



**FALL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 2013**

After showing the Association Impact Video, David Heath '76, Chair of the Board of The Association of Former Students, called the Fall Leadership Council Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Zachry Family Rooms in the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Heath recognized Dr. R. Bowen Loftin '71, Texas A&M President, Eric Hyman, Texas A&M Director of Athletics, Association Past Chair and Congressman Bill Flores '76, Michael Richard, Mississippi State University Alumni Association's Coordinator of Chapter Programs, and Janet Downey, Associate Coordinator of Chapter Programs. Heath welcomed and recognized members of the Women Former Students' Network and the Black Former Students Network who are both celebrating 50 years of inclusion at Texas A&M. Heath stated Texas A&M marked another milestone of inclusion on November 7, 2013 when the Medal of Honor tribute to Clarence Sasser '73 was unveiled in the Memorial Student Center's Hall of Honor. Sasser, a combat medic during the Vietnam War, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions on January 10, 1968. Heath announced Bob Epstein '44, Melvin Maltz '47, Ridley Briggs '54, Dr. Ray Bowen '58, Steve Stevens '62, Jim Thompson '68, General Buzz Moseley '71, Glenda Mariott '79, and Khalid Al-Falih '82, had been named the 2013 Distinguished Alumni. Heath also welcomed Willard Clark '67 and David Collier from Balfour, the manufacturer of the Aggie Ring. Benjamin Pinkerton '14, Corps of Cadets Chaplain, provided the invocation while Kristiana Hamilton '04, President of the Aggie Educator Network, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: (KIRK JOSEPH '84/DOM DOMINY '76) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WINTER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 23, 2013 BE APPROVED. Carried.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY REPORT

After showing a video of appreciation for Dr. R. Bowen Loftin '71, President of Texas A&M University, Heath invited Porter S. Garner III '79, President and CEO of The Association of Former Students, for a special presentation to Loftin who had recently announced his plans to return to the faculty in 2014. Loftin thanked Garner, Heath, and The Association's Board of Directors and reflected on the memories he holds for Texas A&M. Loftin discussed changes during his tenure as President which including the acquisition of the Health Science Center, and School of Law, and as well as entry into the SEC. Loftin reported Texas A&M University, Texas A&M at Galveston and Texas A&M at Qatar had a combined record enrollment of 58,809 students. Freshman enrollment in College Station was 9,710, an approximate 17% increase over 2012. The Corps of Cadets grew to 2,500 members in 2013, the largest number since 1970. In three years, Texas A&M dropped from #19 to #25 among U.S. public universities by *U.S. News and World Report*, which Loftin attributed to the growth in population at

A&M and decreased number of faculty. Loftin said decisions need to be made on how much Texas A&M can continue to increase in size without degrading the quality of the student experience. Loftin answered the Leadership Council's questions.

TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS REPORT

Eric Hyman, Director of Athletics, reported on the Kyle Field redevelopment project stating it will begin immediately following the final game of the season. Hyman reported on the 2012-2013 athletic season stating the Aggies placed fifth in the Learfield Sports Director' Cup, and 10 Texas A&M Teams finished in the Top 10, and 15 finished in the nation's Top 25 as compiled by NACDA. The Aggies captured the NCAA National Championship in men's outdoor track and field, while the women's outdoor track team finished second, and the women's tennis team were runners-up in the NCAA Championship. Hyman stated Athletics has implemented a Consequences for Your Actions Program, a mandatory course for all first time students, as well as the Comprehensive Life Skills Program providing etiquette dinners, dress for success seminars, and networking seminars to help groom athletes for success. Student athlete demographics include 673 students from 31 states and 20 countries with top majors including Agricultural Leadership, Education & Communications, Sports Management, General Studies, Business, Recreation, Parks and Tourism Sciences. A class attendance policy has been implemented and the academic staff report tangible results in substantially improved class attendance with student athletes missing fewer tutoring appointments and learning center sessions. Hyman answered the Leadership Council's questions.

THE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Nominating Committee Report

Otway Denny '71, Immediate Past Chair and Chair of the 2013 Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates for The Association's 2014 Board of Directors.

MOTION: (BILL CARTER '69/HARRY BRAND '62) THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

MOTION: (CHUCK ELLISON '76/ODIS BLUEITT '82) THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2014 STUDENT LOAN FUND TRUSTEES BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

Denny stated the nominees for the Area and National Representatives will be presented for election by the general membership and ballot information is in the November-December issue of *Texas Aggie*.

Finance Report

Phil Miner '80, Board Member and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2014 Financial Plan as prepared by The Association staff and approved by the Board of Directors on Friday, November 8, 2013. Total projected revenue for 2014 is \$13,360,000 with total projected expenses being \$13,260,000, of which \$3,500,000 is cash support to Texas A&M University. Total Association support services to Texas A&M University for 2014 will be \$7,596,692. In 2014, The Association of Former Students will have an impact on students, university and former students with \$10,628,921 in support.

Fundraising Report

Bo Bradbury '89, Board Member and Chair of the Fundraising Committee, offered the fundraising report. As of November 8, 2013, the Endowed Century Club endowment had a balance of \$18,617,775 and the Aggie Ring Scholarship endowment had a balance of \$428,088. Bradbury stated \$17,587,444 had been raised to date for the building enhancement campaign. Bradbury reported the 2013 Annual Fund goal is \$7,900,000 and as of November 5, 2013, \$6,072,261 had been raised. Bradbury introduced James Kracht, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Executive Director of the Student Success Center, who offered his appreciation to the Leadership Council for The Association's support to Texas A&M.

OTHER BUSINESS

Heath stated The Association of Former Students' Metropolitan A&M Club Task Committee had been formed to study matters associated with A&M Clubs in large urban areas and A&M Clubs in suburban areas surrounding them. The committee created recommendations and guidelines on circumstances that would allow chartering additional suburban clubs in large metropolitan areas and will be sharing these with our larger clubs for feedback. Heath also reported the Former Student Programs team has been studying reunion models for those classes having graduated in the last 10 years, and they have shared a proposed cluster reunion model with the 10 youngest classes and the Class Agents for those classes are in favor of this model, which The Association plans to introduce in the Fall of 2014. This change will only impact those classes who have graduated in the last 10 years and all other classes will continue with the existing reunion model. Heath stated the Texas A&M vs. Arkansas game will return to AT&T Stadium in Arlington in 2014 and reminded the Leadership Council to make plans to attend the game and the All-Aggie Hullabaloo September 26 and 27, 2014.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Heath called Porter S. Garner III '79 to the stage and invited Willard Clark '67, Balfour Account Representative and David Collier, Balfour's Director of Manufacturing to join them for a special presentation of the Core Value Coins.

Heath recognized and thanked outgoing Board members Stephanie Frye '92 and Otway Denny '71 for their dedicated service to The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University. Heath and Garner presented Denny with a chair in appreciation of his dedication and loyalty to The Association over the last seven years. Garner thanked Heath and presented him with a special proclamation in his honor for his six years of exemplary volunteer service and leadership in providing appropriate and inspiring support to The Association staff as Chair of the Board in 2013.

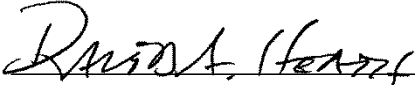
CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Heath expressed his appreciation to have served as Chair of the Board of The Association of Former Students in 2013 and thanked the Leadership Council, fellow members of the Board, and The Association staff for their support. Heath reminded the Leadership Council to make plans to attend the Winter Leadership Council Weekend scheduled February 21-22, 2014 and the Volunteer Leadership Conference scheduled for June 27-28, 2014. To close the meeting, former Yell Leaders led in the singing of the *Spirit of Aggieland*.

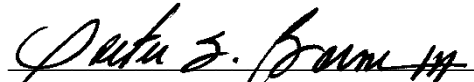
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Heath '76
Chair of the Board



Porter S. Garner III '79
President and CEO