



Alumni Association Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2007

Joe Rosenfield '25 Center – Room 209

Present: James Bowhay '81, Mike Ison '93, Rob Killion '90, Jeffrey Kohlman '66, Dean Lerner '74, Judy Lutter '61, Avram Machtiger '74, Karmi Mattson '97, Ellen McDonald '81, Marilyn Musser '74, Carter Newton '77, Dorothy Palmer '62, Sam Perlman '90, Paul Risser '61, Leslie Stearns '87, John Swenson '61, Gretchen Thompson '62, Lee Weisel '62.

Absent: Barry Huff '73, Sarah Purcell '92, Makino Ruth '79, Samir Sashikant '00, Kartik Sheth '93, Lisa van Sand '85

Staff: Rachel Bly '93, Jeff Fields '90, Dan McCue, Mickey Munley '87, Bonnie Primley, Severin Roberts

Guests: Jin Feng, Assoc. Professor of Chinese, Henry Reitz '89, Assoc. Professor of Religious Studies

Saturday, March 10, 2007 1:25 p.m. - Joseph Rosenfield '25 Student Center Room 209

- I. Welcome by president: Michael Ison '93, president
 - A. Introduced new members present
 - B. Renovation of Noyce Science Center is on schedule
 - C. College is on track with the Strategic Plan
 - D. Grinnell remains on the cutting edge of institutions
 - E. Report on council executive retreat in July
 - F. Acknowledged resignation of Kaitlynn Lewis and introduced new Pioneer Fund staff
 - G. Overview of goals of each of the standing committees
 - H. Encouraged council comments or concerns be sent to Leslie Stearns '87 as incoming president

- II. Second Year Retreat: Jin Feng, Associate Professor of Chinese
Presented an overview of this year's first second year retreat resulting as a goal of the Strategic Plan Expanding Knowledge Initiative.

This year's retreat in October was a 2 ½ day event in Boone set up as a holistic approach to address social and academic needs of second year students; to help them to plan their majors and to find their life's passions. Student, faculty/staff facilitators participated in a program that contained panels, speakers and discussions.

- Next year's retreat will be Sept. 20-22. Theme: Remaining awake during a revolution.
- III. Accreditation: Henry Rietz '89, Assoc. Professor of Religious Studies
Discussed the Accreditation process the college is currently going through. This process is done every 10 years. Target completion date is Sept. 2008 when Grinnell will have a site visit.
 - IV. Office of College and Alumni Relations Update: Rachel Bly '93, interim director of alumni and community relations.
 - A. Jayn Bailey starts March 13 as assistant director of Alumni Relations. Reunion and class committees will be her main focus
 - B. Interviews for director of alumni and community relations are taking place.
 - C. Reunion schedule is at the printer and will be out soon. Web registration will be up in April.
 - D. Class Committees – Conference calls are going on for '07 and '08 Reunion classes and are setting up '09 committees
 - E. Class Agents – 96 classletters have been processed this year
 - F. Events - Denver next week, Washington, D.C. on March 23rd, San Francisco on March 31st. In April, we will host events in Portland and Seattle. In June we are planning an event in conjunction with the board of trustees retreat in the Twin Cities.
 - G. Community Council continues to meet and discuss community projects.
 - V. Alumni Relations Committee Report: Jeff Kohlman '66, chair
 - A. Goals were set for this fiscal year.
 - B. Discussed volunteer weekend.
 - C. Will continue to write notes to volunteers sending special wishes and encouragements to those in 2007 reunion classes, including class committee members.
 - D. New Appointments:
 - i. Chair – Judy Lutter '61
 - ii. EMDC Committee – Dean Lerner '74
 - iii. Awards Committee – Dorothy Palmer '62
 - VI. Pioneer Fund & Development Committee Report: Judy Lutter '61, chair
 - A. Assisted the Pioneer Fund team with their perspectives on solicitation ideas. The committee will be taking a more active role in making contacts to solicit gifts for Grinnell College.
 - B. New Appointments:
 - i. Chair – Lee Weisel '62
 - ii. EDC Committee – Jim Bowhay
 - iii. Awards Committee - TBD
 - VII. Pioneer Fund Update: Severin Roberts, director of the Pioneer Fund

- A. There are two new assistant directors of the Pioneer Fund, Buddy Boulton, who will be working with the phonathon and classes from 1965-1988 and Jeff Fields '90, who will be working with the classes of 2007-1987 and the golden years.
- B. Interviews for a Pioneer Fund assistant are forthcoming.
- C. Senior Challenge Committee has some initiatives to step up their class giving. Students have been writing thank you postcards to donors.
- D. Overall participation at the end of February was 26.57%. Pioneer Fund is at 68% of its goal for the year. The average alumni gift is larger than past years.
- E. CFD appeals are out.
- F. Exit 182 will be mailing in April.

VIII. Communications Committee Report: Sam Perlman '90, chair

- A. Reviewed committee goals and projects for the year.
- B. The work of the committee falls into two categories and goals were set in each category.
 - i. Advisory
 - ii. Advocacy
- C. New Appointments:
 - i. Chair - Jack Swenson '62
 - ii. EMDC - Carter Newton '77
 - iii. Awards Committee – Avram Machtiger '74

IX. Alumni Networks Committee Report: Rob Killion '90, chair

- A. Review of past year goals.
- B. Review of tasks completed this year.
- C. Sent letter to alumni asking for externship sites for students. Intent was to increase the number of externships offered to students. 60 sites were acquired and 45 externships filled.
- D. Discussion of GRINNELLINK held during meeting weekend.
- E. Discussed possible projects for the upcoming year.
- F. New Appointments:
 - i. Chair – Rob Killion '90
 - ii. EMDC – Ellen McDonald '81
 - iii. Awards Committee – Karmi Mattson '97

X. Election and Member Development Committee Report: Marilyn Musser '74, chair

- A. Presented a slate of members to be approved for renewal of terms. Motion was presented, seconded and passed to renew terms as follows:
 - i. Second term: Jeff Kohlman '66
 - ii. Third term: Dean Lerner '74
 - Ellen McDonald '81
 - Sam Perlman '90
 - Leslie Stearns '87
 - Jack Swenson '61
 - Gretchen Thomson '62

- B. Paper ballot vote was held for president elect. Sam Perlman '90 was elected by unanimous vote.
 - C. Discussion of the process by which new member candidates were chosen and a breakdown of council member statistics. A slate of new member candidates was presented, voted upon and accepted.
- XI. Awards Committee Report and Selection of Awardees: Leslie Stearns '87, chair
- A. Review of the award selection process.
 - B. Review of the candidates and categories of awards
 - C. Committee presented nominations for alumni awards. The slate of candidates was voted upon and accepted as submitted.
- XII. Future Meeting Dates & Schedules: Mickey Munley '87, vice president Office of Alumni and Community Relations
- A. Discussed building dedications and larger events that will take place between 2008 -2010.
 - B. Council meeting dates: Oct. 12-14, 2007, March 7-9, 2008, Oct. 3-5, 2008 and March 5-8, 2009.
 - C. Suggestions from Council for future meetings
- XII. New Business: Mike Ison '93
- A. Council thanked Mike for his photos of his China trip.
 - B. Thanks to the staff for their support and energy in making the weekend a great turn out.
 - C. Thanks to Marilyn Musser '74 for her participation on Council. She was presented with an appreciation gift. Mike recognized other members of the council who resigned this year; Sarah Purcell '92, Betty Dandridge-Johnson '79, and Orlan Mitchell '55.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Oct. 12-14, 2007