

MINUTES
Defense Acquisition University
Board of Visitors
February 24, 2010
Hosted via TelePresence

Welcome. General Tuttle, Chairperson, and Mr. Anderson, President, DAU, welcomed the board members and DAU senior leadership and staff. This meeting was the first Board of Visitors meeting to be hosted virtually. Attendees connected from nine different locations across the United States.

General Tuttle confirmed that the minutes of the board's September 16, 2009 meeting had been approved on October 20 after a board review via e-mail. The minutes stand as written.

The board received two briefings from DAU personnel and both generated significant discussion.

2009 in Review and 2010 Performance Plan. Mr. Joseph Johnson, Chief of Staff, provided the board a summary of DAU's achievements for the fiscal year 2009. Among the highlights of the year was the graduation of DAU's one millionth student of a DAWIA certification course. DAU successfully deployed Section 852 of the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act, which resulted in the distribution of nearly \$350 million to the components for hiring, training, and retention; increased course graduates by 26% (193,967), mission assistance hours by 17% (492,521), continuous learning module completions by 48% (494,568), and Acquisition Knowledge Management System contact hours by 53% (1,036,720); reduced the cost per hour of learning and development; and maintained its high level of quality scores based on student and customer feedback.

In response to a request from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, DAU also deployed a strategy for engaging Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs), which includes program start-up workshops, intact team training simulation, and executive coaching to Program Executive Officers and Program Managers.

In FY10, DAU is focusing on 10 fast track initiatives, the foremost of which is expanding training to improve MDAP outcomes. Also included in the top ten are full deployment of the CON 090 Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Fundamentals course and two simulation training programs, as well as development of acquisition certification standards that will supplement the existing training, education, and experience elements required by the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act.

Study of Program Manager Training and Experience. Dr. Roy Wood, Dean, Defense Systems Management College – School of Program Managers, discussed the results of a recent study that had been conducted on the advice of the board. Fifty-five participants provided over 600 comments yielding 13 findings. The study identified topics Program Managers (PMs) believe are adequately covered in training opportunities and topics that need to be covered more adequately to help a PM fulfill his responsibilities effectively.

This topic generated much discussion and input from board members. Specifically, the government and industry should work together to further research and resolve the issues identified in the study, such as the need for more case-based course work focusing on contracts, incentives, financial management, and earned value. All agreed that a defense economics course would be beneficial. Industry representatives on the board enthusiastically agreed to assist in identifying the right types of individuals from all levels of business (small, medium, and large) to work with DAU in these efforts.

Action Items:

Mr. Anderson will assign a lead to work with DAU's Industry Chair to establish a team that will address the issues revealed in the PM training and experience study.

The Board Secretary will announce the date of the next meeting.

DECISION:

Approved: 

Chairperson, DAU Board of Visitors

Date: March 15, 2010

ATTENDEES
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CAPT Scot Abel, Deputy Director, Learning Capabilities Integration Center
Mr. Frank Anderson, President, Defense Acquisition University
Ms. Kelley Berta, Executive Secretary, DAU Board of Visitors
Mr. Al Boykin, Special Assistant to the Director, Human Capital Initiatives
Mr. Robert Daugherty, Dean, DAU Capital/Northeast Region
Mr. Curtis Gray, Senior Vice President Human Resources, BAE Systems
Dr. Chris Hardy, Director, eLearning and Technology Center, DAU
Mr. Scott Ilg, Associate Dean for Academics, DAU Mid-Atlantic Region
Mr. Joseph Johnson, Chief of Staff, Defense Acquisition University
Mr. Mike Joyce, Senior Vice President of Operations and Program Management,
Lockheed Martin
Mr. Norman Kamikow, President and Editor in Chief, MediaTec Publishing, Inc.
Mr. Nick Kuzemka, Consultant
Mr. Jim McCullough, Dean, DAU South Region
Dr. Jim McMichael, Vice President, Defense Acquisition University
LTG Malcolm O'Neill, USA (Ret), Consultant
Gen Bernard Randolph, USAF (Ret), Consultant
Mr. Tim Shannon, Director, Learning Capabilities Integration Center
Mr. Daniel Somerset, Defense Acquisition University
Mr. Travis Stewart, Dean, DAU Midwest Region
GEN William G.T. Tuttle, USA (Ret), Consultant
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Mr. Mark Whiteside, Director, Performance and Resource Management
Ms. Carolyn Willis, Director, Human Capital Initiatives
Mr. John Wilson, President, BizDynamic, LLC
Dr. Roy Wood, Dean, Defense Systems Management College – School of Program
Managers
Mr. Andy Zaleski, Dean, DAU West Region