

Board of Visitors – Texas A&M University at Galveston

August 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: RADM Robert Smith, Greg Binion, Chris Cahill, Michael Cokinos, Robb Erickson, Bob Fry, Charlie Jenkins, Keith McFatrige, Ross, Margraves, James McGregor, Phyllis Milstein, Bob Mitchell, Jerry Mohn, Frank Muller, Dennis Murphree, Brandon Neff, Chris Orth, Victor Pierson, Terry Ray, Robert Sakowitz, Bob Reinhardt, Kelley Sullivan, Kelly Teichman, Kris Anne Vogelpohl, James Watson, Grant Shallenberger, Len Waterworth, Don Boyle, John Kovacevich, Donna Lang, Tammy Lobaugh, Patrick Louchouarn, Richard Mallahan, Bill McClain, Cari Bishop, and Kathey Walker

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Murphree. Minutes from the April 10, 2014 meeting were presented. A motion and second were made to accept the minutes as presented and all were in favor. Committee chairmen were asked for committee reports. Bob Fry reported on the Industrial Relations Committee. Dr. Mileski presented information to the committee on the MARA department. The committee is working to define what is missing and where the committee would like to go next. Murphree presented recommendations from the Board Development Committee. New member nominees, Bob Mitchell, Jerry Mohn, James Watson, and Bob Reinhardt were each asked to introduce themselves. There was no report from the Scholarship and Alumni Relations Committee.

RADM Robert Smith provided a briefing on progress of the university to include information on the recent ground breaking for the new maritime residence hall. He shared that Texas A&M University had allocated 42 million to a new academic complex on our campus.

Tammy Lobaugh introduced Don Boyle, President of the Sea Aggie Network. Mr. Boyle shared the mission of the Sea Aggie Network and that they had received the Certificate of Formation and had filed for a 501-C3 status. They have reached out to 3,630 former sea aggies. Questions were received about the connection to the former student association and access to the Former Student Association database. Lobaugh invite the group to join and share information about the Sea Aggie Network with their friends, family, alum, faculty and staff. She reported that there were 70 people at their first meeting.

Patrick Louchouarn introduced new faculty members, Kyeong Park, Maria Pia Miglietta, Masoud Hayatdavoodi, Dr. Victor Visor, and Len Waterworth. Dr. Louchouarn presented an overview of the 2013/14 faculty and academic achievements. Dr. Peter Santschi was inducted as an AGU Fellow Class of 2014 and Dr. Karl Kaiser received our first Montague-CETE Scholar award representing the college for excellence in UG teaching and research. Enrollment figures are up as well as a 25% increase in new research awards. TAMUG recently welcomed its inaugural class of Terry Scholars. A new partnership between Houston Community College (HCC) and Texas A&M University at Galveston has been formalized. A new Bachelors in pre-health (Oceans and One Health) and an online Masters online (Maritime Administration and Logistics) has been added at TAMUG. We will add 9 new Faculty for the start of the Fall semester and 15 new Faculty lines over the next two years. A new math instruction (Mat Lab) lab has been added to campus as well. With the recent Strategic Planning for the entire campus and each academic unit, TAMUG will focus on improving student and faculty success measures.

Len Waterworth discussed the Coastal Barrier project and shared factors contributing the mounting importance for such a project. He shared that they are approaching being able to complete the study on the cost/benefits of the IKE Dike. A category 3, 4, or 5 is expected every 13 years. Since IKE, the petrochemical production has doubled, there has been growth in national assets, if a store like IKE moved up the ship channel – the loss would be catastrophic. They are working to gain the attention of state legislators as well as key players in DC. He asked those in the audience to talk about the program and the need for co barrier protection stating that everyone's

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attention is needed to gain the attention of elected officials. Jerry Mohn stated that providing some talking points would be helpful.

Grant Shallenberger provided a residence hall update stating that if TAMUG is to accommodate the 3,000 students projected, this dorm is necessary. He shared that Ford, Powell and Carson will build the new residence hall which will have a stand-alone chiller reducing the load on current chillers, presented a rendering, and discussed the reasons why Mariner Hall would be taken down. Shallenberger also discussed the need for facility upgrades, new student and visitor's centers, and classroom/teaching space in addition to the new residence hall beds. Bill McClain shared that 90 million is needed from the legislature for the new academic building. There is a 90 million cap on requests from all institutions. The 42 million currently allocated to the project came from either AUF or PUF funds from the main campus.

Bill McClain shared information about a Mardi Gras event to be hosted by TAMUG and underwritten by The Tremont House in February 2015. Proceeds from the event will benefit The George P. Mitchell Society.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.