

UNH Alumni Association
Alumni Board – Regular Meeting
September 9, 2008

Attendance:

President Rick Toce	Steve Kaplan – President, UNH
Vice President Mike Ambrose	Rick Tuchman – Vice President for University Advancement
Secretary Joe Danao	Tim Stanton – Assoc. Vice President for University Advancement
Karen Alward	Heather Alpaugh – Alumni Relations Associate
George Aseme	
Carl Babb	
Shontae Corey – Polycom	
Johnny Corey	
Stella Damoah	
Andrew Dinkel	
Wilkinson Germain – Polycom	
Jeannine Luisi	
Joe Nemorin	
Palma Pogoda	
Tim Rohach – Polycom	
Mary Russell	
Debbie Serphillips - Polycom	
Larry Spellacy	
Jason Vasilakos	

I. Dinner - NSTR

II. Update on UNH – President Steven H. Kaplan

President Kaplan briefed all Board members on the success UNH is enjoying this year through numerous initiatives. UNH has over 1,300 incoming freshmen students. Four years ago there were only 750. Competitors are flat or down in freshmen enrollment. This year UNH had 42,000 inquiries compared to 18,000 last year. Improvements in faculty and facility are attributable to the success. UNH growth is 2nd in the nation at 53%. President Kaplan stated he just came from a campus wide meeting and the mood was “upbeat”, a great positive feeling. He briefed the group on the facility improvements and ongoing construction as well as future construction plans. He briefed all on programmatic changes ending with “success breeds success” and introducing Rick Tuchman.

III. Call Meeting to Order, Welcome and Introductions, Rick Toce – asked all present to introduce themselves.

IV. Alumni Office Transitions – Tim Stanton

Jen Pjatak will work part time in the office focusing on alumni events.
Heather and Tim will be primary staff representatives to the Alumni Board

V. Executive Committee Report – Rick Toce

The Executive Board met twice over the summer. Rick read the minutes of the two meetings

VI. Overview of Committee Re-Organization – Rick Toce

Rick - reviewed each committee name, chair, co-chair (if applicable) and members.

Heather – Affinity Committees now have a goal throughout the year. Reach out to Alumni and invite them to be members on your committee. Each committee should have an event on Alumni weekend.

Tim – Primary goal to have an event on Alumni weekend.

Rick – Strength of committees is strength in us. He would like a committee report each month. A sample was handed out. Reports can be emailed to Heather for inclusion in the Board’s next meeting handouts. Committee members were tied to not doubling up board members on a committee. There are three new committees. Every other full board meeting, Committees will have the opportunity to meet.

Athletic Committee – Tim Rohach was added to this committee.

Heather – Read committee assignments for Alumni staff.

Mary Russell – What kind of activities are you looking for (from committees)? Tim responded – 1st an alumni weekend event.

VII. Events – Heather reviewed Alumni Weekend. 600 people attended. This was a doubling of attendance from the previous year. She also reviewed upcoming events. Cocktails and Networking is open to any alumni or current UNH students. The Topping-Off Celebration of New Residence Hall is for all present to sign the last steel beam before placement.

VIII. Alumni License Plate Program – Generosity of Phil Bartels who funded the initial cost of the plates. Currently have 165 completed applications. A total of 400 are needed to get the program moving forward. If you want an Alumni plate fill out an application and send it to the Alumni Office. Vanity plates are included for an additional cost to the applicant.

IX. New Business – Rick called for new business:

Carl Babb – Glad the university set up a plan to allow Alumni use of the David A. Beckerman Recreation Center, a step in the right direction. Tim Stanton stated the Alumni Board made it happen, thanks to Jason and Andrew. He added the Alumni Office has complimentary passes that Board members may use prior to a board meeting.

Carl Babb – asked if all Alumni still get cards? Tim replied all graduates do get an alumni card.

X. Rick called for a motion to adjourn – Andrew motioned, seconded by Carl, all in favor – M/S/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Danao
Secretary