

MINUTES

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

HELD IN

GALVESTON, TEXAS

January 30, 2014

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Chairman Phil Adams convened a special workshop meeting of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at 5:47 p.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014, in Room 107, Physical Education Facility, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Galveston, Texas. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Phil Adams, Chairman
Mr. Cliff Thomas, Vice Chairman
Mr. Anthony Buzbee
Ms. Elaine Mendoza
Ms. Judy Morgan
Mr. Charles Schwartz
Mr. Jim Schwertner
Mr. Nicholas Madere (Student Regent)

The following members of the Board were not present:

Mr. Morris Foster
Mr. John D. White

Chairman Adams announced that a quorum was present and said this Board workshop would include reports on key system initiatives and a presentation by and discussion with Dr. Richard Chait, Professor Emeritus, Harvard Graduate School of Education. He said no Board action would be taken.

Chancellor John Sharp introduced the key initiatives to be discussed. Dr. Flavius Killebrew, President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, provided a brief report on the University's Lone Star Unmanned Aircraft Systems Center of Excellence and Innovation. Dr. Jon Mogford, Vice Chancellor for Research, presented an update on the Chancellor's Research Initiative and the Texas A&M University Institute for Advanced Study. Mr. Phillip Ray, Chief Business Development Officer, provided a brief update on outsourcing at the System campuses and the Kyle Field redevelopment project. Dr. Guy Diedrich, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, presented an update on a potential Texas A&M branch campus in Israel, the 6th Biennial China-U.S. Relations Conference and an Information Technology security initiative.

Chairman Adams introduced Dr. Chait who led a group discussion regarding the development of a Board work plan that would identify strategic issues to be considered at future Board meetings. It was pointed out that some issues may be short term; others may be long term. Some may be strategic and others may be fiduciary. The common denominator must be that the issues are all of utmost importance. The following priorities were discussed: long-term plan for the System, funding strategy, expansion of teaching facilities, changing the culture, increased productivity, quality of teaching, consistent approach to decision-making, and the impact of technology on higher education including on-line learning.

ADJOURN

Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m., the same day.

Vickie Burt Spillers
Executive Director, Board of Regents