



FALL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
October 31, 2009

After showing the 'Welcome to Aggieland' video, Shelley E. Potter '78, 2009 Chair of the Board of The Association of Former Students, called the Fall Leadership Council Meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in the Zachry Family Rooms in the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Potter introduced Chet Edwards '74, U.S. Representative; General Will Fraser '74, Commander, Air Combat Command of the United States Air Force; Dr. R. Bowen Loftin '71, Interim President of Texas A&M University; and Rick Rickman '70, Chair Elect of the 12th Man Foundation Board of Trustees. Potter also welcomed Deborah Dietzler '91, Executive Director of the University of Georgia Alumni Association; and Deana Dietzler '94, Pittsburgh A&M Club Muster host; Jeff Johnson, President and CEO of the Iowa State Alumni Association, and his wife Peggy; Cory Hanson, Assistant Director of the ISU Alumni Association; Roy and Bobbi Reiman, lead donors to the Iowa State Alumni Center; and David Van Horn, Iowa State Alum and Board member of the Iowa State Alumni Association, and his wife Carol. Potter offered congratulations to Frank Litterst, Jr. '43, Class Agent, for being named a 2009 Distinguished Alumnus and Neal Adams '68, Representative at Large, for his induction into the Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor. Preston Hill '10, Corps of Cadets Chaplain, provided the invocation while General Will Fraser '74, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Fraser offered greetings and thanked the Leadership Council for their service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: (TED LOWE '58/SUE RUDD BAILEY '78) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WINTER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2009 BE APPROVED. Carried.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Potter invited Association President and CEO Porter S. Garner III '79 and Chair Elect Shariq Yosufzai '74 along with Loftin to the stage to present a special proclamation to J. T. Higgins, Texas A&M men's team golf coach, and members of the team for their 2009 NCAA National Men's Golf Championship.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY REPORT

Loftin reported the Fall 2009 total enrollment hit a record high of nearly 49,000 with approximately 8,100 being freshmen. The Academic Master Plan continues to focus on key areas of teaching and learning, engagement, and research, and includes a commitment of \$58,000,000 over the next five years for start-ups, faculty support and other college programs. Construction and renovation projects exceeding \$800,000,000 are ongoing and include the new engineering building, the recent opening of the Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building, and the Cynthia and George P. Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics and the George P. Mitchell Physics Building scheduled to open in

December, 2009. Construction is set to begin on a new arts and humanities building in 2010. Loftin reported the faculty reinvestment program has placed nearly 450 new faculty including Dr. David Lee, 1996 Nobel Prize Winner in Physics. Loftin announced he has initiated task forces to find ways to make improvements in the graduate student experience, find proper balance in enrollment between freshmen and upperclassmen, as well as international and graduate students, evaluate how our student athletes integrate into the student body, improve how faculty are evaluated, strengthen the liberal arts programs, and revisit the idea of establishing a law school. Loftin announced Texas A&M recently moved into the top 20 in the National Science Foundation rankings. Loftin answered the Leadership Council's questions.

THE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Nominating Committee Report

General Hal M. Hornburg (USAF, Ret) '68, Immediate Past Chair and Chair of the 2009 Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates for The Association's 2010 Board of Directors.

MOTION: (FRANK LITTEBEST, JR. '43/RANDY MANESS '74) THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

MOTION: (MIKE HAVEL '76/TED LOWE '58) THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2010 STUDENT LOAN FUND TRUSTEES BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

Hornburg 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

Jorge Bermudez '73, Board Member and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2010 Financial Plan as prepared by The Association staff and approved by the Board of Directors on Friday, October 30, 2009. Total projected revenue for 2010 is \$10,687,000 with total projected expenses being \$10,687,000, of which \$7,990,375 is operating expenses. Total direct support to Texas A&M University for 2010 will be \$2,696,625. Bermudez presented budget to actual charts for the years 2004-2009 related to total operating revenues, total operating expenses and direct support to Texas A&M. In 2010, The Association of Former Students will have a total impact on students, university and former students with \$6,408,108 in support. Bermudez reported the total cost to raise a dollar is 20.8 cents which is well below the Better Business Bureau's standard of 35 cents.

Fundraising Report

Linda LaMantia '82, Board Member and Chair of the Fundraising Committee, introduced David Heath '76, Board Member and Major Gifts Vice-Chair, who offered the capital gifts report. As of October 31, 2009, the Endowed Century Club endowment had a balance of \$11,306,974. The Association received \$378,861 in memorial and other scholarships in 2009, and \$16,135,639 had been raised to date for the building enhancement campaign. Mike Havel '76, Board Member and Annual Fund Vice-Chair, reported the 2009 Annual Fund goal is \$6,350,000 and as of October 30, 2009, \$4,454,434 had been raised. Havel introduced Natalie Hewitt '10, Vice President of Finance for the Graduate Student Council, who offered her appreciation to the Leadership Council for The Association's support to Texas A&M.

12th MAN FOUNDATION REPORT

Rick Rickman '70, Chair Elect of the 12th Man Foundation Board of Trustees, stated 2010 will be the 60th anniversary of the 12th Man Foundation. Rickman reported in the last three years, the 12th Man Foundation has contributed an average of \$15,000,000 a year to athletic programs at Texas A&M, and in the last decade, \$110,000,000 in capital improvements have been made including the McFerrin Athletic Complex, Bright Football Complex, and Reed Arena with \$5,000,000 still needed to cover the cost of these and additional projects. Future major gift projects include making upgrades and renovations to Olsen Field, Kyle Field, the Wahlberg Golf Center, and the Anderson outdoor track facility. Rickman thanked the Leadership Council for the continued and generous support of the 12th Man Foundation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Potter introduced Jeff Johnson, President and CEO of the Iowa State Alumni Association, who offered congratulations to The Association of Former Students for the enhanced Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center and expressed his appreciation for the 20-year relationship between the two alumni associations.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Potter recognized and thanked outgoing Board members Mike Havel, '76, General Hal M. Hornburg (USAF, Ret) '68 and Linda LaMantia, '82, for their dedicated service to The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University. Potter and Garner presented Hornburg with a Past Chair's chair in appreciation of his dedication and loyalty to The Association of Former Students. Garner thanked Potter for her exemplary voluntary service and presented her with a special proclamation in her honor.

CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Potter expressed her appreciation to have served as Chair of The Association of Former Students in 2009 and thanked the Leadership Council, fellow members of the Board, and The Association staff for their support. Potter introduced Doggy McClure '50, Class Agent and 2010 President of the Sul Ross Group, and announced the Sul Ross Reunion is scheduled for March 19 - 21. Potter reminded the Leadership Council to make plans to attend the Winter Leadership Council Weekend scheduled February 26 - 27, 2010. To close the meeting, former Yell Leaders led in the *Spirit of Aggieland*.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley E. Potter '78
2009 Chair of the Board

Porter S. Garner III '79
President and CEO