



FALL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2019

After showing The Association's 140th Anniversary video, Chair of the Board Mark Fischer '72 called the Fall Leadership Council Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in Flores Hall of the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. He reported on the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Gala, which was held October 25, honoring David Heath '76, Shelley Potter '78, Regent Phil Adams '70, Dr. Richard Box '61, Secretary Henry Cisneros '68, Joe Tortorice '70, Tony Best '72, Ray Huffines '74, Dan Allen Hughes '80 and Randy Cain '82. Fischer recognized the 20th anniversary of the 1999 Bonfire collapse and with the Leadership Council answering "Here" for those who passed away in this tragic accident: Miranda Adams '02, Christopher Breen '69, Michael Ebanks '03, Jeremy Frampton '99, Jamie Hand '03, Timothy Kerlee, Jr. '03, Lucas Kimmel '03, Bryan McClain '02, Chad Powell '03, Jerry Self '01 and Nathan West '02. Fischer recognized and thanked all veterans in the room, then welcomed Daniel Strong '20, Corps of Cadets Chaplain, to give the invocation. Jim Russ '86, Representative at Large, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: (MELISSA FISHER '89 AND BUCK BURNSIDE '73) THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE WINTER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2019, BE APPROVED. CARRIED.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY REPORT

Fischer introduced Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University. Young provided an update on the University's new research and innovation programs. He stated that Texas A&M is now a top 20 university across public and private universities alike and is ranked the top best value university in Texas, #18 in the nation, and is officially the largest university in the United States in terms of enrollment. Young reported on the new Higher Education Center in McAllen, as well as the Student Success Initiative, which improves retention and graduation rates.

12th MAN FOUNDATION REPORT

Fischer welcomed Travis Dabney '96, President and CEO of the 12th Man Foundation. Dabney reported the 12th Man Foundation has raised \$719M to date in the *Lead by Example* campaign. He noted the 12th Man has transferred \$71.5M in support to Athletics, with a recurring budget of \$150M. Dabney provided an update on the \$6M renovation of the Davis Player Development Center, with additional renovation updates to take place at the men's and women's basketball facilities in Reed Arena, as well as the Student Recreation Center where Texas A&M's swimming and diving teams practice and compete.

THE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Nominating Committee Report

Jimmy Williams '83, Ph.D., Immediate Past Chair and Chair of the 2019 Nominating Committee, stated the Nominating Committee met August 8, 2019, to select candidates to be nominated for election to hold the following positions: Association Board of Directors to include the 2020 Chair Elect, Student Loan Fund Trustees, as well as Area and National Representatives. He presented the slate of candidates for The Association's 2020 Board of Directors, and announced the new Board members who have been placed in nomination: Beaver Aplin '80, John Dickerson '87, Shara McClure '93 and Ken Robinson '93.

MOTION: (JODI SCHLATHER '94 AND KYLE BRYSON '09) THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

Williams stated the nominees for the 2020 Area and National Representatives will be presented for election by the general membership via a ballot distributed electronically and in the November-December issue of *Texas Aggie*.

He reported the following former students have been placed in nomination before the Leadership Council for election as The Association of Former Students' 2020 Student Loan Fund Trustees: George Nelson '64 and Phil Callahan '69.

MOTION: (TOM WISDOM '60 AND JIM RUSS '86) THAT THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2020 STUDENT LOAN FUND TRUSTEES BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.

Finance Report

Dara Hegar '95, Board Member and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented The Association's 2020 financial plan as prepared by The Association's staff and approved by the Board of Directors at their 4Q meeting on Friday, November 12, 2019. Total budgeted revenue for 2020 is \$17,157,000 with total budgeted expenses being \$17,157,000, including \$6.25M in cash support to Texas A&M University. Total Association support to Texas A&M University for 2020 will be \$9.7M. The Association of Former Students' total projected impact in 2020 is \$13.9M. Hegar stated the 2020 Annual Fund goal is \$10,900,000.

Fundraising Report

Kristi Sherrill Hoyl '86, Chair of the Fundraising Committee, reported that as of November 12, 2019, The Association had raised \$7,195,856 from 48,443 donors. The goal for Pass It Back Day, which is scheduled for November 19, 2019, is to achieve 1,876 donors during this 24-hour day of giving. Hoyl stated that as of November 12, 2019, 41 new Endowed Century Club endowments had been established for a total of 1,052 endowments. In regards to Aggie Ring Scholarships, there are 133 total endowments with 19 new scholarships being established this year. Year-to-date, The Association of Former Students has raised \$114.5 million in the *Lead by Example* campaign.

Porter S. Garner III '79, President and CEO, shared conceptual drawings of Aggie Park and stated how the park will be the premier green space bringing the Aggie Network together for celebration, relaxation

and inspiration. He highlighted the relationship between The Association and the Texas A&M Foundation on this project and how Aggie Park will be a gift to Texas A&M and for all Aggies.

Garner announced Andrew Arizpe '05 as The Association of Former Students' new Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and welcomed his wife, Candace. Garner thanked Ron Spies '73 for his 32 years as The Association's CFO and stated although Spies will no longer be serving in this capacity, he will stay on to assist Vice President for Programs Marty Holmes '87 with the Aggie Park project. Garner presented Spies with a Core Value Coin and thanked him for his loyal and dedicated service to The Association of Former Students and Texas A&M

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Fischer recognized and thanked the outgoing 2019 Board members: General Buzz Moseley '71, Kristi Sherrill Hoyl '86 and Jimmy Williams '83, Ph.D., for their dedicated service to The Association of Former Students and the worldwide Aggie Network. Fischer and Garner presented Williams with a chair from the Pitzer Board Room in appreciation of his outstanding leadership and loyalty to The Association over the last eight years.

Garner thanked Fischer for his leadership and presented him with a special proclamation in recognition of his service as The Association's 2019 Chair of the Board and six years of exemplary volunteer service to The Association of Former Students.

CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Fischer expressed his deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve The Association of Former Students as the 2019 Chair of the Board. He thanked the Leadership Council, fellow members of the Board and The Association staff for their tremendous support. He reflected on his term and stated he has appreciated the opportunity to work with students around campus and has been inspired by them. Fischer welcomed Cathy Mann '92 as the 2020 Chair of the Board and gave accolades for her service to the Aggie Network. Fischer reminded the Leadership Council to make plans to attend the Spring Leadership Council Meeting, which is scheduled for February 28-29, 2020. The Sul Ross Reunion is scheduled for March 5-7, 2020.

To close the meeting, former Yell Leaders led in the singing of the *Spirit of Aggieland*.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Fischer '72
Chair of the Board

Porter S. Garner III '79
President and CEO