University of New Haven
Alumni Board of Directors
October 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Ambrose (polycom), Carl Babb, Johnny Corey, Stella Damoah, Andrew Dinkel, Jeannine Luisi, Joe Nemorin, Bob Noonan (polycom), Rich Perusi (polycom), Gale Plancon, Tim Rohach, Debbie Serphillips, Larry Spellacy, Richard Toce
Guest: Charlene Evans (polycom)
Staff: Heather Alpaugh, Linda O'Keke, Tim Stanton, Wanda Tyler

I. Dinner

II. Meeting Called to Order at 6 p.m., Welcome and Introductions

R. Toce called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. Wanda Tyler, UNH Director of Intercultural Relations, and Linda O'Keke, UNH Director of Disability Services & Resources, were introduced to the Board. W. Tyler and L. O'Keke are a part of the newly formed Diversity Alumni Committee.

III. September 9 Meeting Minutes & Executive Committee Report

R. Toce asked the group to review the meeting minutes from the September 9 meeting.
R. Toce gave an Executive Committee update.

1. Discussed the new meeting agenda. First half of the meeting will be shortened version of the regular meeting. At 7 p.m., the group will break to have committee meetings.
2. Updated the Board on the exceptional progress of the Diversity Alumni Committee. J. Nemorin to further update the Board during committee reports.
3. Explained the students LEAD program. H. Alpaugh explained the LEAD program to the Board. Lisa Saverese, UNH Assistant Director of Student Activities, requested a member of the Alumni Board of Directors speak with the senior LEAD group about career paths and ways to stay involved with the university after graduation. R. Toce will be meeting with the students on 10/29.
4. Board member participation. R. Toce reached out to Board members who haven't been heard from in quite some time. He spoke with Larry Grab who expressed his interest in the Alumni Board; however, he has a new job and therefore has time constraints. L. Grab decided to resign from the Alumni Board of Directors.
5. R. Toce briefed the group about the Board of Governors meeting held at the end of September. Items discussed: (A) Goal is to have UNH be learning institution, (B) Economy is and will be affecting financial aid -143 students left UNH in 2008 because they could not afford to finish, almost doubled over 2007, (C) Retention is a major focus of the university (D) Parking was discussed, (E) Looking to expand online course offerings.

IV. Thank-a-thon

T. Stanton discussed having the Alumni Board of Directors participate in a Thank-a-thon. Members would go to the call center on either Wednesdays or Sundays for the next month. There are two ways the Board can participate. They can choose to call alumni who've already pledged or made a gift and thank them or, if they would like to, they can make solicitation calls. The sign-up sheet for the Thank-a-thon was passed around. T. Stanton mentioned that this program is beneficial not only to the Board members, but to the students who make these phone calls on a nightly basis.

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V. Review of Committee Reports:

Corporate Alumni Affinity Committee – See committee report.

M. Ambrose stated that if a Corporate Breakfast could be held at Pratt and Whitney then he believes that Sikorsky should be able to have one. M. Ambrose would also like to start the same type of program that Pratt & Whitney has with UNH. M. Ambrose and R. Toce to discuss further.

Alumni Diversity Committee – See committee report.

J. Nemorin briefed the group on the goals and mission statement of the committee. They are going to change the name of the committee to the Black and Latino Committee. They will be planning events throughout the year. So far, they have enlisted approximately 20 alumni to participate on the committee.

EMBA Alumni Leaders – See committee report.

T. Stanton mentioned that Mary Barneby, a member of the Board of Governors, had expressed interest in having a UNH event where she works at the UBS facility in Stamford. T. Stanton discussed that the event would include a tour of the trading room floor, the size of two football fields, one of the largest in the world.

Engineering Committee – See committee report.

M. Ambrose stated that the main goal of the committee would be to organize an event during alumni weekend where the university would recognize distinguished engineering alumni.

Veterans Committee – See committee report.

In J. Danao's absence, T. Stanton reported that the committee will shift some of the responsibility of the Veterans Day Celebration to the students. The event will focus on students thanking veterans. The committee is looking for a speaker that is a current student who may have just returned from a tour of duty.

Fire Science Affinity Committee – See committee report.

A. Dinkel spoke about the goals of the newly formed committee. He stated that one of the focuses of the committee will be to talk to the new dean of the HCL College, Dr. Richard Ward, about the absence of Fire Science in the name of the college – Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science.

Young Alumni Affinity Committee – See committee report.

A. Dinkel spoke about the goals of the committee, more specifically, opening a lounge on campus. J. Luisi spoke with Fairfield University about how their lounge is operated. She was informed that it is primarily run by students.

Athletics Committee

C. Babb discussed the different areas of focus for the committee. He's spoken with Debbie Chin, UNH Director of Athletics, about the intentions of the committee. One of the goals is to garner alumni involvement at athletic games. C. Babb will be attending the Charger Huddle and hopes to speak with other alumni who attend.

VI. Events

Due to time constraints, H. Alpaugh asked the board members to review the past and upcoming events and if there were any questions to please ask after the meeting has been adjourned.

VII. New Buisness

None.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.