to Texas Wesleyan's future under his leadership."

Since arriving at Texas Wesleyan in 2000, Jeffcoat has helped the University increase its endowment with the addition of new gifts and has overseen several renovation and construction projects. New buildings include the Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia facility, the Nenetta Burton Carter Building for classrooms, and a new apartment complex for student housing, which will open this summer.

Renovations include a complete remodeling of Dan Waggoner Hall, the creation of Nicholas Martin Hall for concerts and recitals, the transformation of the Thad Smotherman black box theater, and the renovation of the Polytechnic United Methodist Church for faculty offices. The Texas Wesleyan University School of Law has been extensively renovated with the expansion of teaching and library facilities.

Jeffcoat said, “Our leadership team at Texas Wesleyan appreciates the support of the board of trustees. This contract extension means a lot to me personally, but even more so, it’s an affirmation of the accomplishments our team has made these last five years.”

In the years ahead Jeffcoat anticipates financial stability, increased endowments and program support, and additional facilities to enhance student life. He also predicts targeted enrollment growth through the implementation of several new academic degree programs and the creation of an Honors College.

Jeffcoat graduated from the University of South Florida in 1973 and received his MA in American History from USF in 1988. He earned a doctorate in Policy Studies from the University of Kentucky, and read law at the University of London, earning the Master of Laws from the University of Leicester in 2000.