

## Alumni Advisory Board Minutes

Saturday, November 5, 2016

1:00pm – Bankers Life Fieldhouse

### Attendees:

- Jim Gidcumb
- Todd Brown
- Steve Gillman
- Andrew Jordan
- Chris Meyer
- David Sanborn
- Erin O'Connor (called in)
- Kelly Noel (called in)
- Dedric Day
- Ed Kelley (called in)
- Jessica Toth (called in)
- Chris Repa (called in)
- Nellie Hohne

### Staff:

- Ben Paolillo
- Lauren Arnold

### Guests:

- Mitch Lozier – SAA Vice President

- I. Call to Order – Dedric Day, President
- II. Approval of minutes – Greg Gotwald, Secretary (Dedric stepped in to handle the approval of minutes in Greg's unexpected absence.)
  1. Steve Gillman initiated, Todd Brown seconded, all approved, motion carried
- III. Results of Constitution amendments vote
  1. Constitution passed as written – 194 votes in favor, 13 not in favor = 207 total votes from the alumni population
  2. Acceptance of David Sanborn and Jessica Toth as new members of the AAB: They will fill the vacant board positions which came open with the constitution change pertaining to ARBOTs now being ex-officio members of the AAB – Chris Meyer initiated, Steve Gillman seconded the motion, motion carried.
  3. Dedric explained the new term limits and how the transition for officers will occur over the next year per the new constitution. The next officer election will be in spring of 2018. Nellie initiated the motion, Todd seconded, motion carried
  4. As of today there are 17 people on the board as 7 people have chosen not to remain on the board – we applaud the service of these 7 people and will move forward with the nominating committee to present names to be considered to fill

their vacant positions. The board recommended that the four positions be filled by the April 2017 meeting.

5. Detric brought up the change in the constitution pertaining to term lengths and limits for AAB members: 2-year term lengths and 3 consecutive term limits. Appendix A (see end of page 3) was shared to “start the clock” for each board member.
6. Discussion was had on what committees to keep and which to change/eliminate
  - I. It was decided to keep or create committees for: capitol campaign, alumni awards, young alumni and student recruitment
  - II. Committees removed and set as agenda items for the next meeting include: communications and marketing, alumni clubs, homecoming, career services, and SAA
    - I. Steve initiated the motion and Nellie seconded, motion carried
7. Committee Chairs (to serve no more than 3 consecutive years)
  - I. Young Alumni – Andrew Jordan is chair
  - II. Awards – Kelly Noel is chair (Jim G. and Nellie H. volunteered to help)
  - III. Recruitment – Chris Repa is chair
  - IV. Capital Campaign –?
  - V. AAB Member Nominating – Dan Price is chair (this is a standing committee; the Vice President of the AAB will always be the chair)
  - VI. VP Nomination committee – Past President is chair (this is a standing committee; the Past President will always be the chair)
    - I. Todd initiated motion, Andrew seconded, motion carried
  - VII. Compilation of a Policy Document
    - I. Intent of the document is to be able to make minor changes within the board without having to change the constitution
    - II. Andrew Jordan volunteered to help Greg Gotwald with the writing of this document – they will use the former Young Alumni Council’s records book and some previous onboarding documents from the AAB to help with the creation of document content. Document content to include: creations of a committee chair charter, calendar of events, explanation of structure and voting procedures

#### IV. Old Business

1. Lauren Arnold presented a comparison of the old RoseSTEM online community to the design for the new RoseSTEM site which should be made live this winter
2. Ben Paolillo confirmed that December 1, 2016 is the goal date for the “Alumni Relations” title to take effect for the office currently known as the Office of Alumni Affairs. The reasons for the office’s name change include:
  - I. It more clearly describes the type of relationship we have with our alumni.
  - II. It better defines our operation as to how we interact with campus and community partners.
  - III. The office name is one that is consistent within our profession.
3. Pilot Mentoring Program – Mitch Lozier presented
  - I. Program to be built around written correspondence; students need post-graduation advice, improve their networking skills, and learn what it means to be a productive alumnus. Benefits to mentors would include a connection to student life, having a hand in making students successful, and all the good “feels”.

- II. Key will be to maintain a regular correspondence schedule. Mitch explained that the responsibility would fall on the student to initiate and perpetuate the mentorship. Both parties would sign a privacy agreement.
- III. Mitch handed out sign up forms for all AAB members to complete and turn in so that mentor-mentee matches can be made,

V. **New Business**

- 1. **Future Meeting Dates**
  - I. August – Day TBA (Dedric to determine, may be the end of Feb. before decided)
- 2. Nominations for Honorary Doctorates – in AAB constitution it outlines how an individual may make a nomination but the AAB as a group cannot make honorary degree nominations. Nominations for honorary degrees can be sent directly to the president’s office.
- 3. It was agreed that ARBOT reports should be a standing agenda item for all future meetings.
- 4. Jim Gidcumb suggested the need for a quicker turn around time on receiving Homecoming photos, wanting all photos posted somewhere that is easily accessible to alumni.

VI. **Next Meeting**

- 1. **Friday, April 21 on campus (Hulbert Arena Skybox unless otherwise noted)**

VII. Meeting Adjourned – 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Arnold  
Associate Director, Alumni Relations

**Per Appendix A, current AAB members will follow these term lengths/limits:**

<b>TERM 2016 - 2018</b>	<b>TERM 2017- 2019</b>
Jim Gidcumb	Todd Brown
Steve Gillman	Dedric Day
Nellie Hohne	Greg Gotwald
Andrew Jordan	Ed Kelley
Anthony Primozych	Chris Meyer
David Sanborn	Kelly Noel
Jessica Toth	Dan Price
Jeff Trang	Chris Repa
Plus four news members determined 4-21-17	Robert Stone