



WINTER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
February 23, 2008

After showing the 'Welcome to Aggieland' video, Porter S. Garner III '79, Executive Director of The Association of Former Students, called the Winter Leadership Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Lecture A & B of the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Garner introduced Dr. Elsa Murano, President of Texas A&M University; Dr. Ed Davis '67, President of the Texas A&M Foundation; and Bob Surovik '58, Chairman of the Texas A&M Foundation and Past President of The Association of Former Students. Garner announced Otway Denny '71 and Bill Flores '76 and his wife Gina were recently honored as 2008 Fish Camp Namesakes. Garner recognized the Women Former Students Network as the newest Association Constituent Network. Women Former Students Constituent Network Co-chairs, Sue Redman '80 and Carol Jordan '80, led the Pledge of Allegiance while Trey Stephens '08, Second Brigade Chaplain, Corps of Cadets, provided the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF 2008 ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Garner introduced General Hal M. Hornburg (USAF, Ret) '68 as The Association of Former Students 2008 President and presented Hornburg with a ceremonial presidential gavel in appreciation for all that he has done and will do for The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University. Hornburg greeted the Council and stated he looked forward to serving as President. He thanked Immediate Past President Bill Flores '76 for his service as The Association of Former Student's 2007 President and commended him for representing our organization so well. The Class Agents for the Class of 1976 thanked Flores for his service and dedication to The Association and presented him with an embroidered Ring crest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: (TED LOWE '58/CHUCK ELLISON '76) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FALL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2007 BE APPROVED. Carried.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY REPORT

Dr. Elsa Murano, President of Texas A&M University, reported the University has addressed the recent concerns from the Center for Disease Control and proposed a financial commitment to the federal government to resume research. She stated the University will continue the goals of Vision 2020 set forth by Former President Dr. Robert M. Gates. The Faculty Reinvestment Program has funded 432 of the 447 faculty positions to date. Murano stated campus diversity continues to improve with a 67 percent increase in African-American freshman enrollment and a 60 percent increase in Hispanic freshman enrollment since 2003. Programs are underway which will bring improvements to the undergraduate and graduate academic experiences, enhance out-of-classroom academic experiences, increase study abroad opportunities and enhance academic advising.

The physical infrastructure continues to improve with \$800,000,000 in construction and renovation projects planned or currently underway. Murano stated the most difficult challenge facing Texas A&M University is obtaining resources of a magnitude that will allow Texas A&M University to maintain the quality of what the University does without putting an unreasonable burden on the students and their parents. Murano stated she is optimistic that the University will achieve the goals of Vision 2020 with the help of the Leadership Council and the Aggie Network.

THE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Fundraising Report

Mike Havel '76, Board Member and Annual Fund Vice-Chair of the Fundraising Committee, reported the 2007 Annual Fund reached an all time high of \$7,158,141. The Endowed Century Club, including 37 new funds totaling \$925,000, memorials and other scholarship pledges totaled \$1,010,211 with \$10,147,854 having been raised through the Building Enhancement Campaign. Havel noted the 2008 Annual Fund goal is \$7,000,000. Bryan Naradovy '07, Director of Staff Development for Transfer Camp, thanked The Association of Former Students and the Leadership Council for its support of T-Camp. Havel answered Council's questions.

Financial Report

Shariq Yosufzai '74, Board Member and Chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed the 2007 financial report and stated the total Association revenues for all funds in 2007 exceeded total expenses by \$993,659. Total operating revenues were \$11,921,000 which was approximately \$372,000 over a projected budget of \$11,548,400. Total operating expenses were \$10,927,000. Yosufzai reported the cost to raise one dollar last year was 17.9 cents, which is in the top quartile of all nonprofit organizations and well below the benchmark. As of December 31, 2007, The Association's net assets totaled \$79,285,000.

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 which will include changes to the fountain, the addition of the Haynes Ring Plaza, a new mezzanine, video wall and additional inside improvements. Construction will begin on March 3, 2008 and is expected to take approximately nine months to complete.

TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION REPORT

Bob J. Surovik '58, Chairman of the Texas A&M Foundation Board of Trustees and Past President of The Association of Former Students, thanked Dr. Ed Davis '67, President, for his role as interim president of Texas A&M University and John Stropp, Sr. '66, Vice President for Administration and Operations, for his role as interim president of the Foundation. He reported the Gruy Fountain at the Jon L. Hagler Center, donated by H. J. "Hank" Gruy '37 and his wife, Rae, was dedicated on December 14, 2007. Surovik stated as of December 31, 2007, the Foundation's total assets were \$1,400,000,000 and long-term investment fund totaled \$971,200,000. He reported future building and expansion projects include the \$20,000,000 expansion of the Memorial Student Center and a new university-wide scholarship campaign to raise \$125,000,000 was launched January 1, 2007.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Hornburg invited the Leadership Council and guests to join in the groundbreaking of the Haynes Ring Plaza made possible by a donation from Reta and Bill Haynes '46. He recognized Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and expressed appreciation for their generosity. Hornburg also recognized the donors of the original construction project for the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center as well as the Building Enhancement Project donors.

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING REMARKS

Hornburg thanked the The Association staff and Leadership Council for their service and support. He announced the Sul Ross Reunion is scheduled for March 24-26, 2008 and the Fall Leadership Council Meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2008 in Rudder Tower on the campus of Texas A&M University. To close the meeting, Former Aggie Yell Leaders were invited to lead the group in singing the *Spirit of Aggieland*.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Porter S. Garner III '79
Executive Director