

UNH Alumni Association
Alumni Board – Regular Meeting
November 11, 2008

Attendance:

President Rick Toce

Secretary Joe Danao

Karen Alward

Carl Babb

Shontae Corey – Polycom

Johnny Corey

Andrew Dinkel

Wilkinson Germain – Polycom

Jeannine Luisi

Joe Nemorin – Telecom

Rich Perusi - Telecom

Mary Russell

Debbie Serphillips

Larry Spellacy

Jason Vasilakos

Tim Stanton – Assoc. Vice President for University Advancement

Heather Alpaugh – Alumni Relations Associate

Steve Dunnigan - Guest

I and II. Dinner / Call to Order – Rick Toce called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Steve Dunnigan was introduced as a guest. He is a three time graduate of UNH and a former board member.

III. Review of October 14 Meeting Minutes – Minutes accepted as presented

IV. Alumni Board Thank-a-Thon – Rick Toce

Rick Toce stated he made calls the other day with a 70 to 80% effective rate in reaching donors which included a 1939 graduate. Good experience and people were very appreciative for the call. Calls can be made after 6 P.M. if anyone would like to participate, most evenings in the call center. Contact Scott Davis at (203) 932-7046.

V. Board of Governors- Alumni Relations Task Force Update – Rick Toce/Tim Stanton

Tim Stanton reported he and Rick Toce serve on this Task Force consisting of seven Board of Governor members. Several meetings have been held. 1 of 3 focus group meetings held in the area. Stamford and New Haven areas are next. Invitees are people who typically have not donated or been involved with the university. 8 People attended the first meeting at Lake of the Isles, Mashantucket, CT. First meeting yielded no surprises. Two things can be commented on. First, although we are proud of the Alumni Magazine folks present did not think it was the best communications tool. Second, the group was interested in attending events more with a topic or speaker than a social focus.

VI. Events

Past Events

- a. **Oktoberfest Cocktails and Networking** – Heather Alpaugh reported this was a nice event with a range of attendees from the 60s to recent graduates. First time attendees are usually 1 out of 3 present. Important for Board members to support events.

- b. **Endowed Scholarship Luncheon** – Heather Alpaugh reported this event had over a hundred attendees. Paula Mortali spearheaded the event and did a great job. Excellent for donors to connect with recipient students.
- c. **I/O Psychology 35th Anniversary Celebration** – Heather Alpaugh reported attendance high. 58% had never attended an event before. Excellent event.
- d. **Veterans Day Celebration** – Joe Danao and Tim Stanton reported. Event was a success. This was a scaled down event with emphasis on student involvement. Joe thanked co-chairs Dayna Morel '01 and Kathryn Wilberding '10. Joe thanked Board members for attending. Tim further reported on the event and we are looking forward to more student involvement in the future.

Upcoming Events

- a. **UNH Alumni Miami Weekend** – Tim Stanton and Heather Alpaugh reported 89 people are registered. Game will begin at 1 P.M. Registration is open until November 17th. Tim reported that many registrants are from the Northeast and are flying down.
- b. **Holiday Party** – Tim Stanton reported the holiday party is cancelled this year due to financial reasons. Mary Russell asked about the budget which supports the party. Tim explained the University is cutting back. Much discussion ensued regarding the cancellation and what budget pays for the event. The Board was not unanimous in support of the cancellation. Rick said the Executive Board will meet within a week to discuss this issue.

VI. Review of Committee Reports

- a. **EMBA Alumni Leaders (Chairman Johnny Corey submitted a written report)** – Johnny Corey stated the goal is to meet with the December 2008 graduation class. The Committee will reach out to new graduates to meet and connect with them. His Committee met regarding goals and selected 2 this year. An email will be sent to EMBA Alumni to solicit feedback. One idea is to have EMBA Alumni participate in the Spring 09 Blue/Gold game.
- b. **Golden Chargers (Chairman Larry Spellacy submitted a written report)** - Larry Spellacy explained Golden Chargers are graduates who are more than 50 years from graduation (this year inductees are from the class of 1959) or have reached the age of 70. Three events during the year are held. January 17th, the 2009 commencement any Golden Charger attending will walk in the President's procession in to the event. Same at the spring commencement. The big event is the induction of new members on June 6, 2009. Anyone within a 25 mile radius receives a phone call to attend. Last year 75 graduates were eligible from the class of 1958. The total list is around 3,500.
- c. **Athletic Committee (Co-Chairs Carl Babb and Debbie Serphillips submitted a written report)** – Debbie Serphillips and Carl Babb commented on the Charger Huddle making a point that attendees were not fully aware of Alumni events. Debbie congratulated Carl on his speaking abilities and the fine job he did at the event.
- d. **Black and Latino Affirmation Affinity Committee (Co-Chairs Joe Nemorin and Mary Russell submitted a written report)** – Mary Russell read her report and stated there are over 20 committee members at present. Tim Stanton added Homecoming 2009 is OCT 24, 2009 and perhaps this committee would consider an event for this Homecoming.
- e. **Young Alumni Committee** – Chairman Andrew Dinkel reported on the committee mission to reopen a lounge. Will try for a meeting with Fairfield in February. Possibly planning an alumni event for Long Island area.
- f. **Engineering Committee** – Mike Ambrose is the chair. Tim reported that Mike was promoted at work to a Vice President position and was away on travel. The committee is working with the College of Engineering for a Hall of Fame to recognize distinguished engineering alumni. Folks receiving could grow into a nominating committee for the award.

V. New Business

a. Mary Russell had asked a question earlier – What can we count on for events at Alumni Weekend and what is available for resources? She stated that she did not want to plan for events and have them cancelled. Rick Toce responded – Good point. We should have some ground rules up front. Rick Perusi stated he will provide an update on the budget for the next meeting.

b. Tim Stanton brought to the floor – Larry Grab has stepped down from the Board. A seat is open to be filled for his (2010) unexpired term. He asked if the Board would vote to approach Parker Gallo for Board membership. Mary Russell asked – what is the option if Parker Gallo declines. Jeanine stated she believes attendance is important at meetings. Discussion ensued regarding whether attendance is necessary and whether we are asking Parker Gallo to consider membership or moving ahead to make him a member.

Motion was made: Approach Parker Gallo for Board membership filling the unexpired term of Larry Grab who's term will expire in 2010. Motion – Jason / Seconded – Andrew / Carried – majority

VI. Adjournment: Rick Toce adjourned the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Danao
Secretary