



## **FALL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING November 15, 2014**

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After showing the Association Impact video, Kathleen Gibson '81, Chair of the Board of The Association of Former Students, called the Fall Leadership Council Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Flores Hall in the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. Gibson recognized the Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp '72; Chair of the 12th Man Foundation Board of Trustees Sam Torn '70; Texas A&M Director of Athletics Eric Hyman; and Texas A&M Student Body President Kyle Kelly '14. Gibson announced Maj. Gen Tom Darling '54, Charlie Seely '55, Jim Mayo '70, Chuck Ellison '76, Ray Holbrook '48, the late Charlie Mattei '49, Monroe Fuchs '56, Dr. Charlie Wiseman '57, Bill Hanna '58, Dr. Sallie Sheppard '65, Dr. Stephen Holditch '69 and Clarence Sasser '73 had been named the 2014 Distinguished Alumni. Caleb Miller '15, Corps of Cadets Chaplain, provided the invocation while Col. Henry Hill, USAF (Ret) '56, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Sul Ross Group and Class of '56 Class Agent, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: (KRISTEN COX '83/DAVE ALLEN '70) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WINTER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2014 BE APPROVED. Carried.

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

John Sharp '72, Chancellor for The Texas A&M University System, offered an update on Texas A&M University and The Texas A&M University System and reported in 2013 over \$800,000,000 was raised in support for Texas A&M University. Sharp stated several A&M organizations were renamed to reflect the Texas A&M brand including the Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M Research. Sharp reported the Texas A&M Health Science Center is the most comprehensive medical center in the world, and one of three labs in the country where an experimental Ebola vaccine could be mass-produced. Sharp stated the National Science Foundation reported Texas A&M had \$830,000,000 in sponsored research in 2014, and he stated the Texas A&M University School of Law should rise in the rankings very quickly. Sharp reported the Dwight Look College of Engineering is expected to have 25,000 students by 2025, and discussed the benefits of outsourcing Texas A&M University dining and landscape services. Sharp answered the Leadership Council's questions.

### **12TH MAN FOUNDATION REPORT**

R. Sam Torn '70, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the 12th Man Foundation, stated the goal of the 12th Man Foundation is to provide the resources to allow Texas A&M Athletics to be the very best

across the sports spectrum and sustain athletic excellence. Torn reported the 12th Man Foundation's main focus has been the redevelopment of Kyle Field which will be the finest collegiate football facility in the country and should generate \$20,000,000 to \$26,000,000 per year in additional revenue to aid in sustaining athletic excellence. Torn reported the west side of Kyle Field will be imploded on Sunday, December 21, 2014 at 6:30 a.m., pre-opening events are scheduled for September 10 and 11, 2015, and the stadium will open on September 12, 2015 for the game against Ball State. Torn answered the Leadership Council's questions.

## **TEXAS A&M ATHLETICS REPORT**

Eric Hyman, Director of Athletics, reported Texas A&M Sports Properties is producing Spanish language football broadcasts for the 2014 season and shared several broadcast clips with the Council stating A&M Athletics is reaching out to all demographics in Texas to gain interest in Texas A&M and the athletics department. Hyman stated the Texas A&M women's soccer team won the SEC regular season and tournament championships, and the men's basketball team's Academic Progress Rate (APR), a matrix established by the NCAA, has improved and effective recruiting efforts are underway and include several prospects ranked within the top five players in Texas.

## **THE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

### **Nominating Committee Report**

David Heath '76, Immediate Past Chair and Chair of the 2014 Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates for The Association's 2015 Board of Directors.

MOTION: (ROYCE HICKMAN '64/TOM WISDOM '60) THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

MOTION: (HENRY HILL '56/MICHAEL ASUNCION '96) THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2015 STUDENT LOAN FUND TRUSTEES BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

Heath 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 2015 Financial Plan as prepared by The Association staff and approved by the Board of Directors on Friday, November 14, 2014. Total projected revenue for 2015 is \$14,510,000 with total projected expenses being \$14,510,000, of which \$4,200,000 is cash support to Texas A&M University. Total Association support services to Texas A&M University for 2015 will be \$7,286,500. In 2015, The Association of Former Students will have an impact of \$10,875,419 in support to students, university and former. Miner stated the 2015 Annual Fund goal is \$9,200,000.

### **Annual Fund Report**

David Rubenstein '77, Board Member and Chair of the Fundraising Committee, offered the fundraising report. As of September 30, 2014, the Endowed Century Club endowment had a balance of

\$21,329,581 and the Aggie Ring Scholarship endowment had a balance of \$719,217. Rubenstein stated \$18,011,269 had been raised to date for the building enhancement campaign. Rubenstein reported the 2014 Annual Fund goal is \$8,400,000 and as of November 11, 2014, \$6,524,465 had been raised. Rubenstein introduced Kyle Kelly '14, Student Body President, who offered his appreciation to the Leadership Council for The Association's support to Texas A&M.

### **METROPOLITAN A&M CLUB TASK COMMITTEE**

Gibson stated there were two items of discussion that require a vote of the Council with the first of the two items involving a change in policy which would allow A&M Clubs to form in suburban areas in certain situations. Current policy allows for only one Club to be chartered in a metropolitan area. Gibson stated the Metropolitan A&M Club Task Committee had made a recommendation that will allow for the chartering of suburban area Clubs-when prescribed conditions for participation, leadership, sustainability and scholarship fundraising are met. Gibson invited Steve London '79, past president of the Houston A&M Club, to share the committee's recommendation.

MOTION: (TROIE BURCH '77/STEVE LONDON '79) THAT THE A&M CLUB POLICIES BE AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR THE CHARTERING OF SUBURBAN A&M CLUBS WHEN PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATING, LEADERSHIP, SUSTAINABILITY, AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING ARE MET. Carried.

### **CONSTITUENT NETWORK RECLASSIFICATION**

Gibson stated the second item of discussion needing a vote of the Council involved the Constituent Network structure, and invited Marty Holmes '87, Vice President for Marketing and Programs, to the podium to share information on the committee's recommendation that would allow for the grouping of our Constituent Networks into two categories: Constituent Networks and Affinity Networks.

MOTION: (ANDIE DUFFIE '78/KARL GERST '85) TO ALLOW FOR THE GROUPING OF CONSTITUENT NETWORKS INTO THE CATEGORIES OF "CHARTERED CONSTITUENT NETWORKS" AND "AFFINITY NETWORKS." Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Scot Walker '90, Director of Communications, for The Association of Former Students, shared information about improvements being made to the *Texas Aggie* magazine.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Gibson recognized and thanked outgoing Board members David Heath '76, David Lawhorne '86, Roberto Monterroso '73, and David Rubenstein '77 for their dedicated service to The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M University. Gibson and Porter S. Garner III '79, President and CEO of The Association of Former Students, presented Heath with a chair in appreciation of his dedication and loyalty to The Association over the last seven years. Garner thanked Gibson and presented her with a special proclamation in her honor for her six years of exemplary volunteer service and leadership in providing appropriate and inspiring support to The Association staff as Chair of the Board in 2014.

## CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Gibson expressed her deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Association as 2014 Chair. She thanked the Leadership Council, fellow members of the Board, and The Association staff for their tremendous support.

Gibson reminded the Leadership Council to make plans to attend the Winter Leadership Council Weekend scheduled February 27-28, 2015 and the Volunteer Leadership Conference scheduled for June 26-27, 2015. To close the meeting, former Yell Leaders led in the singing of the *Spirit of Aggieland*.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen M. Gibson '81  
Chair of the Board

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Porter S. Garner III '79  
President and CEO