

TAMUQ Transition Team Announced

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Sent on behalf of Dr. Alan Sams, Provost, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer

TAMUQ Faculty, Staff and Students:

Thank you for your patience over the past several days as we worked to form a team to support the process of winding down operations at the Qatar campus. As mentioned during the town hall on Sunday, President Mark A. Welsh III asked Dr. N.K. Anand, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, to lead this effort. Today I am announcing the members of the TAMUQ Transition Team, a nimble group with representatives from key functional areas needed to support and implement the transition. Names are listed alphabetically by last name.

- Dr. N.K. Anand (Chair) – Faculty Affairs
- Ray Bonilla/Brooks Moore – Office of General Counsel
- John Crawford – Finance
- Dr. Brady Creel – TAMUQ
- Dr. Ioannis Economou – TAMUQ
- Lesa Feldhousen – Export Control
- Dr. Arul Jayaraman – College of Engineering
- Megan Lacy – Communications
- Dr. César O. Malavé – Dean, TAMUQ
- Dr. Ryan McLawhon – TAMUQ
- Rosalie Nickles – TAMUQ
- Joe Pettibon – Planning, Assessment & Strategy
- Dr. Tim Scott – Academic Affairs
- Damon Slaydon – Human Resources
- Dr. Jeff Spath – Qatar Industry Liaison
- Crissy Stratta – Sponsored Research Services
- Dr. Mark Weichold – Qatar Government and Community Liaison

The TAMUQ Transition Team will coordinate with Qatar Foundation to develop and operationalize plans to close Texas A&M's campus in Qatar through a multiyear process. In addition to the Transition Team, Dean Malavé has proposed, and I have agreed, that we create three advocacy committees to represent faculty, staff and students respectively. Those committees will work closely with the Transition Team to provide constructive input and voice concerns about this transition, and we will announce their composition soon.

We understand that the recommendations the Transition Team puts forward will impact each of you, and as President Welsh has said, you are our top priority — that means your voice must be part of the transition process. I wish to thank Faculty Senate Speaker Dr. Tracy Hammond for working to set up a forum for the TAMUQ faculty on Thursday. We will be working closely with Dr. Hammond through this process as well.

I know you are anxious for answers, and we are working diligently to provide them to you. Over the next few days and weeks, the initial steps are as follows.

1. Upon receipt of an official letter from Texas A&M University, QF will announce their own transition team to work with the TAMUQ Transition Team.
2. TAMUQ and QF transition teams will begin to have formal discussions about the best way to support students, faculty and staff as we work toward closing the campus.
3. Dean Malavé will establish the TAMUQ faculty, staff and student advocacy committees to provide input to the TAMUQ Transition Team.

As formal meetings with QF begin, we are grateful for their collaboration to work toward a smooth transition. We continue to have every indication that they are committed to supporting our students, faculty and staff. As we begin our transition meetings with QF leaders, we will maintain open lines of communication with all of you.

As the TAMUQ Transition Team begins meeting to shape the way ahead, you may reach out to provide input via tamuqtransition@tamu.edu. Additionally, we have [created a webpage](#) where we will continue to provide information as this process moves forward. If you have emailed the team, please expect a response soon now that they are officially in place. Thank you for your questions and feedback.

Dr. Alan Sams
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