



Board of Visitors

Bylaws

Mission

The mission of the Board of Visitors (BOV) is to advise, assist and support the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and the Executive Leadership of Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) in the following roles:

- *Advise and consult* with the COO and campus leadership regarding issues of mutual concern related to maritime, educational, research, and student support programs and initiatives.
- *Support and Steward* the Galveston Campus through fostering mutually beneficial relationships with industry, community, and scientific communities, state and federal governments, A&M College Station and regional campuses, and present and former students.
- *Assist* in resource development for the support of the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus, the faculty and students.
- *Personally engage and support* the Galveston Campus through involvement with faculty, staff, and students, attendance at campus events and activities, and/or financial support of Texas A&M University at Galveston students, faculty, programs, or facilities.

Membership

Membership on the Board of Visitors (BOV) is by invitation of the Chief Operating Officer of the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus. Members are invited based on exceptional ability and willingness to contribute to one or more of the objectives of the Board of Visitors. BOV members appointed may be distinguished for their records of leadership and accomplishments and/or exhibit a strong desire and passion to engage with and advance the Galveston campus. Former students of Texas A&M and those with a strong connection to the Blue Economy through the Maritime industry, Ocean and Marine Engineering, Marine Biology, Marine Sciences, and Maritime Studies may receive preferential consideration. Membership is not limited to graduates of Texas A&M University or Texas residents. Members of the Board of Visitors or campus leadership may nominate prospective members to the Chief Operating Officer. BOV membership is personal rather than corporate, i.e. members may not send “representatives” to BOV functions. Prospective members may attend functions as a guest with advance approval from the Chief Operating Officer.

The Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors membership shall consist of a maximum of 50 members. BOV members serve at the pleasure of the Chief Operating Officer. Members will be invited to attend the A&M Galveston major activities, ceremonies, and celebrations throughout the year.

General meetings of the Board of Visitors are held 2x annually and are generally be located on the Galveston campus.

Executive Board - charged with providing counsel and advisement to the campus leadership, and facilitation of initiatives to ensure BOV engagement and support of the Galveston Campus. The Executive Board shall consist of up to 20 members solicited by the COO from the BOV general membership. The Executive Board will meet quarterly or at the COO's request, in person or by conference call. Executive Board membership serves at the pleasure of the Chief Operating Officer.

Committees

The Board of Visitors will be comprised of the following committees and task force groups:

- **Development and Fund-raising Committee**
- **Industrial Relations Committee** charged with supporting the initiatives and focus of the Galveston campus and all things Maritime. Members will generally have an interest in and/or connection to the Maritime or related industry. The Industrial Relations Committee will be comprised of an unlimited number of members as appropriate with no term limit.
- **Student Affairs Committee**, charged with supporting and fostering the number of available student internships, will be comprised of an unlimited number of members as appropriate with no term limit.
- **Work Groups and Task Forces** – will be instituted to address specific needs or issues of the campus (i.e. Bridge Task Force, Ship Task Force, Mardi Gras)