

**Texas A&M University at Galveston**  
**Board of Visitors**  
**Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2014**

**Members present:**

Greg Binion, Chris Cahill, James Card, Bob Fry, Damon Gowan, Pete Huddleston, Charlie Jenkins, Betty Massey, John Michael, Phyllis Milstein, Frank Muller, Keith McFatridge, Dennis Murphree, Bruce Nichols, Wayne Prescott, Albert Shannon, Kelly Teichman, Kris Anne Vogelpohl

**TAMUG present:**

RADM Robert Smith, M.G. Bill McClain, Donna Lang, Todd Sutherland, Grant Shallenberger, Susan Lee, John Kovacevich, Larry Zuber, Col. Richard Mallahan, Bob Wright, Cari Bishop, Kathey Walker

**RADM Smith discussed the following topics –**

- Introduced Larry Zuber who discussed the process of a TAMUG Dev. Officer. Early stages of planned giving campaign (capital) which TAMUG will be a part of.
- Talked about Jan BOR meeting and getting across the needs of the Galveston campus.
- Oil spill – doing what we are asked to do with regards to the oil spill...cooperating with the cleanup efforts.
- BOR -Ground lease authorized for the new Residents Hall
- BOR – tuition increased approved which will make us more common parody with the main campus. It's a double digit increase.
- Rudder – will have a new paint job when it's returned. Picking it up on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Spent time in DC last week working on issues related to licensing our cadets and requirements for veterans.
- New research vessel – worth 1.2 million dollars, talked about how many nautical miles we can go out
- Commencement – Sat. May 10, Chancellor Sharp is our speaker

Grant Shallenberger discussed the new Resident's Hall project while presenting the architectural renderings. He stated that the architect is doing critical behind the scenes work at this point, and TAMUG is working through a myriad of legal documents related to the P3 financing. It is expected that dirt will be turned in June with a planned move in completion in Nov. 2015. The project still needs the formal approval from City Council. It is a tax exempt bond project provided by the Collegiate Housing Foundation who will own the building. In answer to a question about naming opportunities, the answer is absolutely. The hall will have 612 beds, meeting and classroom space at a total cost is 45 million dollars. RADM Smith reiterated the importance of cadets living on campus in disciplined environments with the exception of married students, veterans, etc...

Susan Lee presented the budget summary presented to the Board of Regents on 4/9/2014. There has been a 30% growth since Ike. However there have been several budget cuts during that same period. Though the money lost in the cuts has been restored, with the increase in cost, the appropriations have not kept pace. As a result students are paying more when the state pays less. The 2015 budget has an increase of 9.2 million. Of that, 6.2million is from tuition and fees. TAMUG has been approved for the tuition differential for the first time. TAMUG has gone to a guaranteed tuition which was approved by the students. Susan discussed the revenue budget increase and expenditure budget increase line items details, growth goals, academic program development, and the need to increase gifts to the university by 2%. TAMUG's endowment at the A&M Foundation is between 11-12 million which produces \$40,000 per million/per year.

Murphree discussed the Board Development Committee's recommendations. Fry, Lyons, and Schubert were recommended for new appointments. A motion and second were made and unanimously approved. Kris Ann Vogelpohl

was presented for Emeritus status. A motion and second were made and unanimously approved. Murphree stated that board plans to approach some younger folks. Muller spoke about Board of Visitors (BOV) board at College Station coming to Texas A&M University at Galveston in order to better understand this campus. They have asked what they can do better for the Galveston campus. The meeting is planned before June.

Murphree asked for topics to be presented to the BOV board or if anyone would like to be involved.

Fry reported that the Industrial Relations Committee is focused on helping TMA find summer billets for the cadets.

The Scholarship and Alumni Outreach Committee is discussing an event to attract folks to campus in an effort to open communications as well as discussing the use of social media.

Murphree presented the minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting. A motion and second were made, all approved as presented.

Dr. Antonietta Quigg discussed the recent oil spill and how TAMUG people have been involved. The general consensus of faculty dealing with birds is that numbers are skewed because of migration. –There is naturally some loss of birds during this time. Faculty are also watching the impact on dolphins and sea turtles. Graduate and UG students have been out sampling. The information collected is being fed directly to NOAA and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Col. Rick Mallahan reported that this is a busy time for the Texas A&M Maritime Academy (TMA). The numbers reported on the slides regarding billet positions are hard numbers but positions are still being gained. It is hoped that the number will grow to 85 or 90. TMA is receiving 1.8 million for the simulator upgrades and radar labs that will happen over the summer and fall. Mallahan discuss the Rudder changes made over the winter while in dry dock in Tampa.

Dr. Donna Lang presented an overview of the 4 big things happening in the summer which include an active summer school program, summer cruises, and summer camps for incoming students, and Sea Camp. 2,000 participants expected in Sea Camp in summer 2014. Within the residential summer camp (10-18 yr. olds), there are 18 diff Sea Camp Options including a new one on coastal ornithology. Partnerships with local community are important. These include the Houston zoo, Moody Gardens, TPWD, and the Maritime Museum. Career oriented residential camps for high ability students (ages 13-18) – who complete an academic project during camp in a variety of areas (Marine biology research, marine science research, marine engineering, etc.). Sea Campus Kids-Day camps (4-11 yr. olds) are ½ day programs providing learning though multi-sensory interactive and hands-on experiences. Sea Squirts for 4 yr. olds accompanied by a parent/guardian have recently been added. Sea Camp includes teacher educator programs. Approximately 100 teacher volunteers each summer receive CPE hours for the Texas Education Agency. Texas A&M University at Galveston hosts field trips for about 5,000 high school students each year from Texas and other states as far away as Nebraska. Dr. Lang stated that though the Wetlands Center is not yet developed, it is used extensively to include programs such as the Rain Barrel workshops for faculty/staff, the Texas Sea Grant (K-12 Collaboration/special events, the Dolphin Challenge, Texas master naturalists programs, Texas coastal watershed program (floating wetlands, Science Olympiad), and Grant Funded Programs such as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip program, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade oyster ecology workshops, GISD Sea Camp, GO Engineering. Betty Massey stated that A&M Galveston was the first to step up to assist with the new children's museum.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.