

**University of New Haven**  
**Alumni Board of Directors**  
March 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Marie Accrino, Mike Ambrose, Carl Babb, Joe Danao, Andrew Dinkel, Wilkingson Germain, Parker Gallo (Polycom), Jeanine Luisi, Mary Russell, Debbie Serphillips, Larry Spellacy, Jason Vasilakos

**Guests:** Kristina Bensley, Louis Eswood

**Staff:** Tim Stanton, Heather Alpaugh, Paula Mortali

**I. Dinner and Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Rick Toce at 6:05 P.M.

**II. Review and Approval of January 27 Meeting Minutes:**

Joe Danao read the minutes from the JAN 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**III. Undergraduate Student Government Association:**

Louis Eswood will sit as the Senior Representative and Kristina Bensley will serve as Junior Representative. USGA Alumni were sent information on the Alumni Board and activities. Kristina stated that Student elections will be April 6-8 with constitution changes. Louis reported the student lounge concept is producing positive feedback.

**IV. Scholarship Ball Update – Tim Stanton**

Tim reported that sponsorships and attendees are a little behind at this point. Activity is picking up and Dimeo Construction is the lead sponsor. A fair question was asked – why in today's economy are we even having a ball? Answer is all funds go to scholarships. Paula Mortali thanked Marie Accrino for her efforts FEB 23 – MAR 23 for raising \$ 1,700 with over 100 items on line. Please refer friends and colleagues to the online site. On line bidders do not have to be from the UNH Community. There will be a live auction the night of the ball for attendees. Dr. Henry C. Lee will attend the ball. Still looking for items to auction off.

**V. Review of Committee Reports**

**a. Nominations Committee**

Joe Danao stated we are still looking for nominations to 8 open Board of Director positions. A Nomination form is included in the meeting materials.

**b. Golden Chargers Affinity Committee – See Committee Report**

Larry Spellacy reported; there will be 2 events this year Graduation Procession and induction luncheon at Alumni Weekend for new members of the Class of 1959. Notification will take place in the April-May timeframe. Purpose is to reacquaint Alumni to the University and see the changes.

**c. Fire Science Alumni Affinity Committee – See Committee Report**

Committee is working with admissions on two events with attendance at Fire Expos by Fire Science Club and Alumni Committee. An event is planned on March 23, 2009 at 6 P.M. in Eclin Hall Room 6 when a presentation will be given by a FDNY Lieutenant and Andrew Dinkel on wind driven fires and building construction.

**d. BLAAC Committee – See Committee Report**

Mary Russell reported several events planned one at Toad's Place during Alumni Weekend. Budget is submitted. Also looking at a panel discussion.

**e. Student & Young Alumni Affinity Committee – See Committee Report**

Andrew Dinkel reported on much interest on the Lounge Project from the Student Life Committee. This committee reviews quality of life improvements on campus. March 27<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting for the committee. An event is planned for a dunk tank at Alumni Weekend. A

survey was discussed which listed the number one priority on campus was lounge and not drinking at the lounge. The survey had 796 respondents. Campus Police state underage drinking will happen. This is a venue that can control the environment. Goal maybe in a couple of years to make this happen. Rick Toce asked if the Hotel and Restaurant Management Group could be involved? Andrew Dinkel stated students would be involved in every aspect. Fairfield University's Lounge is run by students. Larry Spellacy asked if access is limited to over 21 years old? Andrew Dinkel stated the lounge was available to all, not one specific group.

**f. Veterans Committee –**

Andrew Dinkel asked if a Veteran's Post could be opened on Campus? Joe Danao will look into this opportunity.

**VI. Events – Tim Stanton / Heather Alpaugh**

**Past Events**

- a. Greek Alumni Bowling Tournament: Friday, January 31, 2009  
Heather reported that 6 Teams came participated. Scott Davis ran the event and it went well.
- b. Stamford Cocktails and Networking: Thursday, February 12, 2009  
Located at Southport Brewing Company, 131 Summer Street, Stamford, CT was attended by 40-50 Alumni. Most present had not attended a UNH event before.
- c. Georgia Alumni Reception: Tuesday, February 24, 2009  
President Kaplan visited Atlanta and about 50 Alumni attended this event. Attendees were very enthusiastic. A 90 minute question and answer followed President Kaplan's presentation.

**Upcoming Events**

- d. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Ball: Saturday, April 4, 2009
- e. Third Annual Alumni Weekend: June 5-8, 2009  
Discussion on hosting a Saturday afternoon event related to helping people with the job environment.
- f. Homecoming: September 26, 2009  
Event will include dedication of the Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium

**VII. New Business**

Rick Toce met with Dean of Fire Science Dr. Ward and he is very interested in ideas from the Fire Science Alumni Affinity Committee.

Mary Russell asked about the status of her budget submission? Tim Stanton replied that there is no problem with the submission.

**VIII. Announcements – Tim Stanton**

- a. UNH License Plate Campaign
- b. Honorary B.S. Degrees for Golden Chargers at Commencement  
263 Associate degree graduates will be invited to make commencement to receive an honorary Bachelors Degree.
- c. UNH Alumni Directory
- d. UNH Ties and Scarves  
Rob Lee will be available Alumni weekend. Rob Lee contributed funds to start the supplies of ties and scarves.
- e. Relay for Life Kristina Bensley reported there will be an all night Relay for Life Fundraiser by students on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Southern Connecticut State University. Alumni cancer survivors are welcome to attend and maybe speak. Teams can be set up. Kristina is the contact.

**IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.**