International Advisory Board

Fall 2012 Meeting
October 16-18, 2012
Passing of Patsy Nichols

Remembering
Patsy Nichols

Board Member, Leader
Texas A&M Advocate
& Friend
Welcome
Herb Goodman, Chair

University Update
R. Bowen Loftin, President
TAMU Headlines

• Chancellor Announces Mergers & Acquisitions
  – Texas Wesleyan University Law School
  – Health Science Center

• 23 Aggies & 2 Coaches Compete in Olympics,
  – representing 15 Countries
  – 4 Medals
    3 Gold
    Jeneba Tarmoh USA Track & Field, Womens 4X100 Relay
    Demetrius Pinder Bahamas Track & Field, Mens 4X400 Relay
    Breeja Larson USA Swimming, Womens 4X100 Medley
    1 Bronze
    Deon Lendore Trinidad & Tobago, Mens 4X400 Relay
TAMU Headlines

- Chancellor Announces $100 M over next 3 years in one-time faculty startup funds
- Dr. Elsa Murano named Interim Director of Borlaug Institute
- TAMU-Q Graduates 300\textsuperscript{th} student, TAMU total graduates for 2011-2012 totals 11,932.
- Fred McClure ’76 named Executive Director George H.W. Bush Library Foundation

- Record Enrollment, 53,312 includes all three campus
  - Firsts: Over 10,000 Graduate Students,
  - Over 5,000 International (125 Countries)
TAMU Headlines

- Texas A&M kickoffs SEC participation
- Dr. Matthews submits SACS Site Visit Response, SACS reaffirmation expected December 2012
- 1900+ participate in Honors & Undergraduate Research Community of Scholars Event
  - Captain Jim Lovell, Apollo 13 Commander
- Provost & Dean of Agriculture & Life Sciences, host direct descendants of Senator Justin Morrill and former students
  - Bill ’72 & Freddie ’78 Morrill
- Vice President for Research, Jeff Seemann Resigns
  - Dr. Terry Fossum, VetMd named interim
Global Presence & Outreach Update

Chad Wootton
&
Linda Edwards
Public Partnership & Outreach Updates

- Senior World Passport Program
  - Kim Fox

Senior citizens in College Station/Bryan have the opportunity to travel the world without leaving the Brazos Valley. The Senior World Passport Program, co-sponsored by the City of College Station Parks and Recreation Department and Office of the Provost, covers government, geography, culture, education, and technology.

**NEED:** Program Sponsors, Guest Speakers

- Teaching About Global Sustainability
  - Dr. Martha Green & Dave Wilton, Director, *Facing the Future*

Workshop designed to engage teachers in hands on, interactive learning to assist them to utilize standards-based curriculum resources in global sustainability. Teachers receive copy of curriculum guide and training on developing students critical thinking.

**NEED:** Program Sponsors to offset curriculum costs for Teachers
Upcoming Partnership & Outreach Activities

- **Brazos Valley Worldfest**  November 9-10\textsuperscript{th}
  International cultural fair featuring student, faculty and community groups representing over 65 countries. In partnership with City of College Station, Chamber of Commerce and Texas A&M event has grown each year, including over 10000 visitors last year.

  **NEED:** Potential exhibitors, participants and sponsorship connections

- **Transatlantic Science Week 2012**  November 12-16th
  Norway Consulate sponsored collaboration to stimulate scientific research, technology and innovation. 24 Participants will visit TAMU-OTRC and Coastal Lab at invitation of Norway Consulate and Ministers.

  **NEED:** Identify Norwegian business connections to strengthen relationship
Brazos Valley Worldfest 2012
Friday, November 9, 6-8 p.m.
Saturday, November 10, 10a.m.-5 p.m.
Benefits to the Community

• Give departments and student organizations outreach opportunity
• Promote international awareness and create a more welcoming environment
• Increase tourism and publicity of College Station
• Connect university and the community with school districts through educational programs
• Expose community to little-known cultures
Challenges for 2012

- The Economy caught up with us
  - Decreased Sponsor support for 2012
  - Staying within our budget has caused cuts
  - Charging Culture Displays for electricity

- Competing with SEC and Alabama football game

- Inconsistent volunteer pool

- We can use your help!
Public Partnership & Outreach Update

- Local Action: Global Impact December 5th
  A Global Issues Conference for Students Grades 6, 7, & 8. Students and Teachers work together in advance of the conference to present an environmental sustainability project. Conference includes speakers and hands on learning in project focus area. At the conference student present projects as research poster session, they are reviewed and awarded recognition.

  NEED: Poster Reviewers and Student interaction

- Jovenes Arquitectos De Espana Exhibit Nov 6- Dec 10
  Exhibition of architectural excellence found in Spanish Architects under the age of 40. College of Architecture, International Faculty & Scholars Network and Public Partnership & Outreach hosting.

  NEED: IAB Invited to Nov. 6th Lecture, Bring a friend!
Public Partnership & Outreach Update

- Engineering Leaders: World Congress on Engineering Education
  - January 2013
  - TAMUQ - Dr. Mark Weichold, Dr. Hamid Parsaei
  - Dr. Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Thani, President Hamad Bin Khalifa University

- The World Congress on Engineering Education was created to bring together engineering educators from around the region and globe to promote and exchange ideas and discuss their experience in instructional excellence, engineering education research, entrepreneurism, new models for collaborative engineering education, and leadership. The congress is also intended to serve as a forum to encourage the involvement of corporate decision makers, as well as public policy makers, to convey their opinion regarding the needs and type of theoretical and practical hands-on trainings the modern engineering graduate is expected to possess.

NEED: If interested in attending, conference information at http://engineeringleaders.org/
Public Partnership & Outreach Update

- US State Department Grant Program- Summer 2013
  - Institutes for European Student Leaders
  - Bobby Bisor, Linda Edwards & Dr. Guy Whitten

Grant Program of US Department of State for universities to host 5 Week cultural exchange institutes for European undergraduate and recent high school graduates. Two cooperative agreements to be awarded, $200,000 each.

Texas A&M Proposal includes academic and cultural experience. Proposal submitted, awaiting review and announcement.

NEED: Should TAMU be selected: Funding/In Kind support for Texas cultural experience for participants. Guest Speakers.
First Year Seminars

Apply seminar-style teaching and high-impact practices in a setting that is focused around an academic topic and addresses a first-year learning outcome.
First Year Seminars

- 50 sections, each a different topic
- No more than 20 students in each section
- Taught by faculty and professional staff
- Limited to first-semester freshmen
- Fall 2011 enrollment = 735
First Year Seminars

The purpose of the program is to provide first-semester freshmen with a small class experience and a connection with a member of the faculty.

Fall of 2011 we also looked at students’ experiences with critical thinking
First Year Seminars

End of Experience Survey of Students’ Experiences in their FYS:

– Intellectually challenged: 70%
– Communicate more effectively: 83%
– Demonstrate critical thinking: 78%
First Year Seminars

“By listening to others ideas and opinions during class discussions I was able to form my own opinions on unfamiliar topics and reaffirm my opinions on known topics.”

“We were presented with topics I had never heard of before and some complex concepts that we worked through and required stretching our way of thinking.”
First Year Seminars

Program History

- 2011 was the 4th year of the program and the largest number of sections taught
- Freshmen who enrolled in a FYS end their first year with a higher GPA than freshmen who do not enroll in a FYS
- Fall of 2012 has 35 FYS, College of Liberal Arts is offering own, similar program for majors
First Year Seminars

FYS with International/Global Focus

• Going Global
• Raising Your Cultural IQ
• The World in Six Drinks
• Finding Facebook Friends in China
• Celtic Traditional Music
• Enrique’s Journey
• Economics of Food
• Global Citizenship and Service
• History & Culture of Berlin Wall (included a trip to Berlin)
• Global Health Issues
Raising Your Cultural IQ

• To help the student be able to identify their own culture
• To help the student be able to articulate (verbally and in writing) how their culture differs from others
• To help the student understand how culture influences behavior
• To help the student be able to identify some verbal and non-verbal communication elements that may differ across cultures.
Raising Your Cultural IQ

• To help the student be able to identify cultural values that impact communication processes.
• To help the student apply skills he or she has learned to case studies and real cross-cultural situations they may encounter.
• To help the student develop an appreciation for other cultures.
• To help the student foster a deeper awareness of several forms of cultural diversity.
Raising Your Cultural IQ

- The film *Hidalgo* beautifully ties together two very different cultures to show the adversity of a foreigner through life and death situations. Using the findings of Storti, Lewis, and Hofstede as well as my experience in class helped me to better understand and appreciate the two cultures I was seeing instead of just making assumptions about a culture that is not similar to my own.
Slumdog Millionaire was a movie that I really enjoyed watching, and it proved to be full of cultural values that have been discussed in class. This movie helped me to connect what we were taught in class, and I caught myself pointing out the values without actually having to look for them. This assignment made a lasting impression on me because I was able to connect what I have learned instead of merely just reading about it in the textbook.
Raising Your Cultural IQ

Overall, *The Gods Must be Crazy* was a good example of what we have learned in class so far. It was really interesting to put the concepts we learned in class to actual people. I had seen this movie a very long time ago and definitely better understand now why there is miscommunication between the characters.
Raising Your Cultural IQ

The concepts I learned in class have truly opened my eyes to see the world around me. The importance of being aware of differences in culture has made me more appreciative and respectful of others. If I had watched *Tortilla Soup* three months ago it would have been just another movie. Now, however, I’ve learned to appreciate it at a much deeper level.
Greetings from Abroad
International Advisory Board

Former International Students & Former Students Abroad Update
Chad Wootton

International Student Association Update
Brijesh Anjira
2012 President
Where Our Former Students Are

- **BRICS**
  - Brazil 113
  - Russia 44
  - India 1309
  - China 537

- **Neighbors**
  - Mexico 597
  - Canada 372
  - Costa Rica 102

- **Others**
  - South Korea 765
  - Taiwan 430
  - Indonesia 295
  - Qatar 271
  - Thailand 269

- **Former International Students**
  - 9,233

- **Former Students Abroad**
  - 12,897
IAB Initiative:
Former Student International Connection

- Letters from Texas A&M & Association of Former Students
  - Former International Students
    - General Greeting
    - ISA Update
    - International Student Week – April 2013
    - ReConnect
  - Former Students Abroad
    - General Greeting
    - Update by distance
    - Global Program Support Update, Study Abroad, Intl Agreements
    - Particular International Internship Support Request
    - ReConnect
IAB Initiative:
Former Student International Connection

• IAB Role
  • Letters
    • Response Review
  • Outstanding International Alumnus Nominations
    • Names and Recommendations to Deans
  • Speak at an International A&M Club
    • Prepared Packet, AFS make Connection with Intl Club
    • Let us know your willingness, and forewarn us of travel planning
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International Student Association
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2012 President
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Lunch Break
Zachry Room

International Student Association
&
International Presidents Council
Texas A&M Global Program Support
Update
Dr. Pam Matthews
Dr. Chris Houser
Dr. Randy Kluver
Dr. Suzanne Droeskey
Dr. Jane Flaherty
Texas A&M Global Program Support

Highlights

Dr. Randy Kluver

- Corps of Cadets International Initiatives –
  - Brigadier General (RET), Joe Ramirez, Commandant
- ROTC Project GO
  - Colonel Paul Timoney, USMC
- Communication Abroad
  - Dr. Josh Barbour, Assistant Professor, Communication
- New International Studies Department
  - Dr. Robert Shandley, Professor & Head, International Studies
International Advisory Board

Day 1 Wrap Up

International Board Reception & Dinner
Celebrating 20 Years of Service

Miramont Country Club
Get A Map!
International Advisory Board

- Membership Review
  - January 2011: Invitation - Dr. Loftin & Dr. Watson
  - Spring 2011: Responses & Re-engagement
  - September 2011: Survey of Members
    - Executive Committee
    - Terms
    - New Member Nominations
    - Emeritus
  - Spring 2012: Board Review & Recommendation
  - Early Summer 2012: Reviewed by Deans & Provost
  - By June 21st: Invites
  - Fall 2012: Recognition of Emeritus Members
    Appointment of Executive Committee
International Advisory Board

• New Member Nominations
  – Representing a diversity of experiences, perspectives and regional network of relationships
  – Initial 3 year term (renewable at University and member discretion)

2012 Nominees

☐ B.R. Adams
☐ John Bethancourt
☐ George Donnelly
☐ Kim Soltis Hammer
☐ Azmi Al-Said Khreisat
☐ Keith Manning
☐ David Mebane
☐ Manolo Zuniga

☐ Rachel Ehlers
☐ Bruce Nichols
What’s New at TAMU Tours

New Large Animal Clinic
College of Veterinary Medicine
& Biomedical Sciences

Memorial Student Center
Adjourn

Safe Travels!