

University of New Haven
Alumni Board of Directors
October 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Present: Debbie Serphillips, Rick Toce, Johnny Corey, Jason Vasilakos, Marie Accrino, Rich Perusi, Krystal Livingston, Gene Mascolo, Joe Nemorin (polycom), Jay Krishnamoorthy, Parker Gallo, Wilkingson Germain (polycom), George Aseme

Guests: Chris Rinck, Kristina Bensley, Louis Eswood (polycom), Tom Beebe, Dan Vanacore (polycom), John Medoukh

Staff: Tim Stanton, Heather Alpaugh

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

II. Guest Presentation: Tom Beebe

Tom presented an update on facility construction and maintenance activities on campus. He highlighted the completion of Soundview Residence Hall, a 127,000 square-foot, 402-bed, \$ 42 million dorm which was dedicated on September 25, 2009. He further briefed on recent facility improvements: C-Store moved to new location in Sheffield Hall, new Botwinik Hall sidewalk which helps pedestrian flow and can serve as access road for ambulances. Looking for more areas for benches and seating for outdoor activities around the dorms. Construction has begun on the Bartels Hall addition, which is a 2 story dining space by day, and student activities center at night. It will receive 500 dining seats planned for \$ 7.4 million with completion in August 2010. The Dr. Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science will consist of 15,649 square feet of general classrooms, 104-seat tiered classroom, command center, Dr. Lee's offices, forensic science learning center using cutting edge technology such as rear projectors that display blood spatter trajectory. The future focus is on planning for more surface parking, classrooms, offices and housing.

III. Review and Approval of March 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes:

Joe Danao read the minutes from the last regular board meeting. M/S/C to accept the minutes.

IV. Executive Committee Update:

Rick Toce announced that Mike Ambrose asked to step down from the Executive Committee but will stay on the Board of Directors. Rick Toce recommended to the Board to vote on Joe Danao replacing Mike Ambrose as Vice President and Karen Facey to replace Joe Danao as Secretary. Also, nominated was Louis Eswood to fill a seat on the Board of Directors - M/S/C to add Louis Eswood as a member on the Board of Directors.

Joe Danao departed the meeting for discussion and vote on his nomination to Vice President and Karen Facey's nomination for Secretary. Tim Stanton discussed the precedent for the Vice President to be a strong candidate for or elevated to President in June of 2010. M/S/C for Vice President filled by Joe Danao and Secretary filled by Karen Facey.

V. Review of Committee Reports

a. Nominations and Governance Committee: Joe Danao – No report.

b. Budget and Finance Committee: Rich Perusi – Discuss status of investment account stating it is now making money again and made \$ 2,500 dollars this month. Reaching a breakeven point for this year.

- c. **Advancement and Development Committee: Rick Toce** – No report.
- d. **Distinguished Alumni Nominating Committee: Joe Danao/Tim Stanton** – Three recommendations made for the honor. Jim Cassella, Gina Paollilo and Larry Flanagan. Awaiting final word that all three have accepted the honor. Johnny Corey asked how distinguished alumni are selected. Tim Stanton explained that names come from the President to the committee who reviews them and makes a recommendation. Tim Stanton stated anyone who feels an alumnus has made a significant contribution to the University may be recommended to the committee.
- e. **E.M.B.A. Alumni Affinity Committee: Rick Toce** – No report.
- f. **Student & Young Alumni Affinity Committee: Jason Vasilakos**
Jason reported the German Club renovation appears dead. Andrew Dinkel would like to get a panel board together such as was done last year. More to follow.
- g. **Golden Chargers Affinity Committee: Tim Stanton**
Tim reported those alumni who received a two year degree years ago to receive an honorary four year degree a new smaller group will be eligible and those eligible last year who were not present. Format and presentation expected to remain the same this year.
- h. **Veterans Affinity Committee: Joe Danao** – Jason Vasilakos asked if a Veteran's Post could be opened on campus. Joe Danao will look into this opportunity.
- i. **BLAAC Committee: Joe Nemorin/Mary Russell**
Joe Nemorin reported that the committee is working on a couple events during Black History Month including a possible panel discussion and book signing.
- j. **Fire Science Affinity Committee: Karen Facey** – No report.
- k. **Athletics Committee: Debbie Serphillips/Carl Babb**
Debbie Serphillips reported on the Charger Huddle on October 19. She also wants to focus on supporting women's athletic teams.

VI. Events – Heather Alpaugh

Past Events

- a. First Football Game – Event was a reunion that drew 83% first time attendees.
- b. Homecoming Game – half the Board attended the game 60% first time attendees. The average is 20% over the last few years at events.
- c. Endowed Scholarship Luncheon – Paula Mortali did a great job on planning and executing this event on October 7, where donors were brought together with recipients of the scholarships. Approximately 120 students and donors in attendance.

Upcoming Events

- a. Thailand Alumni Reception: October 20, 2009
- b. Kappa Phi Sigma Alumni Reunion: November 7, 2009
- c. Board Holiday Party is back on December 16, 2009. \$25 dollars a ticket for dinner which is below cost and all guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the event for donation to WHEAT, West Haven Emergency Assistance Taskforce.
- d. 27th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball is scheduled for April 17, 2009.

VII. New Business

Rick Toce attended two meetings of the University Board of Governors on the 27th and 28th of September. Tom Beebe made a presentation at the meetings. Rick Toce attended the ribbon cutting for Soundview Residence Hall and the groundbreaking of the Dr. Henry C. Lee Institute. Rick Toce recommended committee chairs use the Holiday Party as a means to get committee members involved. Rick Toce also mentioned that he discussed with Tom Beebe working on the pavilion outside the German Club as an Alumni Board Project. Tim Stanton is also active in this concept. The project plan and funding of it is being worked out.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.