

BAEN Second Century Leadership Team

The Second Century Team will be an advisory group to the BAEN department head to aid in addressing the objectives below.

Objectives:

- Enhance the excellence of the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department in its missions of teaching, research, Extension and service, with the goal to be recognized as the leading academic department in the discipline.
- Assist the BAEN department in generating annual giving and endowment gifts by encouraging and stimulating participation in the Second Century Leadership Team and other philanthropic gifts for Biological and Agricultural Engineering
- Communicate departmental accomplishments, needs and opportunities to departmental supporters, employers of our students and agencies that could benefit from departmental expertise
- Advise the department head regarding strategies and priorities for enhancing departmental excellence
- To provide leadership for BAEN's participation in TAMDF Capital Campaigns

Structure and Membership:

Membership shall be on an annual basis for individuals who make a gift of \$750 or more per calendar year. Membership gift funds will be deposited through the TAMDF and used to enhance departmental operations, visibility and impact within the state and nation.

Individuals making gifts of \$1 million or larger to BAEN (in coordination with the TAMDF Capital Campaign or other activities) will be awarded life-time membership on the Second Century Team.

Expectations of Members

- Participate in an annual meeting of the Second Century Leadership Team, where members will interact with departmental administration, faculty and students
- Provide frank observations of the department, with an emphasis on activities that demonstrate excellence. The Second Century Leadership Team will be separate from but synergistic with the activities of the BAEN External Advisory Council, which focuses on the effectiveness of the ongoing departmental programs.
- Be an advocate for the department and its students and faculty. Members will be provided with an advocacy packet that will describe the department and provide background material for that advocacy effort.
- Assist in recruitment of additional members of the Leadership Team

- Maintain annual membership

Use of gift funds:

The annual membership gift funds will be deposited as available funds in a departmental excellence fund account with the Texas A&M Development Foundation. Allocation of the available funds will be made by the department head, with a focus on achieving departmental excellence input from the members of the Second Century Team and the BAEN faculty.

Timeline:

- Announce Second Century Leadership Team in fall 2014 newsletter and initiate recruitment of members
- Once ten team members are identified, develop Bylaws and operating procedures, elect leaders.
- After formal announcement of the Capital Campaign by the TAMDF, the Second Century Leadership Team will take an active role in soliciting gifts that enhance the BAEN dept. Their gifts will be counted as BAEN contributions to the Capital Campaign.