Advisory Council members present included:
Mr. Fields Alexander  Mr. Gordon Appleman  Mr. Michael Appleman
Mr. Stephen Ballantyne  Mrs. Ann Brinkerhoff  Mr. Coby Chase
Mr. James F. Cook  Ms. Christi Craddick  Mr. Robert B. Dupree
Mr. Robert Egan  Ms. Mary Ann Frishman  Mr. Lawrence Germer
Mr. Julius Glickman  Mrs. Judye Hartman  Mr. Jeff Hayes
Mr. Dee Kelly, Jr.  Mrs. Patricia Kelso  Ms. Suzon Kemp
Mrs. Whitney Lancaster  Mr. Ryan Latham  Mrs. Mary Jo Loyd
Mrs. LaVonne Mason  Mr. Charles Matthews  Mr. Brian McLaughlin
Dr. Max Miller  Dr. Mildred “Mimi” Miran  Mr. Luke Musselman
Mrs. Jeane Pendery  Mr. Bob Phaneuf  Mr. Russell Post
Mrs. Lisa Ramirez  Mrs. Frances Ramsey  Mr. Bill Reynolds
Mr. Harry Roberts, Jr.  Mrs. Nancy Beth Roberts  Mrs. Louan Rogers
Mr. David Smith, Sr.  Mrs. Sandra Snyder  Mr. Stuart Stedman
Mrs. Louann Temple  Mr. John P. Thompson, Jr.  Mrs. Carolyn Townsend
Mr. Peyton Townsend  Mrs. Allison Wagner  Mr. Tom Ward
Mrs. Marilyn White

Those Advisory Council members absent included:
Mr. Mote Baird  Mr. David Q. Bates  Mrs. Peggy Beckham
Mrs. Ann Biggs  Mr. Gary Bushell  Mr. Stephen R. Butter, Jr.
Mrs. Cindy Carter  Mr. Stephen Coats  Ms. Christina Melton Crain
Mrs. Shirley Dannenbaum  Mr. Bill Davidson  Ms. Clarice Davis
Mrs. Maureen Decherd  Mr. Paul DeCleva, Jr.  Thomas R. Delatour, Jr.
Mrs. Becky Baskin Ferguson  Mr. Jerry Grammer  Dr. Claire Holshouser
Mr. Jerry Hughes  Mr. Robert Hunter  Mr. Lenoir M. Josey II
Mr. John C. Kerr  Mrs. Shirley F. Kline  Dr. Sue Ellen Knolle
Dr. William Livingston  Mr. Patrick Lutts  Mr. James McBride
Mrs. Tara McCown  Dr. Melinda McFarland  Mr. Kent McGaughy
Mr. Richard McMillan II  Mrs. Annie Holand Miller  Mrs. Sylvia Miller
Ms. Katherine Mize  Mr. Dudley Oldham  Mr. Robert Patton
Mr. Daniel Prescott  Mrs. Emmy Lou Prescott  Ms. Courtney Rau
Ms. Amy Abbey Robinson  Mrs. Terry Smith  Mr. Will Snyder
Mrs. Helen Spear  Mrs. Linda Ryan Thomas  Mr. Darryl Traweek
Dr. Richard Vigness  Mr. Patrick Walker  Mrs. Carol White

Also present were:
Dr. Kathleen Aronson  Dr. H.W. Brands  Ms. Morgan Caridi
Dr. Randy Diehl  Mr. Jeff Glosser  Ms. AnaAlicia Gonzalez
Dr. Choquette Hamilton  Mr. Josh Lodolo  Ms. Celeste Mendoza
Chair Glickman called the meeting to order at 9:04AM. He welcomed members and asked them to review the minutes from the Fall 2012 meeting. Gordon Appleman motioned to approve the minutes. Judy Hartman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Chair Glickman introduced Michael Appleman to give the Nominating Committee Report. The committee put forward Fields Alexander to serve as Chair and Allison Wagner to serve at Vice-Chair for the 2013-2014 year. Mr. Appleman called for a motion to approve the nominees. Harry Lee Hudspeth seconded the motion. The nominees were approved.

Chair Glickman introduced Gordon Appleman to give the Membership Committee Report. The committee put forward three new members to serve three-year terms beginning in the fall of 2013: Steve Baron, Mary Jane Edwards and Aaron Simpson. Mr. Appleman called for a motion to approve the new members, Mr. Peyton Townsend seconded the motion. All new members were approved.

Chair Glickman introduced Dr. Paul Woodruff. Dr. Woodruff is a professor in the Department of Philosophy, former Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies and former director of the Plan II Honors Program. Dr. Woodruff presented on ethics and leadership both topics of his upcoming book Garden of Leaders. Dr. Woodruff discussed the origins and definitions of leadership, emphasizing the importance of freedom in higher learning institutions in fostering growth and emerging leaders. He highlighted experiences from his liberal arts course titled Discovery of Freedom where students reflect on strong examples of leadership in their lives, both successful and failed. He emphasized the importance of team learning, communication and empathy as elements of leadership that must be focused on in a liberal arts education, and the need for constructive participation outside of the classroom. Dr. Woodruff announced that the Human Dimensions of Organizations (HDO) Program would be inaugurating their first cohort in August. This is an MA program that is designed to provide a liberal arts education for those going into the business or management world. He closed his discussion by asking the Council to share their experiences with leadership development while enrolled at the college.

Chair Glickman introduced Dean Randy Diehl to give a college update. Dean Diehl presented an award to Ms. Beth Norris, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, for her service to the college, and announced that she would be leaving the Development Office in July.

- Advisory Council update
  - Dean Diehl announced that breakout sessions would be regularly scheduled for each Fall Advisory Council meeting, following the success from the Fall 2012 meeting.
  - Breakout session results:
    - The college is regularly responding to comments via communication with the alumni group and at Advisory Council meetings.
    - Monthly media highlights are regularly sent to Council members. Selected highlights include research and scholarship that is exceptionally covered by local and national media.
    - The mission statement of the Advisory Council has been organized into a one-pager. The college plans to create more one-pagers about the college, departments, and centers to help our advocates better communicate to their communities.

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• An Advisory Council New Member Program will begin in the upcoming summer that includes 3 steps:
  1. Personal visits from Dean Diehl before new members join in the fall.
  2. The Advisory Council will coordinate efforts to organize group events in order to introduce new members within their communities.
  3. A reception will be held before the Fall Advisory Council Dinner to introduce new members in an intimate setting.

• UT Austin Medical School Update
  o The college will play a significant role in the design of the curriculum and set forth proposals to the Medical School Steering Committee which includes Co-Chair Sue Cox, UT Southwestern Regional Dean, and Co-Chair Bob Messing, UT Vice Provost for Biomedical Sciences. Associate Dean Marc Musick has been appointed as the liaison for the medical school, given his background as a medical sociologist. The college aims to enhance the medical curriculum with its cutting-edge research on psychological issues, mental health, and neuro-imaging, creating a unique opportunity for the University to make truly innovative curricula. Liberal Arts faculty have proposed cross-section courses including anatomy, medical history, medical ethics, and social medicine.

• Four-Year Graduation Rates
  o President Bill Powers has made two key recommendations to improve graduation rates. He appointed the College of Natural Sciences Dean David Laude as the Senior Vice Provost of Enrollment and Graduation Management, and approved a large budget to create strategies for graduation rate improvement.
  o The second recommendation fundamentally transforms the New Student Orientation. Following results from the Graduation Rate Task Force, the most significant predictor of graduation rates was success in the first semester and first year. To prepare incoming students for first year success, Associate Dean Musick transformed the New Student Orientation, improving the quality, and fostering earlier student advisor meetings at the beginning of the semester. In addition, newly improved signature courses have been praised as highly engaging and effective.

• Legislature Update
  o UT and President Powers have received unanimous support from the Legislature, forcing the Board of Regents to change important aspects of their agenda.
    ▪ Dean Diehl recognized several key Texas legislators including Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, Speaker of the House Joe Straus, Higher Education Committee Chair Dan Branch, Higher Education Committee Vice Chair Diane Patrick, and House Appropriations Chair Jim Pitts for their support of the University. He urged the Council to thank these individuals and reach out to them for future support.
    ▪ The Legislature will restore 50-70% of the budget cuts from the last biennial resulting in $30 - $45 million per year returning to the University.
    ▪ Fisher v. University of Texas
      • Under Texas Senate Bill 175, passed in 2009, the University is allowed to cap the number of Texas students automatically admitted at 75% of the in-state class. If the University loses the Supreme Court case, the University will revert back to the previous 1997 Texas Top 10 Percent Law, which would include nearly the entire incoming freshman class, virtually barring any students who are not in the top 10% of their high school graduating class to gain admission to the University.

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• If the Texas Top 10 Percent Law is reinstated, the leadership of the Higher Education Committee would be strongly inclined to ease the burden of the transition by postponing automatic changes.

• Dean Diehl presented an award to Chair Glickman in recognition of his service as council chair over the past year.

Chair Glickman introduced Morgan Caridi, the Liberal Arts Student Council President. Ms. Caridi gave a year in review of the council’s activities including their increased outreach events associated with Orientation, Gone to Texas and Liberal Arts Week. In the fall they were heavily focused on the Presidential election and help several forums as well as registered over 200 students to vote. During the spring they held several fundraisers for the victims of Hurricane Sandy as well as Casa Merienela, which provides temporary housing and classes to Mexican immigrants.

BREAK

Chair Glickman introduced Dr. H.W. Brands, Professor of History and nationally recognized author of American history to discuss the topic of his most recent book, The Man Who Saved the Union: Ulysses S. Grant. Dr. Brands began his presentation with a discussion about why there is war. This is one question he attempted to answer in his book about Grant. Why was war such a big part of American history and what perceptions caused war. Grant had a real gift for war, he didn’t have a lust for power and had not found much to be good at until he was put into a war scenario. He became calmer and more collected and found great success. He was able to make the hard decisions of sending troops into battle, knowing there would be heavy casualties, which was at the same time both an admirable quality in a military leader and an appalling quality for a human being. Dr. Brands discussed Grant’s life after the war and his vital role in reconstruction.

Chair Glickman thanked the council for attending and invited the council to exit to lunch on the Glickman Conference Center patio of the new Liberal Arts Building. Chair Glickman adjourned the meeting at 12:25PM.