

NCAA Board of Directors **November 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Present at the meeting: Susan Sapozniloff, Robert Lincoln, Michael Dexter, Cindy Hill, Carla Eastsis, Frazier Carraway, Hazel Bradford, Jordan Clark, Cindy Hill, Thomas Knight, Colin Boyle (joined at 5:03 p.m.)

Non-board members present: Jessica Rogers, Michael Kessie, Mark St. Louis, Tony Lewis

Meeting began at 5:01 p.m.

Robert Lincoln moved to approve the consent agenda and meeting minutes. Colin Boyle seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 5:04 p.m.

Report from Campus Police

Chief Kessie, who is the head of the New College campus police, discussed the recent police interactions between alums and students. He noted that some of the allegations in the student produced white paper to the campus police were not true, but there are aspects of police interaction with students and alums that can be improved like engaging students in the process of hiring. Input is important when making these decisions.

Chief Kessie has submitted a response to the white paper is meeting with the students who presented the paper on Friday.

Frazier Carraway mentioned his concern about whether the campus has a non-judicial way to deal with underage drinking. Chief Kessie noted that the protocol is that first time student offenders go to student affairs. Repeat offenders are arrested after the fourth violation. The police are working with the counseling and wellness center and the Dean of Student Affairs.

Chief Kessie noted that only 2 alums have been trespassed since 2012. The police are only concerned about alums without a student sponsor in residential areas. He noted that it's important to protect student's living and private areas.

Chief Kessie and his team will revisit the current alumnae/i visitation policy and get back to the Board with any suggestions for amendment.

Governance

Bylaws

Article IV—The governance committee asked for comments on amending Article IV to make the past chair an officer on the executive committee. Hazel Bradford noted that she had no comments one way or the other. Colin Boyle asked about the two year term limit of directors. Cindy Hill acknowledged this could be a logistical timing problem.

Spozy recommended the Board review all the proposed changes to the bylaws carefully. The Board will review them again at the next meeting.

Self-Evaluation Form

Hazel Bradford asked about the value of the self-evaluation form. Cindy said the point is to help keep board members on task, keep track of what has been accomplished, and give feedback. The form will also help the governance committee to find the right committee fit for a particular member.

Thomas Knight recommended the evaluation ask what frustrates board members about serving on the Board.

When posting board applications later this year, the Board will include the self-evaluation form and the board expectations with the application for all potential applicants so they can better understand what is expected.

Committee Updates and Reports

Fundraising and Finance

Spozy asked about the fundraising and finance committee's work on the data for dollars initiative. All board members who have turned in their confidentiality agreement should now be calling a group of about 20 young alums to ask for their updated contact information, employment or graduate school information, and to ask for a gift of any size. This initiative is to help with New College's performance on the 10 state funding metrics. Metrics include the percentage of graduates in the 2012 and 2013 classes who are employed or enrolled in graduate school after graduating, average salary of recent graduates, and New College's performance on national rankings.

Frazier Carraway noted that he had gotten a hold of about 1/3 of the alums and would be providing information. Several have given money.

Student Research and Travel Grants

Maia Hinkle was not present at the meeting so Spozy read the report on her behalf. The report noted that the Student Research and Travel Grant (SRTG) committee met in October and funded over \$18,000 in student research proposals.

Alum Survey Sub-group

The subcommittee drafted 7 questions for the alum body mostly pertaining to giving patterns and social media. These questions will be given to institutional research. The committee will also send an example summary of a recent questionnaire from another university.

Other Business

Spozy stated that Stu Levitan tendered his resignation from the board. She encouraged members to reach out to Stu thanking him for his service on the board. Spozy noted that if issues come up pertaining to board members' health, time management, etc. please talk to the governance committee.

The February board meeting will be telephonic and held on February 15th. The next in person board meeting will be held on May 24, 2014. All are welcome to attend.

Discussion

Tony Lewis noted that he was opposed to the way the board is currently constituted as an appointed board. He would like to have a phone conference to further converse about this topic. Tony stated there has been no real response from the board to alum concerns about the switch to appointments. He stated that there was no response from the board to the comments he posted on Facebook. Tony noted that elections are meant to make the board selection more democratic and the conversations with the alumnae/i body should have been forced if no one was bringing any issues up to the board about this move to appointments.

Spozy noted that the board has been receiving his and others comments and (as stated to the membership) will review them at the end of the board's 3 year cycle of appointments as planned. She also noted that the goal of the board is to resolve some things that serve as barriers to participation.

Carla noted that in-person meetings are much more participatory than online or phone conversations. Jordan suggested an email to board members instead of a teleconference.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Action Items

- Chief Kessie to review alumnae/i visitation policy and consider possible updates
- The Board will include the self-evaluation form and the board expectations with the application for all potential applicants so they can better understand what is expected.
- The Board is to review all the proposed changes to the bylaws carefully. The Board will review them again at the next meeting.
- Board members are to continue calling young alums for the data for dollars initiative
- The February board meeting will be telephonic and held on February 15th. The next in person board meeting will be held on May 24, 2014.
- Board to consider a conference of some kind with alumnae/i regarding elections vs. appointments after their May meeting.