

April 2, 2015

Board of Visitors Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Murphree. Student guests were asked to introduce themselves. Present were the incoming SGA President and Vice President as well as the new regiment commanders. (Get names from Mallahan)

Chris Orth reported on the Faculty and Student Recognition Committee. They are looking at internal recognitions as well as how to take the great talent that has come out of this campus over the years ...take it from a regional exposure for the campus to telling the story to a larger audience. He has new team members on the committee.

Bob Fry – has 16 committee members on Industry Relations. Used the meeting as a reorganization to look at what we are doing, what we should be doing for the campus. Very enthusiastic group that is planning to hit some of the initiatives hard for the fall.

Keith reported on the Scholarship and Alumni...discussed MG function's success. Encouraged members to be a part of the event and become a member of the

Dennis reported they will now be “Board Development and Outreach” to get more involved in fund raising and strengthening relationships with the main campus. Asked for any questions.

Move to accept, second and minutes approved as presented.

RADM Smith introduced Vernon Camus to talk about new Trident stating that our goal is to get every student on the water. Total cost is 2.4 million dollars. We will take ownership soon. 65' long and 22' wide. Can sleep 12 overnight for 5 days with 8 scientists and 4 crew. A day trip, she can hold 46. Used primarily in the fall and spring for student trips. In the summer, she will be used as a research vessel. Vernon discussed cadet training program.

Mallahan discussed the new corp. leadership and the role of the commanders on each of the 6 floors in the new residence hall when it opens in fall 2015. The commanders will receive a single room as a benefit. Tyson Voelkel asked why the term Corp of Midshipmen would be used instead of “Corp of Cadets.” RADM Smith shared that we were commissioned as the “Corp of Midshipmen” by General Rudder so this takes us back to our roots. The second part of this is that we are a many purpose academy and we have a chore to identify that we are an

academy. He discussed the needs of the academy as it relates to the Texas A&M Maritime Academy and having a deployable vessel.

Todd Sutherland discussed the SGA election process and that there were several candidates. The “ “ run their candidacy for about a month. The SGA leaders, Sara Markhum and Matthew Bhatti were introduced again. Sara wants to see the campus thrive and strengthen relationships with administration and the main campus. She hopes to be a voice for the students.

Patrick Louchouart congratulated the students and what they represent as leaders. He talked about the future for the campus and that we would be welcoming a new president next month. We have the opportunity to establish ourselves and our special purpose. He stated that he is extremely proud of the faculty coming on board. There are 6 who have accepted to come on board in the fall. There are 4 searches going on. We will have added about 50 new faces when the process is complete in the next couple years. He plans to put a request forward to add about \$2 million toward student support. Dr. Louchouart discussed the special item that has been put forward for support of translational research. If funded, it will bring in two million to the university. We are about to merge our Engineering Programs with the main campus. There is a great deal of alignment to do between Administration and Academics.

Dr. Van Henstum presented a small snapshot about his hurricane research on “Extreme Weather Events.” He discussed trends being tracked. When the types of storms (Cat 1, 2-3, and 4-5) are looked at separately, there is an increase in the Cat 4-5 storms. These type storms account for 80% of insurance company loss claims. American records date back to about 1850. Climate records are also held within sinkholes, stalagmites, caves, and other sediment environments. Shared the significance of analyzing the sediment layers from blueholes from Southern Andros with regards to known storms during given periods. They provide significant data for climate forecasting. Human bones were also collected in the core samples that provide additional data for other purposes. Undergraduates are involved in this research. The National Science Foundation funded his project. Invited BOV to look at a report on the website concerning Monster Hurricanes in the North East. Dr. Van Henstum said the geologic records are better in tune with

Kathy Walker discussed the afternoon for interested BOV members.

Grant presented renderings of the Maritime Residence Hall and the proposed Academic Building Phase 1. The program of requirements will be begun this week in preparation for phase 2. Discussed the plan for space use with regards to classrooms, retail space, green space.

Richard Kline discussed his plans for Development and the needs on this campus. He asked for help from the members and offered a report of naming opportunities for anyone interested. Rick shared that an Endowed Scholarship Reception is planned for October 28th to bring donors and students together. It is important to bring donors and students together. There will be donor wall in the new academic building. He brought up the Residence Hall Topping Off Ceremony next Friday, the Mardi Gras, and Discussed opportunity for him, Admiral Smith, MG McClain, and Dr. Louchouart to present to the Foundation about this campus for the very first time.

RADM Smith stated that for 50 years this campus was not a part of the Capital Campaigns by the main campus. We are excited to be a part of it for the very first time. If we do not get money out of the legislature, there are other ways of getting money for the building. One of those is use of puff and university funds (which we have historically not been able to access). However, for the first time the Attorney General issued a ruling that Galveston is to be eligible to compete for university and puff funds. Admiral Smith announced that President Hussey will be attending the upcoming Topping Off Ceremony along with Chancellor Sharp. Dr. Young will not be available but he will be attending Muster. In reference to the new residence hall, he stated that Dr. Hussey put 42 million into the project. Admiral Smith discussed the 25/25 meaning that our goal is to have 25,000 students in the Engineering Program by 2025. He also discussed the merger of the engineering program and the new complex being built on the main campus. Discussed his priorities with regards needs of the maritime academy for a vessel. He shared that there is a risk of losing the Maritime Academy. Senator Cornyn and Representative Randy Webber have been helping on the issue of support for our maritime academy. He shared that he has made multiple trips to Washington on this issue.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.