College of Agriculture Development Council  
2014 Spring Semi-Annual Business Meeting  

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College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Representatives/COADC Guests: Cady Auckerman, Gary Ellis, Angel Futrell, Torii Kapavik, Mickey Lenamon, Dan Lineberger, Darin Paine, David Reed, Jon Rigelsky, Alan Sams, Steve Searcy, Shay Simpson, and Jordan Symon.

Call to order: Chairman Trace Blair called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m., welcoming members and guests. Mr. Blair asked Walt Richburg for an opening prayer.

At 8:10 a.m., Chairman Blair introduced Dr. Hussey, interim president of Texas A&M University. Dr. Hussey updated the council on his time as interim president, which included updates from the president’s office. He noted that the university’s admissions numbers are up 32% from previous years. The university will also adapt an allotted ticket system for the larger colleges at graduation. Within the next two years, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will likely be required to have ticket allotments. Dr. Hussey left the council with his expectation that he would likely be returning as Vice Chancellor and Dean at the beginning of next year at the earliest, but that the search for the next university president is well underway.

At 8:25, Chairman Blair introduced Dr. Dugas, acting Vice Chancellor and dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He presented an update on the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He talked about changes in the Vice Chancellor’s office and his change of roles. He introduced Alan Sams, Kim Dooley, and David Reed from the college. He introduced department heads: Dr. Baltensperger, Dr. Reinhart, and Dr. Ellis. He introduced Steve Blomstedt, Cara Milligan, Darin Paine, and Patrick Williams from the Texas A&M Foundation. He then introduced Cady Auckerman, Angel Futrell, Amy King, Michaela Muck and Jordan Symon. His presentation included college highlights, Grand Challenges, departmental updates, development office updates, facilities, new employee, Rick Mertens, in D.C. After his presentation, he called for questions. After questions, he thanked the council.

At 8:55, Chairman Blair introduced Lt. Gen. Joe Weber. Gen. Weber talked briefly about things he looked for in a Commandant for the Corps of Cadets – growth, facilities, and leadership. He then introduced the next speaker, Gen. Joe Ramirez, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets. Gen. Ramirez talked about his transition into Commandant and his role in the Corps. He spoke about leadership within the Corps and how things are changing. He talked about the GPA requirements in the military and other civilian companies. He spoke about how we are now a global economy
and technology focused. He said that 36% of college graduates do not have jobs. He then talked about the Corps’ 2.9 GPA and his goal of reaching an average 3.0 GPA. Next, he talked about the growth in the Corps. At the start of this school year, the Corps is the largest it’s been 40 years and it’s getting bigger. He spoke about the resources that he would need to help support the growing Corps. Recent accomplishments include Texas A&M being named the third best military school in USA. He then talked about reactivating deactivated outfits and how impactful it was. Next, he spoke about sending cadets abroad and how important different perspectives on the world are. He then spoke about the Hollingsworth Leadership Excellence Program that expands opportunities for cadets in the business and public service industry. Next, he talked about the Quad and the importance of recent and future renovations. He spoke about important leaders and the seven Medal of Honors that came from the Corps. He talked about producing great citizens from the Corps. He then talked about how he decided to come to Texas A&M and his time in the military. He ended his presentation with a story about how strong the Aggie network is.

At 9:50, Chairman Blair introduced Patrick Williams. Patrick then introduced Mr. Will Hurd, student body president during the ’99 bonfire collapse. Will Hurd spoke about crisis leadership as Student Body President during the ’99 bonfire collapse. He spoke about his time in the CIA and the crisis that he has had to deal with. He talked about his journey to Texas A&M and his experiences with bonfire. He then spoke about the night the stack fell. He talked about how he got students involved in helping with the fall. He then spoke about the time period between the fall and the University of Texas game. He talked about how the fall impacted him as a student. He spoke about his interview on national television. He talked about the aftermath of the collapse.

At 10:07, Chairman Blair then presented Brandy Douglass and thanked her for her service. He then dismissed the members for a short break.

At 10:31, Chairman Blair called the meeting back to session. He then introduced the National Champion RPTS Quiz Bowl Team.

At 10:55, Dr. Dugas introduced Shay Simpson, Associate Program Director, Corporate Relations/Bioenergy Program, Texas A&M AgriLife Research. Shay’s presentation was about developing strategic relationships with major corporations for Texas A&M AgriLife. She spoke about the power of agriculture research. Research uses the 14 departments within the college, 13 research centers, 10 research stations and 500 scientists. She spoke about the importance of corporate outreach. She talked about why IP is important. She explained opportunities for corporations and research scientists. She talked about their corporate approach and building long-term relationships. She spoke about guiding principles that drive AgriLife. She then talked about their “secret recipe” for success.

At 11:17 a.m., Chairman Blair started the business meeting by introducing our new members. Each member that received a plaque spoke a bit about themselves. They included:

- Brandy Douglass – present, but left before presentation
Next, Mr. Blair awarded new members their membership plaques who were previously announced, but not in attendance at the Fall meeting. They included:

- Craig Rotter – plaque presented

Next, Chairman Blair called for a motion to approve the Fall ‘13 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Larry Dooley and seconded by Craig Rotter and approved by voice vote.

After the minutes were approved, Chairman Blair introduced Meredith Neely to announce the recipients of the student organization grant proposal program. She explained how the program worked. We allocated $5,500 to award to student organizations. There was an opportunity to award 11 organizations money and we received 23 proposals. The program has been growing each year. The following were the organizations that received $500:

- Livestock Judging Team
- Agricultural Economics Society
- Farmers Fight
- Range Club
- Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow
- Agricultural Economics Aggie Reps
- Aggie Pullers
- Aggie Turf Club
- Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication Aggie Reps
- Undergraduate Entomology Student Organization
- National Association of Environmental Professionals

Chairman Blair then gave the membership update. He said that membership is up from 134 to 135 since the Fall meeting. At this point, 17 members have not paid 2013 dues. 2 members have not paid 2012 and 2013 dues. If they do not pay at least one of these years, they will be dropped on January 1, 2015. 3 members were dropped in January 2014 for non-payment. 1 member resigned this year.

He then announced that the Fall 2014 meeting is set for October 9-11, 2014. The college tailgate is set for October 11, 2014 for the A&M vs. Ole Miss game at the Agriculture and Life Sciences building.

Chairman Blair then explained how the rest of the day would work.
Chairman Blair called on Allison Smith to provide the 2014 financial update. Jay Gray motioned that the student organization program create a proposal to increase the allocated money for the program. Patrick Williams seconded. The motion passes with a voice vote.

Larry Dooley called for an update on Brandy’s replacement. Dr. Dugas explained the position and how the VC office restructured the position in her absence. He updated the council on their search for a replacement. They are in the process of interviewing 2 to 3 candidates.

Patrick Williams presented a request from the Academic Quadrathalon Team from the department of animal science for funds to travel to the national contest. The team is still in need of $1,500. Ed Erwin made a motion that the Council would donate $500 from Brandy’s unused salary contingent on the department of animal science and the dean’s office both matching with $500 each. Dr. Alan Sams spoke on behalf of the department of animal science that they would match the $500 and Dr. Bill Dugas spoke on behalf of the Dean’s Office that they would match the $500. The motion was seconded by Ed Rister and approved by voice vote.

At 12:05 p.m., Mr. Jonathan Tanguay, director of performance nutrition, addressed the council on behalf of the R. C. Slocum Nutrition Center. Jonathon briefed the council on the operations of the nutrition center, as well as, the importance of nutrition to student athletes.

At 12:15 p.m., Mr. Raymond Harrison, senior associate athletics director, spoke to the council about the student-athlete services division of the athletic department. He emphasized the academic priorities of the department, life skills training, and community outreach.

At 12:30 p.m. Todd Smith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by James Decker and then voted on unanimously by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Angel Futrell