

Texas A&M University at Qatar

- December 2001** Dr. Fathy Saoud, Member of the Board of Directors for Qatar Foundation, led a three member delegation to Texas A&M University to begin initial discussions on a partnership between Texas A&M University and Qatar Foundation
- June 2002** Dr. Ray Bowen, Former President of Texas A&M University, authorized Dr. Ronald Douglas, Former Executive Vice President and Provost, to lead an eleven member delegation to Doha, Qatar, to learn more about Qatar Foundation's proposed plan.
- September 2002** Dr. Robert Gates, Former President of Texas A&M University, and Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- October 2002** Qatar Foundation provided a Planning Grant for Texas A&M University to carry out assessment and planning.
- November 2002** Dr. David Prior, then Interim Executive Vice President and Provost, led a 20 member delegation to Qatar to begin assessing the academic and financial needs of establishing the Qatar campus.
- December 2002** TAMU decision to begin to pursue the terms of an agreement with Qatar Foundation.
- January 2003** Dr. Charles Bowman, Emeritus Professor and former Department Head of Petroleum Engineering of Texas A&M University, was named Coordinator of the Qatar Project and led a 4 member delegation to Qatar to finalize the details of the term sheet.
- January 2003** The Term Sheet for the establishment of Texas A&M University at Qatar was signed and executed by Texas A&M University and Qatar Foundation.
- March 2003** Dr. Gates presented the Qatar Project to the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and received approval to enter into a ten-year agreement with Qatar Foundation.
- April 2003** A seven member team, led by Dr. Bowman, met in New York City to review and prepare the final ten year agreement for the establishment of the Qatar campus.
- April 2003** Dr. Gates presented the Qatar Project to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and received approval to establish the Qatar campus.
- May 2003** Dr. Prior led a 20 member delegation to Qatar to finalize the 10-year agreement with Qatar Foundation.
- May 2003** Texas A&M University signed a 10-year agreement with Qatar Foundation to establish the Qatar campus.
- June 2003** Dr. Bowman was named Interim Dean and CEO of TAMUQ and served until February 2004.

- July 2003** Institutional members of the Texas A&M University at Qatar Joint Advisory Board were appointed. The board includes three representatives from Qatar Foundation and three representatives from Texas A&M University. Three independent external members will be appointed at a later time.
- September 2003** The inaugural class began with 29 students, of which 24 were Qatari and 15 were females. Seven faculty members provided academic instruction and five staff members provided support
- October 2003** The Opening Ceremonies of TAMUQ and Inaugural Academic Convocation were held.
- October 2003** The inaugural Joint Advisory Board meeting was held in Doha, Qatar.
- December 2003** Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, was invited by Dr. Gates to give the commencement address for the graduating engineering and education students at Texas A&M University. Her Highness was also given an honorary degree from Texas A&M University.
- January 2004** TAMUQ moved into the Liberal Arts and Science Building at Education City, a temporary space, until the TAMUQ Engineering Building is completed in the Spring of 2007.
- February 2004** Dr. Michael Kemp, Professor of Biology of Texas A&M University and Vice President of the Texas A&M University Galveston campus, was appointed Dean and CEO of TAMUQ and served until May 2006.
- March 2004** The Joint Advisory Board meeting was held in Doha, Qatar.
- September 2004** The Class of 2008 consisted of 61 freshmen, 22 females and 39 males. Faculty increased to 13 and staff over 40.
- October 2004** Investiture of the Dean and CEO of TAMUQ, Dr. Kemp. and 2004 Academic Convocation was held.
- October 2004** A Research and Business Roundtable meeting was held in Doha, Qatar. with participation from industry and governmental agencies to discuss needed themes that address strategic issues facing Qatar and guiding principles of the TAMUQ research center.
- October 2004** The Joint Advisory Board meeting was held in Doha, Qatar.
- February 2005** The Joint Advisory Board meeting was held in Doha, Qatar.
- March 2005** Doha/College Station Student Leadership Exchange Program began. Ten students from TAMU visited the TAMUQ campus and the following week, ten students from TAMUQ visited the TAMU campus.
- May 2005** Appointments were made for the three independent external members to serve on the Joint Advisory Board.

- July 2005** Six TAMUQ students joined 34 students from TAMU College Station for the Champe Fitzhugh Student Leadership Institute at TAMU's Santa Chiara Study Abroad Center in Italy.
- September 2005** The Class of 2009 consisted of 63 freshmen from 12 countries, 38 are Qatari and 33% are female. Faculty increased to 28 and staff over 60.
- November 2005** The Joint Advisory Board meeting was held in Doha, Qatar, including participation of the three independent external members.
- March 2006** The Joint Advisory Board meeting was held in College Station, Texas.
- May 2006** Dr. Bowman was named Interim Dean and CEO of TAMUQ and served until December 2006.
- July 2006** Eleven TAMUQ students spent the summer semester studying at the College Station campus.
- August 2006** 2006 Academic Convocation and Aggie Ring Ceremony was held and six TAMUQ student received the first Aggie Rings.
- September 2006** The Class of 2010 consists of 55 new freshmen from 15 countries and total student body of 183. Faculty increased to 46 and staff over 100.
- November 2006** The Joint Advisory Board meeting was held in Doha, Qatar.
- January 2007** Dr. Mark Weichold, former Dean of Undergraduate Programs and Associate Provost for Academic Services at Texas A&M University, was appointed as Dean and CEO of Texas A&M University at Qatar.
- January 2007** The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) gave final approval on the accreditation for the TAMUQ branch campus.
- March 2007** Celebration Ceremonies for the new TAMUQ Engineering Building, Investiture of the Dean and CEO of TAMUQ, the second Aggie Ring Presentation and the Joint Advisory Board meeting were held in Doha, Qatar.