

SRU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING Saturday, April 21, 2018
1:00 P.M.
Russell Wright Alumni House & Conference Center

Call to order 1:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Don Huddart, Mike Ross, Melissa Visco, Lisa Holmes, Suzanne Fodor, Dick Manning, Dominic Williams, Gary Hoffman, Alexandra Rigby, Richard Wood, Michael Zody, Corey Riddell, Pat Geho, Katie Hill, Keith Warcup, Sam Zyroll, & Susan Greaves. Excused are Mike Maurer, Brittany Donatelli, Brad Kovalski, David Price, Ron Shidemantle, and Ashley Ganoe.

Acceptance of Minutes- Dick Manning moved and Dom Williams seconded. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Melissa Visco- We are up in income from this time last year. Net income we are up. Membership is up but general contribution is down. No areas of concern. Keith Warcup made motion and Katie Hill seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.

SRU Alumni Association President's Report – Don Huddart – Planetarium show was a great way for us, as an organization to come back to campus. We met students and enjoyed time together. Our next meeting in July over the 6th and 7th is our retreat. Don asked for input to assist in retreat planning.

Committee Reports:

University Affairs – Suzanne Fodor- Orientation season is upon us. See Suzanne if you are able to work any orientation events.

Fiscal Affairs – Melissa Visco New computer program was purchased.

House and Special Projects – Gary Hoffman 9 month study being conducted about long term improvements on campus. Working on a list of assets & maintenance items within the Alumni House.

Marketing and Memberships – Brad Kovalski – Alex and Katie are members of the committee. Membership is holding steady. At the new member luncheon the life membership payment option will be encouraged. For the reunion, membership provides a discount. Some grads have joined for this benefit.

Nominations – Patrick Geho – 750 alumni participated. Our members Keith, Gary, and Dom were reelected. Alyssa Bookwalter and Andrea Byrd were elected.

2018 Board Election Results

Scholarship and Awards – Richard Wood

Scholarship and Awards Dinner is tonight. 144 guests are coming tonight. 39 scholarships will be awarded. Outstanding Senior Man and Woman are Matthew Heffelfinger and Maureen Walsh.

Recent Alumni Award will also be awarded tonight.

Furrie Scholarship- awarded to incoming freshmen. We are on schedule.

Winslow Annual Scholarship being set up by Steve & Krista Winslow. 2018-19 will be the first year selected.

By-Laws and Constitution – Corey Riddell- It is online and up to date if you want to check anything. Communicate with Corey with suggestions.

Past Presidents – Sue Greaves

Past Presidents' Service Award will be awarded to Dick Manning. A scholarship will be awarded from Past Presidents tonight.

SGA Board Update – Melissa Visco – They just had their election. Dallas Klein is the new SGA president. Money from bookstore is in reserve. Discussion about how that money will be spent is ongoing. Board is working and students are involved.

President's Report – Philip Way, Interim-President – Enrollment is up. Liberal studies curriculum is being discussed. Masters in Hospitality and Tourism is new. Faculty Learning Communities are available on campus. Success coaches are available for students to encourage their resilience. Campus safety day occurred on Thursday. They learned a lot. By August, all buildings should be safe. Improvement of customer service is being enhanced. Councils and Boards met in March. New chancellor of State System is being selected. Bill Behre is starting on July 1. A challenge facing the University is having a successful capital campaign.

Unfinished Business

Nationwide – Insurance options will be beginning by early June. Kelly is meeting with Nationwide people while in Columbus soon. They are having an informational meeting at the end of May.

Alumni Weekend – Marketing and promotion are separated by interests in the postcard designs. Hotel and lodging reports coming in to Kelly. Registration is coming, we hope. Then and now walking tour will be available. A tour of landscaping highlights will also be available. Incentives to register were discussed. A chance on a gift card for the bookstore will be offered to people who have registered by June 1. "Alumni Weekend Volunteer Needs" sign- up sheets were distributed. Kelly has a crew of students helping for Alumni Weekend. The Alumni Board will absorb your fees if you come back, stay on campus, and volunteer. If you are here to help for four to six hours, you do not have to pay for the events. You will be reimbursed after you pay. Kelly can also arrange housing for you.

3rd Quarter Alumni Events- 2,323 people have attended events to this point. Senior transition conference was successful. Backpacks to briefcases was rescheduled due to weather, but held in conjunction with the Senior Arts Seminar.

Directors Report:

Fall Events – we will be transitioning to a “Meet the President” theme for 2018-19 year. For the Steelers game consider hosting on 10/28 if it is available. It’s a 1pm vs. the Browns, it’s the day after the board meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:00 p.m. by Lisa Holmes and seconded by Katie Hill. Motion Carried.

**Next Meeting:
Board Retreat
July 6-7, 2018**