

BOV
January 28, 2016
Minutes

TAMUG Present: RADM Robert Smith III, USN (Ret.), Patrick, Bill McClain, Grant Shallenberger, John Kovacevich, Kathey Walker, Meredith Zalesak, Bobby Macko (Student), Justin Schwartz (Student), Michelle

BOV Present: Kyle Buese, Chris Cahill, Mike Cokinos, Robb Erickson, William Fraser, Bob Fry, Damon Gowan, Pete Huddleston, Charlie Jenkins, Keith McFatridge, Phyllis Milstein, Jerry Mohn, Dennis Murphree, Brandon Neff, Chris Orth, Chaz Neeley, Vic Pierson, Wayne Prescott, Bob Reinhardt, Brian Roy, Bill Schubert, James Watson, and Jonathan Whitworth.

Absent: Wade Battles, Greg Binion, Tom Farmer, Allen Flynt, Will Jenkins, Mark Lyons, Ross Margraves, Betty Massey Bruce Nichols, Terry Ray, Alert Shannon, Kelley Sullivan, Kelly , Jim McGregor, John Michael, Bob Mitchell, Greg Mitchell, Tyson Voelkel, Kris Vogelpohl, Deepak Varshney, Billy Greer,

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Murphree. Patrick introduced Meri Davlasheridze presented a snapshot of the results from her research titled “Valuing Seawall Protection in the Wake of Hurricane Ike” which looked at the value of storm protection to real estate in Galveston. Dr. D. closed with a Q&A.

Patrick Louchouarn discussed the Strategic Plan which was run through the faculty and staff over the last year to come to the document they see. It presents our direction for the future (Stewardship of our resources, Strategies for Success for students and Strategies for success. There are measureable outcomes for every area. The goals are a stretch but are realistic. We are not there yet and have 5 years to move toward these goals. He doing an inventory of the departments now and addressing future needs through recruitment of leaders in focus areas. Smith brought out the importance of the recent Engineering merger. Patrick shared details about the partnership and plans for future partnerships.

Murphree put in a shout out about the new Kyle Field Stadium and the presence of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Corp of Midshipmen march in last fall completely filling the football field in their white uniforms.

Committee reports were shared as follows:

- Board Development – no notes
- Industry Relations...Bob Fry said they discussed what they are going to do next after the Mentoring Panel to be held following today’s Board of Visitors meeting.

Brandon Neff presented a slide show about the mentorship program created through the Industry Relations committee which began as a Sea Aggie Mentorship Network face book group. The goal for the program is to provide a forum for professionals who desire to connect with students and students who wish to access mentoring support. Mr. Neff shared information about the Sea Aggie Mentorship Panel scheduled for 1:30 this afternoon.

Rick Kline announced the formation of a new group, the Maroon Delegates. Leaders, Bobby Macko and Justin Schwartz, introduced themselves and shared the purpose for the formation of the Maroon Delegates. Members of the Maroon Delegates are elite student leaders on campus who desire to serve and who will be a point of contact for guests on campus to “rub elbows” with students from across many disciplines. Justin discussed the connection between the Maroon Delegates and the Sea Aggie Mentorship Panel. The Maroon Delegates will serve as a go between. Maroon Delegate members, James DeSoto, Abby Grant, and Chuck Hardesty were introduced as well.

Mr. Kline reiterated that he would like to schedule one on one meetings with the individuals in the audience with whom he has not met. He shared that he is proud of the Endowed Scholarship Reception that was held October

28, 2015. The event came about as a result of feedback from donors stating they never hear anything after the check is handed over and they do not meet their student recipients.” The next Endowed Scholarship Reception will be held October 25, 2016. All BOV members are invited. Mr. Kline discussed a summary of needs, opportunities for Endowed Chairs, naming opportunities, etc.

Kathey Walker provided an update and invitation to the BOV concerning the upcoming Mardi Gras event. She recognized Phyllis Milstein, Marilyn McFatridge, Kelly Teichman, and Marie Robb for their work and dedication as planning committee chairs.

RADM Robert Smith III, USN (Ret.) discussed his retirement slated for the close of the spring semester. He shared that the charge to the Search Advisory Committee planning for his replacement which will be a search for a Chief Operating Officer (COO). RADM Smith shared a summary of the charge he received and problems he was to address with his original appointment as President of Texas A&M University at Galveston. He reminded everyone about one of TAMUG’s mission points which is to commission naval officers and discussed his interest with regards to who will be appointed the next superintendent of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy.

Murphree shared that he will serve on as a representation of the BOV on the new Search Advisory Committee for the COO position.

Mr. Murphree asked the membership for approval of reappointment of Kelly Sullivan, John Michael and Robert Sakowitz.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.