SPSU Alumni Association Board Meeting (4/20/13)

Minutes

Board Members Present:
Aakash Shah  Tyler Isgett (called in)  Edrick Harris  Gene Morris
Glynn Mitchell  Thomas Baglivo  Judith Atem
Frank Ziller  Greg Barner  Angela Wingers (called in)
Robert Graham  Lisa Buice  Brandon Nichols
Tim Moss (called in)  Heather Giroux (called in)  David McKoy

SPSU Staff:
Pierrette Maillet

• Welcome and Recognition
  o Aakash thanked everyone for the work they’ve done through the year. Aakash recognized various individuals for their extraordinary work over the past two years.

• Budget Update
  o Frank went over Financial Update
  o As of 3/31/13, the current balance for the Board Discretionary fund is $5,875.07; this does include any money not dispersed to competition teams

• Approval of Minutes
  o Needed to add attendance list. Added some additional information.
  o Motion to approve minutes with changes discussed; motion passed. Minutes approved.

• Alumni Office and Events Update
  o In beginning stages of creating SPSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Aiming to induct first class Fall 2014.
  o Had approximately 27 alumni show up at the Red Hare Brewery social
  o Alumni Office is trying to encourage more alumni to join the online community
  o Currently updating the University Strategic Plan
  o Pierrette is looking to put together a group to march at the Marietta Fourth of July Parade

• Foundation Update
  o Aakash spoke at the last Foundation Board meeting. Went over the Committee work and talked about the Strategic Plan of the Alumni Board.
  o SPSU is still acquiring property around the University
  o Foundation Board is constantly looking for ways to increase visibility and improve student life activities

• Committees Updates
  o Glynn thanked everyone for the work they’ve done through the year
  o Alumni Engagement (Thomas Baglivo, Chair)
    ▪ Parking issue is almost resolved. Trying to get free semester-long parking for alumni, as well as increasing visitor parking. Should be able to take care of that through the website.
    ▪ Competition team reunion was a success. Had a good turnout from students, alumni, faculty and staff. Committee would like to continue these types of events in the coming year.
    ▪ End of Year Celebration – June 29 at Gene Morris’s home at 3 pm
  o Student Outreach (Tyler Isgett, Chair)
    ▪ Looking at improving the student competition funding process; looking at developing a standard for non-competition team funding
- Gave out the first Student Leadership Award this year at awards dinner
- Going forward, want to increase the exposure with the student body at various events, including Graduation
- Looking at creating seminars for current students on various life skills (financial management, understanding loans, etc.)

o Development and Fundraising (Frank Ziller, Chair)
  - After the alumni survey, looking at two goals:
    - Concentrate on alumni who graduated post-1980; this group showed more potential to give based on survey
    - Many alumni have a desire to give but just haven’t to date
    - How can we increase online giving and improve the online giving portal?
    - Still need to get 100% giving participation from the Board

o Nominations (Aakash Shah, Chair)
  - Aakash went over the nomination and elections process
  - Gave a brief overview of the three current board members whose terms are complete and who will be rolling off the Board – Wayne Brown, Heather Giroux, and Tim Moss.
  - Pierrette presented the recommendation of the Nominations Committee to appoint Ben Phillips and Ray Pinkerton as Alumni Board Emeritus Members. Ben has accepted; Ray is unconfirmed. Motion was made and passed to appoint these two members as emeriti members.
  - Pierrette presented the recommendation of the Nominations Committee to re-elect Robert Graham and Aakash Shah to another three-year term. Motion was made and passed.
  - Pierrette presented the Nominations Committee’s recommendation to elect five new board members – Trent Anderson, Garrett Bailey, David Jett, Ben Moss, and Chisom Ohiagu.
    - Gene made a motion to accept all five nominations; seconded by Greg. Motion passed.
    - The Board made a decision to invite the new board members to the End of Year Celebration

- Elections
  - Aakash went over the slate of candidates for the Executive Board for the upcoming year.
    - President – Glynn Mitchell, Vice President – Tyler Isgett, Treasurer – Lisa Buice, Secretary – Robert Graham
    - All nominations accepted via a vote. New board starts July 1, 2013.

- Closing Remarks
  - Aakash went over some of the accomplishments from the past two years he was President of the Board.

Minutes submitted by Robert Graham, Secretary