

## SRU Alumni Association Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Weisenfluh Conference Center

- I. **Call to order 10:01 a.m.**
- II. **Roll Call-** Don Huddart, Mike Ross, Dick Manning, Suzanne Fodor, Keith Warcup, Terri Flynn, Hannah Glass, Ashley Ganoë, Ron Wickwire, Mike Maurer, Brittany Donatelli, Dominic Williams, Gary Hoffman, Melissa Visco, Richard Wood, Bob McComas, Brad Kovaleski, David Price, Corey Ridell, Patrick Geho, Sam Zyroll, and Sue Greaves. Kimberley Jones and Lisa Holmes were excused.
- III. **Acceptance of Minutes.** A motion was made by Keith Warcup and seconded by Terri Flynn. The motion carried.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report-** Mike Ross presented the treasurer's report. Our balance sheet was compared to the previous year. Although it is early in the fiscal year, all looks good. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Dick Manning and seconded by Sam Zyroll. The motion carried.
- V. **SRU Alumni Association President's Report-** President elect Don Huddart. Don extended encouragement for board members to "Step up" for a wonderful banquet and Homecoming.
- VI. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **University Affairs- Suzanne Fodor.** WOW orientation went well as did Village Fest.
  - b. **Fiscal Affairs-** Mike Ross. Mike reported that the finance committee met with the auditors and we had a clean audit with no issues. This is a credit to the committee and to Kelly. The 990 which is our report to the IRS has to be approved. Dominic Williams made a motion to approve and Keith Warcup seconded it. The motion carried. Then Kelly reviewed scholarship recommendations. She reviewed the Furrie award which is a four year endowed award. Since our golf outing was more successful this year we have more money and can provide more scholarships. There are 480 Legacy students on campus now. Our aggressive goal is to eventually be able to help all Legacy students someday. A motion to approve the new scholarship standards was made by Dominic Williams and seconded by Sue Greaves. The motion carried.

- c. **House and Special Projects** - Mike Maurer reviewed committee news. He reminded association to help sell bricks. 96 new bricks would be installed by Homecoming. We have been selling bricks for 8 years. 3000 are still available.
- d. **Marketing and Memberships**- Brittany Donatelli reported that we will have a new members luncheon after Graduation Celebration.
- e. **Nominations**- Hannah Glass reported. Between Feb 1 – March 30 of 2017 voting will take place. Hannah invited the board to each select two people that might be interested in serving on the alumni board.
- f. **Scholarships & Awards**- Richard Wood reported. This committee has a big job ahead for this year. The process of evaluating the scholarship applications will take place over December and early January.
- g. **Bylaws and Constitution** – Dom Williams. No report
- h. **Past presidents**- Sue Greaves reported. She will be contacting past presidents to make sure they are invited to Homecoming and also the April banquet. Incentives for Past Presidents to donate to the scholarship fund is being discussed.

VII. **President's Report**- Cheryl Norton

SRU has its highest enrollment ever. Many of the students are graduate students. An important goal of the administration is to cultivate a respectful community. David Price is serving on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Dr. Norton gave a report on strike preparations and how it might affect Homecoming.

VIII. **Unfinished business**

- a. Golf Outing. The Golf Outing was our best to date. Very intense job to fill all of the sponsorship levels. It takes months. But many people come together as SRU alumni. About half of the golfers and alumni. Many golfers from sponsoring companies are parents of students. Next year our raffle items might be more designed to attract clientele interest like construction themed items.
- b. Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2016. Board members will march in the parade. Members will rotate through jobs at the tailgate tent. The Golden Grads will include 40 members of the Class of 1966 who will be at the Outstanding Alumni Dinner on Friday October 21 and included in events on Saturday October 22 also.
- c. University Strategic Goal 8 Update. Kelly discussed the challenges of cross campus communications with her office. She is continuing to emphasize that when alumni are on campus as class guests, etc. she would like to be notified.

IX. **New Business**

Kelly discussed the Alumni Weekend Ad Hoc Committee. Patrick briefly summarized our meeting this morning. The planned Alumni weekend which may occur in about eighteen months is an attempt to consolidate all reunion groups to one weekend in June. This would

include Greeks, Athletics, Band, SGA, etc. Currently there are a lot of smaller reunions year round.

- X. **Director's Report**- Kelly Bailey. Dates for the retreat were set. The retreat next summer will be July 14- 15, 2017.

Working on developing a new website – [www.rockalumni.com](http://www.rockalumni.com) – will transition to this overtime. Working on a new design, please offer feedback and share thoughts on what you would like to see on the page.

- XI. **"For the Good of the Board"** If anyone is interested in running for executive board positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and President elect, the candidates will be announced at the next board meeting.

- XII. **Adjournment 12:00 p.m.**