

NCAA Board Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2012. The following board members were present:

Rob Lincoln	Non-voting members present
Susan Sapoznikoff	Dr. Mike Michalson
Cindy Hill	Clint Monts de Oca
Colin Boyle	Jessica Rogers
David Banks	Sarah Thompson
Mike Burton	
Carla Eastis	
Maia Hinkle	

Dr. O'Shea could not be present at the meeting, and his name was struck from the agenda.

Dr. Michalson noted his appreciation for the "honorary alum" title he received during commencement. Michalson went on to present on the college's finances and some of the possible transitions we will make during Dr. Don O'Shea's tenure. He noted that the college received \$1.3 million from the state with no major cuts. Provided we do not receive mid-year budget cuts, the College budget is expected to be stable this coming fiscal year. He mentioned the possibility of campus beautification efforts being a focus area for Don O'Shea as well as the growth of the student body from 850 to 1200. Dr. Michalson left the call at 9:49 a.m.

Clint Monts de Oca discussed the possible restructuring of the Foundation to better integrate it with the College as well as some of the successful fundraising endeavors this year such as the Giving Challenge and Pique Nique. Clint Monts de Oca left the call at 10:01 a.m.

Consent Agenda and Minutes

Cindy Hill moves to approve the consent agenda and the February 2012 minutes. Carla Eastis seconds. No discussion. The motion passes unanimously at 10:03 a.m.

The board breaks for 10 minutes at 10:05 a.m. The meeting is reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

Appointment Voting

Rob Lincoln notes that board has to fill 7 positions to fulfill the bylaws minimum allocation of 12 board members. Rob proposes that the committee vote first to fill the seven slots. Each board member shall participate in a silent vote for the first seven candidates recommended for appointment by the subcommittee. After those positions are filled, the board may then vote to approve whether additional slots should be added. Votes would then be held for each additional recommendation to the positions. Rob states that each board member must vote yay, no, or abstain on each of the first seven candidates. All candidates who receive a majority of the votes will be appointed. A board member is allowed to abstain in the event of a vote towards him or herself.

Cindy Hill moves to approve this method for selecting the candidates. Mike Burton seconds the motion. Discussion: Mike Burton asks if a board member must vote yay or nay except in the event of a vote towards him or herself. Rob Lincoln clarifies that this true. The motion passes unanimously at 10:16 a.m.

Cindy Hill, who is both the chair of the board application vetting subcommittee noted the quality of candidates the board received. She went on to explain the process for recommendations. Each subcommittee member ranked and voted on the individual candidates. The rankings followed the criteria devised by the Board. The subcommittee's discussions included board diversity and also placed emphasis on the alum's recommendation letter and prior involvement with New College.

The top eight candidates for recommendation were ranked by the subcommittee in the following order:

1. Susan Sapoznikoff
2. Rob Lincoln
- 3 & 4 (tie) Hazel Bradford and David Thomas Knight
5. Stu Levitan
6. Carla Eastis
7. Mitch Silverman
8. D. Ohlandt (formerly D. Ross)

The committee did not rank numerically after 8. The remaining candidates who requested to be appointed were: Lib Aubuchon, Brian Bonfonti, Natalie Portis, and Mary Metcalf. Cindy noted that the applications for Brian Bonfonti and Mary Metcalf were incomplete, but the committee still voted on their applications.

David Banks stated that Brian had completed his application on time with the only exception of the letter of recommendation, which was not received from Mike Campbell, but which Brian anticipated that Mike would send on time.

The candidates voted at 10:28 a.m.

Each of the top seven candidates were selected for board appointment by a majority vote.

1. Susan Sapoznikoff received 7 votes
2. Rob Lincoln received 6 votes.
3. Hazel Bradford received 8 votes
4. David Knight received 8 votes
5. Stu Levitan received 6 votes
6. Carla Eastis received 6 votes
7. Mitch Silverman received 8 votes

David Banks moves to approve the appointment of additional applicants. Colin Boyle seconds the motion. Discussion: Susan Sapoznikoff notes that 5 members will be up for reappointment next year in addition to 3 empty possible slots. If all the current board members are approved next year, the leaves a maximum number of 8 appointees. If a decision is made at this session to appoint more candidates, there will be fewer possibilities for appointments to be made later. Spozy notes that given the newness of the appointment process and the relatively late announcement, we will see a greater number of candidates next year, which will require the board to make more difficult cuts of well qualified candidates.

David Banks notes that he had made his decision based on the idea of eight candidates and not seven and may have changed his votes if he had the number 7 in his mind the whole time. He requests the appointment of an additional person.

Colin Boyle states that if the board finds it has a consistent problem with the number of well qualified people wanting to serve on the board, the bylaws could be amended to allow for a greater number of members. Maia Hinkle agrees. Mike Burton notes that we should be as inclusive as possible to interested applicants. Rob Lincoln discusses his fear about the board getting too “out of control” believing that with many members, each board member may feel less obligated to attend meetings resulting in the quorum issues the board has had in the past. Cindy Hill states that the board should do a self-evaluation annually and closely track attendance, which would help us to see the trends of board member participation.

The motion is brought to a vote at 11:18 a.m.

All in favor: Colin, Mike, David, Rob (4)

All opposed: Spozy, Maia, Cindy, Carla (4)

The motion fails due to the lack of a majority vote at 11:20 a.m.

Rob Lincoln states that this issue will be revisited in September and thanks David for making the motion.

Other Business

September meeting

Jessica states that the September board orientation should be done retreat style with perhaps a consultant present to talk about fundraising, strategic planning, and board restructuring. One additional goal of the retreat is to improve/foster board cohesiveness. The board agrees that this is a good idea.

Communication

David brings up his social media report and inquires as to what the board plans to do with this information. Spozy notes that with we should explore our social media options taking in to account David's advice. Rob states that we need some younger class agents who can perhaps help us with our communication efforts. Cindy agrees noting that young class agents could really help with communicating issues that are particular to young alumni.

Jessica notes that all graduates will be able to use their email addresses in perpetuity. All tenured retired faculty members will receive the same privilege.

Phonathon

We will be retitling our phonathon callers in the fall to phonathon ambassadors. Next year there will be 15 students who plan to return to phonathon. This is the first time we've had this many callers coming back. We will encourage these students to make their peers aware of the giving process and help us with our outreach efforts.

Recent Grads

Each graduate received a free alum ID card at graduation in return for each filling out a form with his/her contact information. We also encouraged students to give to the alumnae/i annual fund and raised a total of \$52 from 22 graduating students.

Adjourn

Cindy Hill makes a motion to adjourn. Spozy seconds the motion. No discussion. The motion passes unanimously at 11:35 a.m.

The next board meeting will take place in person on Saturday, September 8th with a
additional day to be added on Friday, September 7th for a retreat style board orientation.