



**FALL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 8, 2008**

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After showing the 'Welcome to Aggieland' video, General Hal M. Hornburg (USAF, Ret) '68, The Association of Former Students 2008 President, called the Fall Leadership Council Meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. in Room 301 of Rudder Tower. He welcomed Dr. Elsa Murano, President of Texas A&M University; Dr. Bowen Loftin '71, Vice President and CEO of Texas A&M University at Galveston; Dr. Jack Little '60, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the 12th Man Foundation; and Miles Marks '79, President of the 12th Man Foundation. Hornburg offered congratulations to Charlie Weinbaum '47, Councilman Emeritus, and Neal Adams '68, Representative at Large, for being named 2008 Distinguished Alumni. Harvey Haas '59, Class Agent, led the Pledge of Allegiance while John Griffin '09, Corps of Cadets Chaplain, provided the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: (GEORGE NELSON '64/JOHN MAYFIELD, JR. '58) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WINTER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 23, 2008 BE APPROVED. Carried.

**12th MAN FOUNDATION REPORT**

Dr. Jack Little '60, Chair of the Board of Trustees for the 12th Man Foundation, expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts, partnership, and cooperation between The Association of Former Students and the 12th Man Foundation. Little stated the 12th Man Foundation capital campaign that began in 2000 has raised \$110,000,000 to date and those monies have funded the Bright Football Complex, the Nye Academic Center, expansion of the women's athletic facility, the McFerrin Athletic Complex and the Cox-McFerrin Center for Aggie Basketball which will be dedicated in January 2009. \$6,000,000 still needs to be raised to cover the cost of these and additional projects. Additional future projects include the South End Zone Project, a modernization of a portion of the West Side of Kyle Field, improvements to Olsen Field and the outdoor track, and construction of an indoor tennis facility. Little also reported Bill Byrne, Director of Athletics, signed a 10-year contract with the University of Arkansas to play a football game the first weekend of every October at the new Dallas Cowboys stadium in Arlington, Texas.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY REPORT**

Dr. Elsa Murano, President of Texas A&M University, reported President George W. Bush will address graduates at an inaugural Commencement Convocation in December. She thanked The Association of Former Students for the \$200,000 donation to assist the Texas A&M Galveston students locate housing and purchase books and supplies after Hurricane Ike damaged the campus. Murano reported the Academic Master Plan, a strategic plan for achieving key aspects of *Vision 2020*, will focus on five

areas: 1) Academics - academic quality needs to become preeminent in specific areas such as teaching and research to move Texas A&M to a top ten university status; 2) Globalization – emphasize international experiences for more students; 3) Great value and accessibility - Texas A&M needs to remain affordable. The Aggie Assurance Program was established and provides full tuition scholarships to students with household incomes of \$60,000 or less; 4) Infrastructure - many buildings on campus need to be renovated to become more energy efficient and ADA compliant. One of the main projects includes the renovation of the Memorial Student Center Complex which will take three years to complete and require a complete closure and evacuation of the facility; and 5) Enlightened governance – will allow for more communication throughout the campus community. Murano stated another important issue to be addressed is Bonfire and offered a brief report on current litigation. She also expressed appreciation to The Association for their continued support of Texas A&M. Murano answered the Leadership Council’s questions.

## **THE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Bill Flores '76, Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates for The Association’s 2009 Board of Directors.

MOTION: (MELVIN MALTZ '47/CHARLIE WEINBAUM '47) THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

MOTION: (MIKE HAVEL '76/RED SCOTT '53) THAT THE CANDIDATES FOR THE 2009 STUDENT LOAN FUND TRUSTEES BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

Flores stated the nominees for the Area and National Representatives are up for election by general membership and ballot information is in the November-December issue of the *Texas Aggie*.

### **Financial Report**

Shariq Yosufzai '74, Board Member and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2009 Financial Plan as prepared by The Association staff and approved by the Finance and Executive Committees at their joint meeting to review the Plan on Friday, November 7, 2008. Total projected revenue in 2009 is \$11,875,000 with total projected expenses being \$11,875,000, of which \$8,300,000 is operating expenses. Total direct support to Texas A&M University in 2009 will be \$3,500,000. Yosufzai presented budget to actual charts for the years 2003-2008 related to total operating revenues, total operating expenses and direct support to Texas A&M. In 2009, The Association of Former Students will have a total impact on the students, university and former students with \$7,393,621 in support.

### **Fundraising Report**

Linda LaMantia '82, Board Member and Chair of the Fundraising Committee, reported the 2008 Annual Fund goal is \$7,000,000 and as of November 8, 2008, \$4,956,000 had been raised. \$14,388,975 has been raised to date for the building enhancement campaign. LaMantia introduced Dr. Bowen Loftin '71, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer for Texas A&M University at Galveston, who thanked The Association for their support and \$200,000 in funds to assist with students affected by Hurricane Ike. LaMantia also introduced Dr. Richard Lester '03, Executive Director of the Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship for the Mays Business School, who offered an overview of the Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for Veterans with Disabilities Program. Lester thanked The Association for their support of the program.

## **Building Enhancement Report**

Jim Thompson '68, Board Member and Chair of the Building Enhancement Task Committee, provided an update on the enhancements to the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. The Association staff is expected to return to the building on December 15, 2008 although construction work will be ongoing in some areas. Thompson shared some renderings and photos of current construction including the Haynes Ring Plaza, the quote walls and exhibits.

## **Bylaws Task Committee Report**

Bill Flores '76, Immediate Past President and Chair of the 2008 Bylaws Task Committee, thanked the Committee for their service and presented their recommendations.

MOTION: (BILL FLORES '76/MELVIN MALTZ '47) THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS BE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL. Carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Hornburg introduced Melvin Maltz '47, Association Past President and 2009 President of the Sul Ross Group, who announced the Sul Ross Reunion is scheduled to be held on February 16-18, 2009.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Hornburg recognized and thanked outgoing Board members Arno Krebs '64, Bill Mahomes '69, and Bill Flores '76 for their dedicated service to The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University. Hornburg and Porter S. Garner III '79, Executive Director, presented Flores with a Past President's chair in appreciation of his dedication and loyalty to The Association. Garner thanked outgoing Association President Hal Hornburg for his exemplary voluntary service and presented him with a special proclamation in his honor.

## **PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Hornburg expressed his appreciation to have served as President of The Association of Former Students in 2008 and thanked the Leadership Council, fellow members of the Board, and The Association staff for their support. Hornburg reminded the Leadership Council to make plans to attend the Winter Leadership Council Meeting which is scheduled for February 20 and 21, 2009. He also stated the rededication of the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center is scheduled for October 30 and 31, 2009. To close the meeting, former Yell Leaders led in the *Spirit of Aggieland*.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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General Hal M. Hornburg (USAF, Ret) '68  
2008 President

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Porter S. Garner III '79  
Executive Director