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BOARD OF VISITORS

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LEADERSHIP



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Texas A&M University at Galveston hurtled into 2019 at a frenetic pace! Thankfully the government re-opened a few weeks ago but the shutdown created some significant challenges, not least for our cadet graduates who were unable to complete the licensing test in time to have the diplomas conferred as a December graduate. 2019 has seen the emergence of beautiful new signage at the front of Phase I and II of the Academic Complex. Work on updates to the Campus Master Plan will continue as we envision future buildings and sculpt our campus outdoor spaces to be even more interesting and inviting. The Maroon Delegates, alongside the Sea Aggie Former Student Network, are continuing their inspiring work in enhancing the student and visitor experience on our growing campus.

To meet our mission, we are actively searching for a new Director of Marketing and Communications to help broadcast our message throughout the state and region. While we have not been successful in getting the US Congress to fund a new training ship for the Texas A&M Maritime Academy, our message is being heard thanks to an avalanche of letters from our supporters to our representatives. We now have language through the Congress which mandates the sharing of available training assets, which is an undoubted improvement. As a result of this, we were able to sail our cadets together as one academy, one crew last summer on the USTS KENNEDY and we are deeply involved in planning for a similar arrangement for the coming summer. On the downside, our enrollment numbers have dipped a little from Fall 2017 and we expect a tough budget fight with the Texas Legislature next spring, but we have continued to improve our student success metrics (persistence and graduation) and our share of research grant funding has continued to grow in multiple areas. We have our challenges, but it is a great time to be on the Galveston Campus of Texas A&M University!

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Mr. Robert Fry

Chairman
TAMUG Board of Visitors

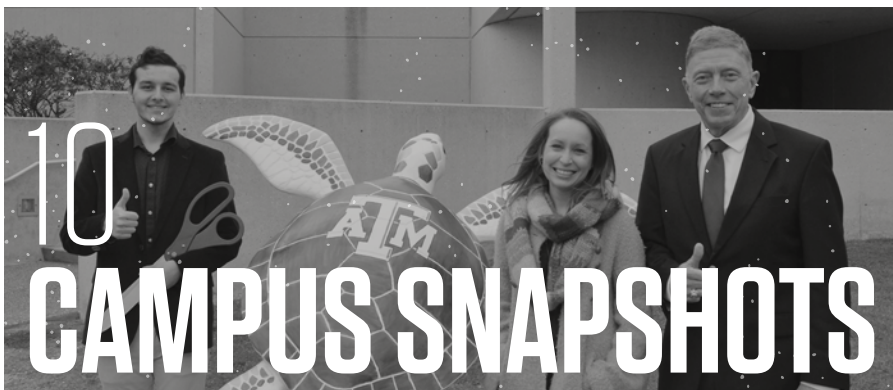
From the Chairman of the Board,

This is our second full board meeting of the 2018-19 academic year. From comments several of you have made to me as well as some comments from faculty, staff and students I am convinced this has been a year of growth and improvement in the support we provide to COL Fossum and those who consider Texas A & M Galveston important in their lives. Your renewed enthusiasm and dedication to that mission is well worth the appreciation of everyone concerned.

However, we have just begun. We have an energetic and appreciative leader in COL Fossum. To see his dedication and untiring effort is the inspiration to us on the board to make the most of our opportunities to serve him and this campus. Thank you for your wise counsel and willingness to pitch in. Together our best efforts will continue to get better.

Sincerely,
Bob Fry

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MEETING AGENDA: FEB 21, 2019

- 9:30 AM** **Check-In, Networking, Continental Breakfast**
ASEC Bldg. 3035, 2nd Floor
- 9:45 AM** **Call to Order**
- Welcome & Introductions
 - Campus Business in Review
 - Briefing Document Q&A
- 10:15 AM** **Remarks from the Chairman**
- Chairman Bob Fry
 - Vice-Chairman Jonathan Whitworth
- 10:30 AM** **Guest Speaker**
*“Port Development as a Continuous Effort:
An Interdisciplinary Approach”*
Cassia Bomer Galvao
Assistant Professor
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- 10:45 AM** **Committee Meetings**
ASEC Bldg. 3035, 1st Floor, Business Center
- Academic Advisory
 - Development and Fundraising
 - Industrial Relations
 - Student Affairs
- 11:45 AM** **Networking Luncheon**
ASEC Bldg. 3035, 2nd Floor
- 12:45 PM** **General Meetings Resume**
- Call to Order
 - Guest Speakers
 - “Impact of Hurricane Harvey on Galveston Bay
Microbial Communities”* and Q&A
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 - Presentation and Q&A by Heather Nighswonger ‘19
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 - Committee Reports
 - Academic Advisory
 - Development and Fundraising
 - Industrial Relations
 - Student Affairs

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 25

A networking lunch was served at 12pm.

OPENING

A regular meeting of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors was called to order on October 25, 2018 on the Galveston Campus at 1:15 p.m.

ATTENDEES PRESENT

BOV Members

Robert Fry, Patrick Gamble, Roger Guenther, John Hallmark, Paul Hill, Charlie Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Jerry Mohn, Frank Muller, Chris Orth, Vic Pierson, Wayne Prescott, Brian Roy, Kelly Teichman, Todd Sullivan (Exec. Committee attendance only), Kelly Teichman, Andy Tirpak, Jonathan Whitworth

TAMUG Leadership and Staff

Michael Fossum, Richard Kline, Donna Lang, Antonietta Quigg, Patrick Louchouarn, Mike Rodriguez, Ken Bailey, John Kovacevich, Andres Barboza, Cori Crawford, Cari Bishop Smith, Kathey Walker

Speakers Present

Kenneth Cunningham and Emily Soltov (SAMA President and Vice-President) Chairman Robert (Bob) Fry and COL Michael E. Fossum, Chief Operating Officer (TAMUG) and Vice President (TAMU) presided over the meeting.

The Board Secretary, Kathey Walker, recorded the minutes.

Each member received a briefing document electronically in advance of the meeting. Members present received a printed copy.

AGENDA ITEMS

- The meeting was called to order by COL Michael E. Fossum.
COL Fossum shared stories about his time in summer 2018 aboard the T/S Kennedy with the TAMMA cadets, staff, and faculty.

- Andres Barboza, president of the Maroon Delegates, provided an overview of the program and Maroon Delegate members. Each member is passionate about this campus and the desire to share that with campus visitors. Maroon Delegates are very similar to the main campus Maroon Coats. He invited everyone to the Maroon Delegates tailgate prior to the November 11 Ole Miss game.

- Two representatives from the Student Association of Maritime Administrators (SAMA) – Kenneth Cunningham and Emily Soltov spoke. SAMA is led by faculty member, John Hark. The organization's purpose is to provide professional networking opportunities for students. In spring 2016, the students worked with Dr. Mileski to resurrect SAMA at the Galveston campus. SAMA offers 3+ speakers a semester and provides volunteer opportunities. Most speakers are TAMUG graduates. The next SAMA mixer is scheduled for October 29th at 7pm. Mixers are held each semester bringing together past and present speakers, friends, and others. SAMA and the Propeller Club work together. Bob Fry and Jonathan Whitworth discussed their memories with Propeller Club and SAMA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 18 meeting were presented. A motion and a second were made and all indicated approval by a voice consent.

COMMITTEES DISCUSSION

COL Michael Fossum and Chairman Bob Fry stated that Board of Visitor members are expected to be involved with a committee. Committee chairs were asked to provide a brief discussing the committee's focus and mission.

Academic Advisory Committee

Dr. Patrick Louchouarn spoke on the importance of increasing academic success and supporting that success through mentoring and academic advising. He discussed the importance of focusing our funds. An external areas that he is exploring and developing is 'how do we bring the Galveston Campus into south of Houston'. He is working with GEDP, peers in CS (TEES, TEEKS, Agriculture), and others on a new initiative focused on knowledge transfer centers and creation of training environments in the blue economy. He is working closely with the dean of innovation on these thoughts. Private industry, national labs, and research are pieces of the equation. The BOV can assist by identifying important emerging sectors, what needs the most attention (security, sustainability, environmental are just a few of the big ones), and share that information with the campus. He asked members to answer the question, 'If we had the resources, how could we address and support these needs?' TAMU is currently working on two poles of innovation (south Texas and College Station are two sectors). Dr. Louchouarn is seeking to add a vision for the south of Houston as a 3rd sector. The President and the Provost currently back this vision.

Development and Fund Raising

Vic Pierson stated that this committee is directed at initiatives to bring in money.
Industrial Relations (see handout)

Student Relations

Jonathan Whitworth spoke. The committee is working on the connection between the students and what they see and do while they are on campus. The committee seeks to enhance the experience.

George P. Mitchell Society

Wayne Prescott stated that a select group is working to reinvigorate the society.

The BOV general meeting was suspended for committee meetings.
The Board of Visitors general meeting resumed at 4 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Affairs

Student Affairs report provided by Jonathan Whitworth. They plan to tweak the Speaker Series begun in fall 2017 and have one new project to launch soon. Speakers selected will represent all majors with a wide variety of topics. An upcoming talk will cover 'how to get hired, marketing, etc.'.

The committee ask:

1) Will Dr. Louchouart encourage faculty to push their students to attend the sessions by some type of incentive. Faculty have the ability to reach the students.

2) requested an opportunity to speak with faculty about why they are doing what they are doing & why it is important. A new mentoring program will be kicked off soon utilizing the Sea Aggie Former Student Network members, starting with a small number to make sure it works. Half of the students who expressed interest were MART or MARA majors.

Development and Fundraising

Report provided by Victor Pierson. He presented a request from the committee to pursue a \$5 million endowment for the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores. Their first step is preparation of a proposal and timeline. By February, the committee expects to have a proposed structure for the George P. Mitchell Society. Printed materials on campus naming opportunities were distributed. The committee was asked for a vote for approval to begin work on raising the \$5 million and opened the floor to discussion. Patrick L. discussed a large grant that should open soon for another Center for Excellence. A motion and a second were all received in favor of allowing the committee to assemble a proposal for a \$5 million dollar CTBS Endowment Campaign.

Industrial Relations

Report provided by Kelly Teichman. The committee reviewed and approved the mission and the vision statement presented from Brandon Neff by Ms. Teichman. The committee focuses on the Maritime portion of the university. The committee asked for assistance to expand in a global way outside of the current Maritime focus. They need buy-in and expertise from BOV, faculty, and staff who have a vision for other areas pertaining to Texas A&M since the campus is more than Maritime. Patrick offered involvement in the 10-year vision committee. Andy Tirpak, representing the sciences, is new to the committee.

Academic Advising Committee

Patrick Gamble provided a report. The committee, which met for the first time almost a year ago, has had a slow start. The good news is that the committee now has a focus thanks to the earlier presentation (during the BOV general) meeting by Patrick Louchouart related to the 3 priority/ strategy foci. Committee discussion focused on research and opportunities related to business impacts connected with TAMUG academic areas reaching into applied research and technology. Related to industry and collaborations with other researchers, there is a great deal to do. Opportunities abound for UG, GR, and post docs. The committee is at a scoping level, determining focus and developing a plan to move forward. The committee ask: for assistance from additional BOV members interested in the Academic Advising Committee.

Patrick spoke briefly and thanked Paul Hill and Pat Gamble for their conversation. He asked for focus and assistance in development of the maritime business focus and for the group to meet the success of other pillars on campus (ex. coastal sustainability).

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Pelican Island Bridge Project

Bill McClain provided a briefing on the status of the Pelican Island Bridge Project. Several proposals are under consideration at varying costs. The least expensive alternative presents significant problems for the Galveston campus as it would place the bridge through the center of campus. He reiterated that students must be considered. Summary points from recent meetings with commissioners, the mayor of Galveston, Chancellor Sharp, etc. were discussed.

T/S Vessel Issues / Search

RADM Mike Rodriguez briefly discussed ongoing issues for the Texas A&M Maritime Academy due to the lack of berths on the current training vessel which impedes the ability to provide the necessary sea time hours for each cadet. He provided a status update as of recent meetings in D.C., legislative proceedings, and MARAD's stance. Administrator Buzby understands the situation and is in support of TAMMA being given the ability to provide the necessary sea time for cadets. There is a great deal of work to be done on Capitol Hill but our message has been brought to the discussion table. TAMMA is working in conjunction with CAL Maritime to coordinate use of the TS Golden Bear during summer 2019.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Student Government Association

SGA - Cameron Kent provided a report on SGA. Most of the senators are first semester as many of the experienced ones graduated. They plan to be more available to students. SGA recently worked with student and local government non biased groups bringing in individuals to assist students in registering to vote and providing non-biased information on voter issues. SGA is involved with the upcoming Women on the Water Conference and Fall Fest which creates a safe place on campus for children to celebrate Halloween. SGA is now located in more central campus location in the Seibel Center.

Corps of Cadets

Commander Jack Clark spoke about the Corps of Cadets. He stated that after the 2018 summer cruise on the TS Kennedy, the cadet attitude and comradery has risen exponentially. In spite of heavy inspections and drilling hard, cadet is GOOD. The cadets are proud to be here and proud to be Aggies. Prior to the summer 2018 cruise, there wasn't a unified culture or identity. They are trying to get each of the 10 Corps of Cadet units identified as independent student organizations which would make it easier to raise money. A fund-raising goal of \$500 per unit has been set so that a sword and belt can be purchased for each.

Research and Graduate Studies

Dr. Antonietta Quigg discussed accomplishments and upcoming activities. About ½ the faculty are bringing in research grants which has become a highly competitive process. Most faculty write 5-10 proposals before one is funded. Dr. Quigg discussed a recent proposal of hers focusing on educating and learning about first responders in the natural environment (like Harvey) where 1st responders are routinely getting ill because they were not adequately protected. TAMUG has received 25 new grants from a variety of agencies which directly support faculty, staff, and students. A report on the five year ADDOMEx project researching recovery following the Deep Water Horizon oil spill was provided. BP gave 5 million to the Gulf Research Initiative as part of the settlement. [See Appendix A for presentation slides]

NEW BUSINESS UPDATE

Tabled due to time constraints.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fry adjourned the meeting. Everyone was invited to the Small Boat Basin to enjoy a harbor tour aboard the R/V Trident and reception in the Waterfront Events Pavilion immediately following.

BOV MEMBERS ONLY SESSION

Chairman Fry convened a meeting with members of the Board of Visitors only. No notes were submitted.

- END OF MINUTES -

TAMUG IN THE NEWS

NOV

DEC

JAN

TAMU, UMD Joint Report: Urban Flooding Disrupts Local Economies, Public Safety And Housing Equity

Dr. Samuel Brody
Professor
Dept. of Marine Science

Director
Center for Texas Beaches and Shores

TAMUG Vessel Ops Partners With NASA To Test Orion Spacecraft

Texas A&M System Regents Approve 22 Regents Professors And Regents Fellowships

Dr. Antonietta Quigg
Associate Vice President for Research & Graduate Studies
Texas A&M University at Galveston

TAMUG Professor Part Of Team To Name New Transitional Whale Species

Dr. Christopher Marshall
Professor,
Interim Assistant Department Head
Dept. of Marine Biology

Bridging The Gap Over New Pelican Island Bridge Proves Tricky

'Ike Dike' Creator Says Proposed Coastal Barrier Must Be Altered To Satisfy Galveston, Bolivar Residents

Dr. Bill Merrell
Professor,
George P. Mitchell Chair
Dept. of Marine Sciences

TAMUG Department Ranked First In Country, Department To Host Research Group

Maritime Administration & Logistics Program

TAMUG Professor Awarded Fulbright Fellowship In New Zealand

Dr. David Wells
Associate Professor
Dept. of Marine Biology

TAMUG Professor, Team Find New Remipede Species

Dr. Thomas Iliffe
Professor
Dept. of Marine Biology

Dynamic Positioning At TAMUG

Dept. of Maritime Transportation
Video highlight hosted by Chancellor John Sharp on The Texas A&M University System Website

CAMPUS SNAPSHOTS



1. Our turtle, painted by marine biology student Nick Dominique, is the newest addition to the Turtles About Town collaboration project by Clay Cup Studios and Turtle Island Restoration Network.
2. TAMUG's Vessel Operations Office partnered with NASA to assist them in the research and development of the Orion spacecraft, specifically in helping to test its module uprighting system.
3. Over 80 students at Texas A&M University at Galveston received their fabled Aggie Ring in acknowledgement of their hard work and dedication to a family with a tradition of excellence that spans the globe.
4. The Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp visited campus to talk about the new Dynamic Positioning certification program. Students are learning to use computers and data to maintain the position and heading of ships or semi-submersible drilling platforms.
5. Navy commissioning ceremony with Ensigns Michael Enk, John Jacobs IV, Brandon Parmely, & Asher Spaulding.
6. The 4th Annual Endowed Scholarship Reception welcomed over 60 student recipients and more than 80 donors to the MAIN Academic Complex and Aggie Special Events Center.
7. The American Bureau of Shipping and their scholarship recipients for the annual ABS Scholarship Awards Luncheon.
8. The Sea Aggie Former Student Network held its second "All Class Reunion."
9. TAMUG Family Weekend underway with the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Sunset Parade and Pass-In Review.
10. Dr. David Baca met with Uganda's Minister Christopher Kibanzanga of the Ministry of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries, and Director General Dr. Ambrose Agona of the National Agricultural Research Organization, to discuss increasing fisheries research in the country.



A&M MARDI GRAS PARTY



GALVESTON DAY IN THE CAPITOL



THE BIG EVENT



RING DAY



MUSTER
SPEAKER: DEAN ELI JONES,
MAYS BUSINESS SCHOOL



OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE



TAMMA COMMISSIONING



SPRING COMMENCEMENT



TS GOLDEN BEAR PORT CALL: GALVESTON



SUMMER COMMENCEMENT



BOARD OF VISITORS



ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION



GEDP ECONOMIC SUMMIT AT TAMUG



WOMEN ON THE WATER CONFERENCE



TAMMA COMMISSIONING



FALL COMMENCEMENT

ADDITIONAL DATES TO KNOW

March 1-2 Leadership Weekend (Corp of Cadets)

March 17 University Closed - Spring Break

May 27 University Closed - Memorial Day

Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 24 - Jan. 1 Holiday Break



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& SUPPORT OPERATIONS**

STUDENT AFFAIRS

**TEXAS A&M MARITIME
ACADEMY**

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER & VICE PRESIDENT

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Industry Relationships

Growing relationships with various Industry Stakeholders through personal meetings (ABS Shipping, Tidewater, Exxon Mobile, G&H Towing).

Strengthening the BOV

Identified and began conversations with key individuals who will be a strength as BOV members in the coming years.

TAMUG Representation

Represented Texas A&M University at Galveston during countless external meetings, conferences and events in San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, D.C., Harlingen, McAllen, Spring, Houston, College Station, and other locales to include A&M Clubs, Reveille Club, recruiting events, Boy Scout meetings, Science Fairs, Legislative meetings, Rotary Clubs, BAHEP, GEDP, Galveston Regional Chamber, TAMMA Parents Assoc., the Propeller Club, Texas Dept. of Transportation Conference, and - of course - Aggie Football weekends!

MARCOM Director

The Galveston Campus will soon benefit from the addition of a professional Marketing and Communications Director as the Search Committee is winding down and is expected to extend an offer in the next few weeks.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Pelican Island Bridge

Negotiations continue to ensure that a replacement to the Pelican Island Bridge circumvents the Galveston Campus

New Ship

Efforts continue at the Federal and state levels to gain active support for the placement of a substantially larger federal ship at the Texas A&M Maritime Academy which would also serve the entire Gulf Coast as an Emergency Response Vessel in a time of crisis continue.

Legislative Sessions

Active participation in Austin during legislative session to ensure visibility of critical initiatives regarding student success, Pelican Island bridge and need for adequate training vessel

Efficiencies

As we move into another biennium with a static or reduced campus budget, work focuses on prioritization of needs and gaining efficiencies at all levels.

Supporting Chief Operating Officer Roadshow Events

Supporting Development initiatives through Roadshow events hosting campus alumni in strategically identified regions from Houston, Austin, Dallas, and out to DC.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Academic Affairs Retreat/Student Success Initiative

Opportunity for faculty and staff to reflect on their current status, create a common understanding of goals, and create new initiatives for higher level of student success.

Campus Preview

Sold out with 200 students and their families.

Advising Symposium

Diversity Plan Accountability Report

Presented on February 1 to the President's Council on Climate and Diversity (PCCD) Diversity Plan Accountability Report meeting in College Station.

Maritime Administration Program Ranked First in Country, Will Host Research Group

The Master in Maritime Administration and Logistics program was ranked No. 1 maritime management program in the U.S. and No. 13 globally by Eduniversal. The department has also been named the Secretariat of the International Association of Maritime Economists for the next five years.

Student Satisfaction Survey

Hanover Research completed our student satisfaction survey, including strengths, areas for improvement, and overall perceptions and satisfaction with the university.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Vision 2030 Subcommittee for Impact on State, Nation and World

Part of the visioning initiative by the Provost for 2020, Dr. Patrick Louchouart was chosen as co-chair of the committee along with Dr. Amy Fairchild, Associate Vice President of Faculty and Academic Affairs for the TAMU Health Science Center.

Maritime Innovation Center

Proposal for, and plans to write a federal grant, in support of a center on campus.



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ADMINISTRATION & AUXILIARY SERVICES

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Front Entrance Monument Sign

Installation of new front entrance monument sign.

Plaza Monument Sign

Installation of new monument sign at base of plaza walkway.

TxDOT Meetings

Meeting with TxDot regarding production and installation of I-45 overhead signs on directing drivers to Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Relocation of Campus Police Department

Completed relocation of Campus Police Department to larger space specifically designed to meet standards set for Texas Police Chief's Association (TPCA) recognition. The campus awaits official TCPA recognition.

Building Drafts

Draft building mechanical, electrical and plumbing assessments have been completed for the update to campus master plan.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Campus Master Plan

Continuing work on updating the campus master plan.

Campus Wayfinding Plan

Continuing work on the campus wayfinding plan.

THE COMMONS & JACK K. WILLIAMS LIBRARY

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Official Launch

The Commons officially launched Fall 2018 at the Faculty Forum.

Addition of Honors and Undergraduate Research Programs

The Honors and the Undergraduate Research Programs were welcomed into The Commons in 2018.

New Faculty

We welcomed our newest faculty, Papia Rosario. Dr. Rosario comes to us from Carleton College in Minnesota and is teaching GIS courses in Marine Sciences as well as being the campus resource for GIS resources and services in The Commons.

International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC)

Dr. David Baca was elected President of the IAMSLIC, a premier marine science library organization, with over 500 members and spanning the globe. Dr. Baca was the keynote speaker at the UNESCO International Oceanographic Data Exchange Conference in 2018.

Smithsonian Exhibit Funding

The Commons received funding from the Babe Schwartz Coastal Management and Public Trust Collection Fund to acquire the rights to exhibit the Smithsonian Institution's H2O Today water exhibit.

Award Recognition

Laura McElfresh, Digital Initiatives Librarian, was awarded the Outstanding Service Award from the Texas Digital Library.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Enormous Growth

The Learning Commons administers tutoring, supplemental instruction and The Studio. We see over 85% of all students at least once in Tutoring or Supplemental Instruction sessions and students return an average of 7 times for assistance.

Engineering at Galveston Targeted Tutoring

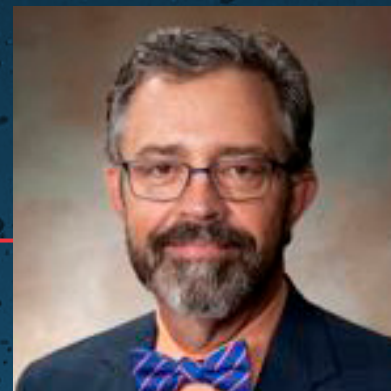
This program demands growth with targeted tutoring and supplemental instruction programs in Math, Chemistry and Physics. The LC has partnered with the Foundational Sciences Department for Chemistry recitation support.

Renovations

The Studio, a multimedia lab that offers video production, storyboarding and audio production services, moved into its new home in the former Learning Resource Center. The LRC is now in an inviting open space on the floor of the library. In the coming year 4 new group study/tutoring spaces will be created to further support our students.

Partnership with the TAMU Center for Teaching Excellence

The partnership will bring workshops and training to our local faculty in teaching pedagogies, active learning and syllabus support. In Summer, 2019 Laurissa Noack, our Assistant Director, will train in College Station to provide local programming on campus.



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- Peter D. Huddleston '80
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- Keith W. McFatrige, Jr.
- John J. Michael '98
- Phyllis Milstein
- B. Greg Mitchell / The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation
- Robert D. Mitchell
- Jerry A. Mohn
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- Victor R. Pierson
- Wayne H. Prescott '69
- Brian N. Roy, Jr. '86
- Todd Sullivan '99 / Texas Int'l Terminals
- Kelly M. Teichman '91
- Tyson T. Voelkel '96
- RADM James A. Watson / ABS
- Jonathan P. Whitworth '89

DEVELOPMENT

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Endowed Scholarship Reception

Hosted 175+ at October 2018 Endowed Scholarship Reception.

ABS Scholars Luncheon

Held ABS Scholars Luncheon in November 2018.

New Endowed Scholarships

Established three new endowed scholarships since October.

Winter Newsletter

Released Winter 2018 edition of the Development Newsletter.

New Orleans Workboat Show

Supported TAMUG activities at the New Orleans Workboat Show in November 2018.

Updated Website

Rolled out updated website for ease of online giving.

Meetings with ExxonMobil and Tidewater Inc.

Successful meetings with top executives at ExxonMobil and Tidewater Inc.

KEY ACTIVITIES

A&M Mardi Gras

Supporting A&M Mardi Gras activities.

Chief Operating Officer Roadshows

First of 10 Chief Operating Officer Roadshows scheduled for April 2019 in Austin.

Center for Texas Beaches and Shores (CTBS) Endowment

Center for Texas Beaches and Shores \$5 million endowment fund campaign.

Donor Wall Planning

Planning continues on donor wall outside MAIN.

Summer Port Calls (Tentative)

Summer Port calls planned for Galveston, San Juan, Seattle and Vallejo-San Francisco.

FINANCE & COMPLIANCE

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Completion of Internal Reviews

Compliance Unit completed several successful internal reviews identifying weak controls in the area of student travel, field trip safety, use of large capacity passenger vans, compensatory time taken by specific employees, slow moving vehicle safety controls (golf carts), and student injury on board small vessel. All reviews provided recommendations for improvement that were accepted and implemented for future mitigation of compliance issues.

Monitoring of Campus Contracts

Compliance Unit successfully transitioned function of monitoring all campus contracts thus ensuring proper processing through TAMU Contracts Administration and legal review.

New Merit Process System Implementation

Budget Unit successfully implemented the merit process in our new Payroll System and employees successfully received properly adjusted pay.

Balances and Transactions Finalized

Executives are currently reviewing and making appropriate changes for this year's summer cruise. Budgets for this substantial cost are being monitored and reviewed by Colonel Fossum, Mike Rodriguez and Susan Lee.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Hurricane Harvey FEMA Responses

CFO and Budget Office continue to work in concert with MESSO in reviewing and responding to FEMA for recovery of Hurricane Harvey expenses. We were successful in filing an appeal for a denied claim for housing of our students in College Station.

FY 2020 and FY2021 Legislative Sessions

Executives are currently working on the Legislative Session for FY2020 and FY2021. We face another big challenge due to a decline in headcount/SCH's which drives our formula funding. We are carefully watching this session so that we may respond strategically to any additional cuts in funding that may impact us. We have to date presented our case before the Governor's Office and Legislative Budget Board, as well as the Senate Finance Committee, and continue to work with our Governmental Relations Team to meet with senators and representatives when possible.

2019 Summer Cruise

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INFORMATION SERVICES

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Encryption of Laptops and Desktops

Fully encrypt all laptops and high target desktops to prevent unauthorized access should the computer get lost or stolen.

Email Migration

Email migration to TAMU email system to provide larger mailbox storage, share global address book with TAMU, single sign-on with NetID, and Skype for Business.

Digital Signage

Digital Signage across campus to enhance communication.

State-of-the-Art Facilities

With the opening of MAIN and ASEC, Information Services has designed and helped install state of the art classrooms and meeting facilities.

High Incident Resolutions

7000 helpdesk incidents resolved in the past 12 months.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI)

Provides remote access to lab software for students, faculty, and staff.

College of Engineering Cross-Campus Collaboration

Will deliver distance education classes with state of the art A/V technology.

Slate Implementation

Slate software implementation to contact and track new student communications.

MARINE EDUCATION, SAFETY & SUPPORT OPERATIONS

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

NASA Orion Space Capsule Testing Partnership

Partnership with NASA to test the inshore and offshore righting system for the new Orion space capsule. The Trident was used as an instrument and safety platform for the waterborne testing.

Increased Vessel Usage Statistics

3500 persons carried for Fall Semester 2018 – Currently scheduling for late spring and summer 2019 (this is an 11% increase year to year).

Trident Maintenance Completed

Trident completed planned out of water maintenance, inspection and refit.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Building Emergency Management Action Plan

EHS is in the process of developing and implementing a Building Emergency Action Plan that will include building signage, update of emergency coordinator plan, additional safety kits, addition training for employees and students.

Family Reunification and Assistance Center Planning

Active Shooter Hostile Event Response Training Coordination

Coordination of 'Stop The Bleed' Trainings for Campus Employees

Medical Point of Dispensing (POD) Activation Drill



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STUDENT AFFAIRS

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Partnership with Academic Departments

Career Services has partnered with the academic departments to present in a variety of settings and classes, including presenting "Jumpstart your science career" in multiple succeeding in Science courses, "Getting your Maritime Career Underway" to the WAVE living learning community

Helping Students Learn Social Event Etiquette

Hosted two mocktail parties designed to help students practice their social graces in a professional atmosphere with university administrators serving as the hosts.

New Climbing Wall

Campus Recreation opened their new climbing wall in one of the old racquetball courts. The wall has drawn a considerable amount of attention through the first month of school with competitions between students as to who can traverse various paths the quickest.

New Staff Member

Student Activities added another staff member with a focus on New Student Conferences and Family programs. As well as coordinating new student conferences throughout the year, he will coordinate a monthly parents' newsletter to ensure families are aware of campus happenings and important dates.

Welcome Back Bash

Student activities also hosted a welcome back bash that provided free swag to the students returning from the holiday break.

Counseling Services Visits

Counseling Services had over 1300 students visit their offices last Fall for various reasons. To help with stress, they hosted a De-stress event right before finals and had over 250 students attend the one day event.

Diversity Bootcamp

Student Diversity Initiatives held a Diversity Bootcamp in College Station for the student leaders in several of our diverse organizations. The student leaders worked through Texas A&M Challenge Works rope course and problem solved common issues faced by cultural student organizations.

Alcoholic/Narcotics Anonymous Program

Counseling Services successfully established an Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous program on campus (a very difficult thing to do on a small campus) to help students on the road to recovery.

Welcomed International Exchange Students

Welcomed thirteen students from Copenhagen Business School in Denmark through an exchange program with Maritime Administration.

1400 Back to Residence Halls

Residence Life welcomed over 1400 students back to the residence halls for the spring semester with fifty students moving in early due to special circumstances.

Community Leader Training

Residence Life replaced three of their five staff in time for training 32 community Leaders.

KEY ACTIVITIES

TAMUG/TAMU Student Leadership Weekend (March 1-3)

The Big Event (March 23)

Maritime Ball (April 5)

Aggie Ring Day (April 12)

Leadership Banquet (April 17)

Aggie Muster (April 22)

Aggie Muster has been moved back a day in conjunction with College Station's decision so as to not conflict with Easter.



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TEXAS A&M MARITIME ACADEMY

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Academy Archival Process

Embarked on a process to archive historic and essential Academy documents. When complete, we will have taken a critical step forward toward preserving the Academy's history and bringing the Academy into compliance with sound recordkeeping practices.

Successful General Rudder Deployment

With the successful execution of the *General Rudder* winter cruise in January (to help ensure that 41 cadets continue on their path to graduation), we have completed the first non-summer deployment of *General Rudder*.

Kyle Field March-In

Marched into Kyle Field on November 17. Great performance by the Galveston Corps of Cadets!

High Demand for Public Events

The Hearn Honor Guard, drill team, and color guard continue to astound and are in high demand for public events.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Summer Sea Term 2019

Summer Sea Term 2019 will launch from Galveston aboard TS Golden Bear on July 1. TAMMA continues to engage with MARAD, California Maritime Academy, and the TAMU/ TAMUG community toward a successful sea term. The TS General Rudder will be underway this summer as well. Key to our success are great staff and faculty who give it everything they have!

Continued Engagement in Washington

We had success in obtaining favorable legislation last year, but this year's lapse in appropriations is challenging.

'Women on the Water' Conference Host

TAMUG will host the 2019 Women on the Water conference on the Galveston Campus. The Secretary of Transportation, the Honorable Elaine L. Chao, is invited.

International Association of Maritime Universities Delegation

International Association of Maritime Universities delegation to IMO, 100th Session of the Maritime Safety Committee.

Academic Coordination

Continue working with MART and MARE faculty through regular meetings to coordinate and align efforts along a common mission.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Tammy Lobaugh retired in December after 22 years 6 months and 13 days of dedicated service to the University. I am grateful to Tammy for her hard work.

We note with sadness the passing on December 21 of Captain Herb Walling, Professor of the Practice in Maritime Transportation.



APPENDIX

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- CTBS Texas A&M Foundation One Pager

Endow the CTBS:

\$5 million

A gift to endow the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores will support faculty and student researchers in their initiatives to protect the Texas Coast. In addition, CTBS research will inform federal and state agencies of the potential to leverage significant resources to construct the proposed Ike Dike and other coastal related projects in a more timely and effective manner. By giving to the center, you will help protect our nation's residents, marine research and economic well-being for years to come.



CENTER FOR TEXAS BEACHES AND SHORES

..... *Texas A&M University at Galveston*

Established in 1993, the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores (CTBS) at Texas A&M University at Galveston researches coastal sustainability and resiliency by addressing beach erosion and wetlands loss throughout the state. One of the most productive and ecologically distinctive shorelines in the world, the Texas Coast spans 18 counties. The CTBS aims to gain a deeper understanding of how both natural and man-made forces are reshaping this region to educate the public about these impacts.

Dedicated to developing a comprehensive, holistic approach to Texas coastal research and restoration while incorporating natural, economic and political processes, the CTBS cooperates with government and private sector agencies to protect Texas' shoreline, bays and waterways. In the wake of 2017's Hurricane Harvey, CTBS increased its focus on coastal resiliency and flood mitigation, taking proactive steps to ensure residents are prepared for future hurricanes.

Through the Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas (CRT), CTBS's efforts are helping residents rebuild after Hurricane Harvey by providing perspective on coastal sustainability and resiliency, educating the public on the economic impact of flooding, and working for future environmental protection and flooding mitigation. CTBS primarily authored the CRT's Harvey flood report for state legislators and collaborated with the University of Maryland to release and present a national study on urban flooding to members of Congress. Dr. Sam Brody, CTBS director and marine sciences professor, and Dr. Bill Merrell, the George P. Mitchell '40 Chair in Marine Sciences, have also created programs such as Buyers Be-Where, an online system to help prospective home buyers and sellers understand their risk for flooding relative to other properties in the area.

Ike Dike

Hurricane Ike's path of death and destruction vividly pointed out the need for protection from hurricane storm surges in the Houston-Galveston region. Before Ike hit the coast in 2008, the forecast predicted storm surges of up to 25 feet in Galveston Bay, giving Ike the potential to be a \$100 billion hurricane in causing the death of hundreds, leaving thousands homeless and jobless, devastating the nation's largest petrochemical complex and crippling its busiest port. To prevent this level of devastation from happening again, CTBS seeks to protect the Galveston-Houston area by constructing a hurricane wall known as the Ike Dike. Its construction is taken from Dutch-inspired technology employed by New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Current CTBS Projects

- Urban flooding in the U.S.: causes, consequences and mitigation
- Coastal Flood Risk Reduction Program: Integrated, multi-scale approaches for understanding how to reduce vulnerability to damaging events
- Coastal Bay Web Atlas: A tool for communicating flood risk along Galveston Bay
- Combining environmental protection and flood mitigation on the Texas Coast: A proactive land acquisition framework
- Land use change and economic impacts of flooding in the Houston region
- Optimizing flood risk reduction strategies in the Houston-Galveston region
- Floodplain Management Regulations Compliance
- Modeling the interaction between land use change and floodplain boundaries in Harris County, TX
- Avoiding flood losses in the Houston-Galveston area with a coastal spine protection system
- Diagnosing the timing and drivers of northeastern Caribbean Holocene droughts with sinkhole lake records

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