
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representatives/COADC Guests: Cady Auckerman, David Baltensperger, Jacob Brown, David Caldwell, Camille Casey, Russell Cross, Kim Dooley, Brandy Douglass, Bill Dugas, David Forrest, Angel Futrell, Jim Heird, Kevin Hurley, Tori Kapavik, Mickey Lenamon, Stephanie McMillen, Cara Milligan, Darin Paine, David Ragsdale, Jon Rigelsky, Parr Rosson, Alan Sams, Bradley Schmidt, Steve Searcy, Chris Skaggs, Wayne Smith, Don Sullins, Jordan Symon, and Heather Wheeler

Call to order: Chairman Trace Blair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., welcoming members and guests. Mr. Blair asked Walt Richburg for an opening prayer.

At 8:05 a.m., Chairman Blair introduced Dr. Heather Manley, Director of Neurobiology, Research Scientist – Texas A&M Institute for Preclinical Studies (TIPS), to give us an introduction and overview of her work and what is done in her facility.

At 8:15 a.m., Mr. Blair started the business meeting by introducing our new members. They included:

- Creed Ford, III – not present
- Dan Haile – not present
- Joshua Kaylor
- Brian McCuistion – not present
- Christopher Narayanan
- Craig Rotter – not present
- Leroy Startz

Next, Mr. Blair awarded new members their membership plaques who were previously announced, but not in attendance at the Spring meeting. They included:
Chris Breedlove
Hunter Goodwin
Louie Sullins

He also introduced Jim Davis. Mr. Davis is a former member who reengaged the Council.

Next, Chairman Blair called for a motion to approve the Spring ‘13 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Zay Gilbreath and seconded by Gary Richardson and approved by voice vote.

After the minutes were approved, Mr. Blair announced that we had 4 new COADC Endowments:

1. Skinner Scholarship – COADC James B. Skinner Memorial Scholarship in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
2. Boleman scholarships – COADC Pat and Larry Boleman ’68 Family Scholarship and COADC Pat and Larry Boleman ’68 Scholarship in the department of Animal Science in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
4. Haile Scholarship – COADC Dan T. Haile ’96 Scholarship in the department of Agricultural Economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Chairman Blair called on Allison Smith to provide the 2013 financial update and present the proposed 2014 budget for approval. A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Stephen Cooper and seconded by Larry Dooley, and approved by voice vote.

Chairman Blair then provided a membership update including the news that membership is up from 126 to 136 since the spring meeting. At this point, 60 members have not paid 2013 dues, however they are not due until December 2013. 5 members have not paid 2012 and 2013 dues should they not pay at least one of these years, they will be dropped on January 1, 2014; 3 members were dropped in January 2013 for non-payment; no members have resigned this year.

At 9:00 a.m., Trace Blair called on Dr. Mark Hussey to address the group and share news from the college. Dr. Hussey started by telling the group that there are 58,809 students in the Texas A&M University System with 53,672 of these students on campus in College Station. Our freshman class is the largest ever and we continue to compete with the likes of Harvard and Columbia. We continue to have a large portion of our incoming freshman students, just over 25%, are the first generation in their families to attend college.

Dr. Hussey also spoke about the new west campus dormitory, which will house 1800 students by 2015 and 4000 students by 2016. It is located across from the Vet School and west of the AGLS buildings on the site where the fruit tree orchards were located.

He informed us that the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences as a whole, is not at capacity, but certain majors are filled. We are not currently restricting students, but said around 9000 students would be capacity.
Next, Dr. Hussey talked about the college’s Grand Challenges, Blue Bell lecture series, the Gardens and Greenways project, study abroad, ACE Day, and college tailgate t-shirts. Finally, Dr. Hussey talked about his recent trip to Africa. He was in Africa helping the Borlaug Institute.

Next, Trace Blair introduced Kevin Hurley, Associate Athletic Director in charge of the Kyle Field Redevelopment. Mr. Hurley started by talking to the group about what was going to happen in each phase of the redevelopment of Kyle Field and the timeline for each. In phase one, the North end stair tower would come down, demolition of G Rollie White and Reed Building. After the last 2013 home football game ends, the demolition of the field, first deck on the East side, and the Netum Steed building will take place. South end stair tower, South end 12th Man Productions TV video boards, North end facade and infill, and Press Box move and canopies. Phase two will be after the 2014 season and will involve the west stands implosion and new construction and the North end plaza reconfiguration.

During the construction, there will be 1900 men working at peak times, 20 hours a day. For the 2014 season, seating capacity for the stadium will be 109,000- actually more than the completed renovation in 2015. There will be 144 suites and multiple club levels. The finished Kyle Field will seat 102,512 in 2015.

At 10:30 a.m., Mr. Blair introduced Dr. David Forrest. Dr. Forrest is the Associate Department Head for Animal Science and the advisor for the National Champion American Society of Animal Science Academic Quadrathlon Team. Following remarks about the team, Dr. Forrest introduced his team and Mr. Blair picked members from the audience to compete against them. Our COADC members (Jay Gray, Casey Bradshaw, Bill Scott, Todd Smith) competed to the very end, but lost in the last seconds of the game!

At 11:00 a.m., Mr. Blair introduced Dr. Don Sullins. Dr. Sullins is the retired Vice President of ADM Milling Co. He spoke about his time at TAMU and his early career. He first took a job with Frito Lay developing crackers. After six months, he started working on cookies, as well as developed Sun Chips and Chester Cheetah Paws. After a move to purchasing, Frito Lay downsized and Dr. Sullins was laid off. Following Frito Lay, he went to work for United Foods and vegetables. He said he knew nothing about vegetables and was eventually laid off from there as well! It was then that he went ADM Milling Co. ADM Milling Co. has 50 flour mills scattered around the world and are the largest millers in the world.

Dr. Sullins talked to us about changes in the food industry. Research is much faster now. Foods have changed and eating habits have changed. He has worked on the regulatory side of things with the FDA. During the government shutdown, when the FDA reopened there were 17 recalls.

At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Blair introduced Dr. Jim Heird, Executive Professor and head of the Texas A&M Equine Initiative.

Following Dr. Heird, Mr. Blair announced that the dates for the spring meeting have not been determined, but as soon as they are, we will notify everyone. He did mention that COADC
would not be going to Houston during the rodeo for the spring meeting as we had the past two years. Mr. Blair announced that lunch was being held at C&J BBQ in Bryan, and that dinner would be at Miramont Country Club.

At 12:00 p.m. Mr. Trace Blair called for a motion to adjourn. Gary Richardson made the motion to adjourn, seconded by L.G. Raun and then voted on unanimously by the Council.


Respectfully submitted,

Brandy Douglass