

# MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 21, 2021

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## ATTENDEES

### BOV Members

Robert Fry, Roger Guenther, John Hallmark, Amy Hark, Charlie Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Jerry Mohn, Chris Orth, Vic Pierson, Bob Sakowitz, Todd Sullivan, Kelly Teichman, Jonathan Whitworth

### BOV Members - Virtual

Greg Binion, William Fraser, Pete Huddleston, Shrub Kempner, Keith McFatridge, John Michael, Phyllis Milstein, Greg Mitchell, Frank Muller, Brandon Neff, Wayne Prescott, Terry Ray, James Watson

### Galveston Campus

Michael Fossum, Rick Kline, Jason Tieman, Bill McClain, Kathey Walker, Rebecca Watts, Susan Lee, Grant Shallenberger, Todd Sutherland

### Absent

Mike Cokinos, Tom Farmer, Leonard Hale, Randy House, William Jenkins, Dale Laine, Mark Lyons, Betty Massey, Chaz Neeley, Brian Roy, Andy Tirpak

## NOTES

At 9 am, Bob Fry called the meeting to order.

Welcomed to the meeting (virtually & in-person) by Mike Fossum.

Jonathan Whitworth called to the podium. Reminded everyone about email that went out a week ago about committee restructure. The Legislative and Community Affairs Committee met its goal with the \$45 million ask to the State Legislature for infrastructure updates. At this time, this committee will be retired. The Emerging Trends and the Blue Economy will be retired as a subcommittee with the ideas and discussions brought before the entire BOV once a year for discussion. The Development and Fund-Raising Committee is being resurrected to address different asks [how the Colonel will get out to targeted groups and focus on low hanging fruit-endowed scholarships, small projects \$25k and less]. Industry Relations and Student Affairs committees will continue.

Everyone was assigned to a committee but if they prefer a different committee, they may attend whichever committee they are most interested in.

General meeting broke for Committee meetings.

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Fry called meeting to order.

Fry asked for a motion to accept minutes from the April 21, 2021, meeting. Jerry Mohn made a motion and Kelly Teichman a second to accept the minutes as submitted. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Fossum introduced Cole Masington, 3rd Mate, summer 2021 graduate, SST2021 Corps Commander,

who grew up in his neighborhood. Cole provided a briefing on his experiences aboard the TS Kennedy over summer 2021 with 80 seniors, 10 juniors, and 160 freshmen.

Fossum introduced Dr. William Merrell. Dr. Merrell provided an update on the Coastal Spine ‘Ike Dike’ project overview of the 13-year span of the early concept to the current day status of the beach barrier concept to stop the storm surge providing protection from flooding. The concept was not well accepted early on within the community and strongly ridiculed. Endowments were formed and well-funded to support opposition to the Coast Spine Project. Over 13 years, the project has moved from being strongly ridiculed to an almost assured largest approved project of the Corps of Engineers. There are currently some serious flaws that they are working to address. He announced that at 78 it is an appropriate time to pass the project onto the next generation of researchers.

Fossum provided a campus operations briefing.

- Received funding for NSMV #4 received. Will take ownership of the TS Kennedy in 2023.
- We successfully got the \$45 million in infrastructure funding to support the new ship. The Chancellor was strongly behind this request. Chairman Terry Wilson was key to the success.
- We are going back asking for another \$45 million to build a new engineering building. There are leadership changes happening on main campus which is making it even more important to move forward with this. President Banks is passionately behind this initiative. We have the space in Galveston to grow. The main campus is full.
- Next fall, the Galveston Campus will offer environmental engineering and computer science degrees.
- With the return to normalcy, the Mardi Gras event is back on the calendar. Invited everyone to save the date for Mardi Gras on February 26, 2022
- Shared new marketing videos developed during summer sea term to share the excitement with prospective students.
- Asked everyone to keep an eye on the calendar for 60th Anniversary celebrations in 2022
- Reminded everyone about Dr. Antonietta Quigg serving as Acting Academic Officer in place of Dr. Patrick Louchouart who was promoted to the Office of the Provost in College Station.

Fossum introduced Dr. Antonietta Quigg.

Antonietta Quigg provided an overview of the eight academic programs on campus, the new degree programs and collaborative efforts with our local community college partners. She announced that the Maritime Transportation Program just went through an Academic Program review last week and she will share the report upon request. Quigg shared that we had received a million dollars from College Station to support faculty hires in Marine Engineering Technology and Maritime Business Administration. The campus will welcome several new degree programs in fall 2022 including a 4-year Computer Science degree and an Environmental Science degree. She discussed partnerships established with Lonestar College and Lamar State College Orange. She also provided a 2025 Strategic Plan (SP) briefing and details on the Central Tenets of the Blue Economy Framework. She briefly discussed the six tactics within the SP asking the BOV members to be partners in these areas.

Jonathan Whitworth led the Committee reporting.

**Development and Fund Raising** - *Report provided by Chris Johnson*

The committee's goal is to create more engagement with folks who have the money by building those relationships. The Ring Statue project and development of postcards with QR codes was discussed. They would like to have a Friendraiser activity in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary celebration. Kempner suggested including the board members and executive directors of all the foundations. BOV members are asked to provide names/people names on who we should draw into the event to engage with the campus.

**Industrial Relations** – *Report provided by Brandon Neff*

Kudos were given to Ken Bailey for instituting an industry night prior to the Career Fair next month. The committee discussed bringing in groups of industry folks for COL Fossum to speak with them. The committee has suggestions to present on these groups. Ken Bailey shared their discussion concerning WGMA, TWOA, and the Coronado Club Business Leaders as groups that COL Fossum should speak with.

**Student Affairs Committee** – *Report provided by Jonathan Whitworth*

Kudos to Ken Bailey for his work with the committee on the mentoring program begun several years ago. The committee would like to expand that program and continue targeting the older students, victory company, and graduate students. They want to help the GUMBO student organization group mirror what has been happening with SAMA by developing a mentoring system. The committee also discussed working more closely with the Sea Aggie Former Student Association (SAFSN). The committee would like to assist coordination of efforts between Aggie Moms and SAFSN to ensure their efforts are aligned with the campus needs and plans.

The general BOV membership will discuss the Emerging Trends in the Blue Economy at the April 2022 meeting.

The meeting adjourned to a closed session with BOV members only.