



**WINTER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 27, 2010**

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After showing the “Welcome to Aggieland” video, Porter S. Garner III ’79, President and CEO of The Association of Former Students, called the Winter Leadership Council Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Zachry Family Rooms in the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Garner recognized Senator Jeff Wentworth ’62, and introduced Dr. Bowen Loftin ’71, Texas A&M President, and Dr. Ed Davis ’67, Texas A&M Foundation President. Preston Hill ’10, Corps of Cadets Chaplain, provided the invocation while Doggy McClure ’50, Class of ’50 Class Agent and President of the Sul Ross Group, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Garner recognized Lt. Col. Mark Stratton ’91, USAF, who was killed while serving in Afghanistan shortly after holding Muster with Stratton being the only Aggie in attendance.

**PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Garner recognized Jim Thompson ’68, Association Board Member and Chair of the Building Enhancement Task Committee in 2008 and 2009, with a special proclamation for his efforts in the enhancement of the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Garner announced the 2010 Outstanding International Alumnus Award recipient is Mr. Khalid-Al Falih ’82, President and CEO of Saudi Aramco. Garner also announced seven former students had been named 2010 Distinguished Alumni with Dr. Fred Palmer ’59, Past Chair of The Association of Former Students, being the first awardee to be recognized. The other recipients will be announced during additional surprise announcements. Garner also announced Neal Adams ’68, Representative at Large, was inducted into the Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor, and Class Agents Major Buck Burnside II ’73, and David Lawhorne ’86, had been named 2010 Fish Camp namesakes. Garner also noted the redesigned AggieNetwork.com will launch on June 26, 2010 which is The Association’s 131th anniversary.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2010 ASSOCIATION CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

Garner introduced S. Shariq Yosufzai ’74 as The Association of Former Students 2010 Chair of the Board and presented him with a ceremonial gavel for recognizing his volunteer leadership for The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University. Yosufzai greeted the Council and stated he looked forward to serving as Chair. Yosufzai thanked Immediate Past Chair, Shelley Potter ’78, for her selfless service as The Association 2009 Chair and presented her with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation for representing The Association so well last year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: (WELDON KRUGER ’53/CHUCK ELLISON ’76) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FALL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 31, 2009 BE APPROVED.**  
Carried.

## **THE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

### **Finance Report**

Kathleen Gibson '81, Board Member and Chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed the 2009 financial report and stated the total Association revenues for all funds, including trust funds and building contributions, in 2009 exceeded total expenses by \$2,097,331. Total operating revenues were \$10,810,003. Total operating expenses were \$10,651,168. Gibson reported the total cost to raise one dollar was 19 cents, which is well below the Better Business Bureau's benchmark of 35 cents. As of December 31, 2009, The Association's net assets totaled \$80,644,062.

### **Fundraising Report**

David Heath '76, Board Member and Chair of the Fundraising Committee, reported the 2009 Annual Fund raised \$6,570,835. The Endowed Century Club, including 21 new funds, totaled \$525,000 in gifts and pledges, while memorials and other scholarship pledges totaled \$488,650. Six Aggie Ring Scholarships were funded in the amount of \$54,680 which does not include three planned gifts. Heath also reported \$16,289,904 has been raised to date for the building enhancement campaign. Heath noted the 2010 Annual Fund goal is \$6,350,000.00 with \$1,484,933 raised as of February 27, 2010. Heath introduced Stephanie Burns '09, President of the MSC Council, who offered the beneficiary report and expressed her appreciation to the Leadership Council for The Association's support to Texas A&M.

## **TEXAS A&M FOUNDATION REPORT**

Dr. Ed Davis '67, President of the Texas A&M Foundation, reported gifts totaling \$60,600,000 at the end of the second quarter in 2009 and gifts totaled \$67,400,000 for the same period in 2010. Several large gifts from the Heep Foundation, including a \$1,500,000 bequest from Charles T. Jones '67 and a \$1,000,000 gift from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the Borlaug International Scholars, accounted for the successful quarter. The fundraising scholarship initiative launched in 2007 with a goal of raising \$300,000,000 is underway. *Operation Spirit and Mind* has raised \$189,000,000 and *Our MSC: A Tribute to Honor*, a \$20,000,000 campaign to renovate the Memorial Student Center, was recently launched.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Yosufzai invited Dr. Loftin '71 and David Chapman '67, University Archivist at Cushing Memorial Library, to join him on stage for a special presentation in honor of Loftin's selection as the 24th President of Texas A&M University. Loftin received the 24th edition of the documentary dvd, *Aggies: the True Story of Texas A&M* and Chapman received the 67th edition in honor of his Class year and for his contributions to the project.

## **TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY REPORT**

Loftin reported Texas A&M University will disburse \$750,000,000 in financial aid by next fall and thanked the Leadership Council for their contributions which make it possible for many students to attend Texas A&M. Loftin stated there is a process to examine the imperatives of Vision 2020 to determine if they are as relevant today as they were 12 years ago and make adjustments as needed. Loftin answered the Leadership Council's questions.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Yosufzai invited Ross Volunteer James Harris '11, Ben Coffman '12 and Reville VIII to help recognize William H. "Bill" Flores '76 as a 2010 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient. Flores offered his sincere appreciation for the award.

### **CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

Yosufzai expressed his appreciation to have been selected to serve as Chair of The Association of Former Students in 2010 and thanked the Leadership Council, fellow members of the Board, and The Association staff for their support. Yosufzai reminded the Leadership Council to make plans to attend the Fall Leadership Council Weekend scheduled November 5 and 6, 2010. To close the meeting, former Yell Leaders led in the *Spirit of Aggieland*.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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S. Shariq Yosufzai '74  
Chair of the Board

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Porter S. Garner III '79  
President and CEO