SPSU Alumni Association Board Meeting (11/09/13)

Minutes

**Board Members Present:**

| Trent Anderson | Robert Graham | Brandon Nichols |
| Judith Atem   | Edrick Harris  | Chisom Ohiagu   |
| Thomas Baglivo| Tyler Isgett   | Aakash Shah     |
| Garrett Bailey (phone) | David Jett | Floyd “Snuffy” Smith |
| Greg Barner   | David McKoy    | Angela Wingers  |
| Lisa Buice    | Glynn Mitchell | Frank Ziller    |

**SPSU Staff:**

Pierrette Maillet

Dr. Lisa Rossbacher

- Room Temperature Reaction to Merger
- President’s Welcome
  - Approval of Agenda
    - David McKoy motioned to approve agenda; seconded by Angela.
    - Motion passed
  - Approval of Minutes
    - Ben motioned to approve minutes; seconded by Tyler.
    - Motion passed
- Reactions Exercise
  - The board broke up into small groups and discussed and documented individual feelings toward the SPSU/KSU merger
- Board Business
  - Financial Report
  - $6,896.48 in board discretionary fund
  - Competition teams
    - $80,267.30 – current balance (includes carry over from competition team budgets)
    - Funding Available for allocation
      - $50,000 – Departmental Fund
      - $10,000 – Johnson Endowment
    - Total Awarded to date - $55,000
- Committee Updates
  - The vice president will track the progress of the committees over the year
  - Fundraising and Development
    - PolyDay – 14 board members participated (donation)
      - Goal was $200,000; raised $309,000
    - How to use the website to market?
  - Alumni Engagement
    - Discussed how to get more exposure for the online community, including Facebook.
    - Want to continue to engage alumni after events by emails and posting more pictures of events
    - Want to put networking events together for individual academic programs
    - Survey was put out in terms of Career Services; alumni don’t need help with interview skills or resume building, but locating jobs. Also, SPSU alumni looking to hire other alumni and networking were big issues as well
- Student Outreach
  - All the Student Competition Team funding requests have been reviewed and funds have been allocated.
  - $5000 was purposely left over since teams (competition and non-competition) usually request additional funding later in the fiscal year.
  - Listed some potential events and programs for the Spring semester

- University President’s Address
  - President Rossbacher spoke and cleared up some facts about the upcoming consolidation
  - Informed the board that the SPSU SGA President was able to get a time slot for the upcoming Board of Regents meeting.

- Consolidation Discussion
  - Frank made a motion to support the students; seconded by Greg. Motion passed.
  - Board members Ben Moss, Trent Anderson, and David Jett were asked by the students to accompany them to the Board of Regents meeting.
  - Aakash made a motion to send an alumni board member to the Board of Regents meeting with the students. There was decision on the pros and cons sending a board member. No official action was taken on motion.
  - Was decided that the Board would leave the decision up to Ben, Trent, and David on who would be the best individual to go and they would report back to the Board with their decision.

- Adjourn

Minutes submitted by Robert Graham, Secretary