

*Sent on behalf of Dr. Bowen Loftin*

January 13, 2010

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Texas A&M Faculty, Staff, and Students

**SUBJECT:** Reconstituted Council on Climate and Diversity

The Council on Climate and Diversity was first formed and charged in 2007 to provide counsel to the President and the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academics on methods of attracting and retaining culturally diverse students, faculty, and staff to Texas A&M University and to strengthen, sustain, and promote our diversity efforts in support of our Vision 2020 goals. The Council will maintain this charge with an additional directive to assist the Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity in planning appropriate assessment and evaluation of all university units regarding diversity-related endeavors.

I am pleased that Dr. Eleanor Green, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, has agreed to chair this group, which I charged in December of 2009.

The following faculty, staff, administrators, and students—selected in close consultation with a number of individuals and organizations across the university—have agreed to serve on the reconstituted Council:

- Feyza Berber, Chair, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs, Graduate Student Council
- Jorge Bermudez, Chair-elect, Board of Directors, The Association of Former Students
- Dr. Ginger Carney, Faculty Representative
- Dr. Antonio Cepeda-Benito, Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost
- Tedi Ellison, Immediate Past Chair, Bryan College Station Chamber of Commerce
- Dean Endler, Chair, University Staff Council
- Ramiro Galindo, Community Representative, Chairman and CEO, R.A. Galindo, Incorporated
- Linda Gilbert, Community Representative
- Herbert I. Goodman, Chair, International Board Executive Committee
- Lance Jackson, Community Representative and Center Supervisor, Lincoln Center
- Ronnie Jackson, Neighborhood/Youth Services Manager, City of Bryan
- Carol Jordan, President, Women Former Students' Network
- Dr. Glen Laine, Chair, Department Head Steering Committee
- Francisco Maldonado, President, Texas A&M Hispanic Network
- Dr. M. Sam Mannan, Chair, Faculty Senate Diversity Committee

- Kathy Merrill, Assistant City Manager, City of College Station
- Nick Rodriguez, Executive Director, Hispanic President's Council
- Dr. Felicia Scott, Chair, Black Former Student Network
- Meet Shah, Director, Student Government Association Diversity Commission
- Dr. Vinod Srinivasan, Faculty Representative
- Masha Sukovic, Graduate Student Representative
- Kathy Symank, Associate Vice President for Administrative and Human Resource Services
- Joel Thornton, Faculty Representative
- Dr. Jorge Vanegas, Dean, College of Architecture
- Lt. General Joe Weber, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Thomas Wendell Williams III, Undergraduate Student Representative
- Jim Woosley, Faculty Representative

I thank the members for agreeing to serve on this important Council and for their commitment to ensuring that our campus is a welcoming place for all.

I also extend sincere appreciation to the outgoing Council members for their contributions and efforts as inaugural members.

(signed)

R. Bowen Loftin  
Interim President