

Illinois State University Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting

September 18, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting

Alumni Association Mission: To support the University through the knowledge, skills, financial resources, and loyalty of its alumni; to communicate and interpret the University's goals and achievements to others; and to promote a spirit of unity and loyalty among former students and friends.

Attendance : Karyn L. Aguirre, Tyler Clark, Christina Fontenelle, Fellicia Foster, Liz Garcia, Tim Griffin, Dave Horstein, Daniel Jackson, Joe McGuire, Mary McMahon, Danny Mielneczek, Lutitia Mills, Susan Nelson-Brown, Dakota Pawlicki, Scott Preston, Stacy Ramsey, Nikita Richards, Matthew Rillie, Brent Scholl, JD Schurter, Stan Shingles, Steve Smith, Alice Spann, Leah Walton

Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order

Dave

Horstein

- a. Horstein called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. and introductions took place. Board Members introduced themselves, Kris Harding had Alumni Staff introduce themselves and described job responsibilities.

2. ISU Leadership Updates

a. President's Report

President Kinzy

- i. Appreciate the effort of Board Members attending.
- ii. Gave brief bio for her and husband Scott.
- iii. Spoke about the importance of ISU in the community
- iv. Discussed Jelani Day disappearance – send any info to BPD.
- v. COVID-19 - how ISU did/is preparing for commitment to a safe “on campus” experience. Discussed challenges - opportunities for using technology for inclusion & telehealth. Continuing to access work remote policy as well as continuing to follow state guidelines. Vaccination rates are 91% of faculty & staff as well as 75% of ISU students. *must be vaccinated or test weekly.
- vi. Multicultural Center - official ribbon cutting at Homecoming.
- vii. Funding for the Fine Arts Project is moving forward.
- viii. Proposal has been submitted to ISBHE for a College of Engineering at ISU.
- ix. Bone Student Center - renovations
- x. Cyber-Security program open in Julian Hall
- xi. 3rd best fundraising year in history.

- xii. Athletic Teams won back-to-back MVC Trophy! Creating leaders in our athletes.
- xiii. Enrollment is down slightly approximately 2% (everyone's is). Still between 20,000 and 21,000 students. We had about a 6% increase in transfer students. This year's new class included 447 Honor Students and a higher level of diversity (35%).
- xiv. Provost Tarhule has a plan to increase diversity of the staff. University Housing Services – established "Rainbow Community".
- xv. President Kinzy is excited that her first Homecoming is the 100th! Addressed questions from Board Members.

b. University Advancement Report **Pat**
Vickerman

- i. Fundraising information was included in her report.

c. Trustees Report **Bob**
Navarro

- i. Introduced himself and gave short bio.
- ii. Board or Trustees July 23, 2021 meeting:
 - 1. First meeting with President Kinzy
 - 2. New student trustee - Devin Paoni
 - 3. President Dietz was granted Emeritus status
 - 4. New Officers are Mary Ann Louderback as President and Kathy Bohn as Secretary
 - 5. Next meeting will be Friday the week of Homecoming. On the agenda will be hiring a new Board Attorney, scheduling a retreat and Homecoming.

d. Alumni Engagement Report **Kris**
Harding

- i. Popcorn samples were provided by alumni Donny B (popcorn business)
- ii. Items for School Street Pantry
- iii. Scholarship recipients and a "surprise guest" attending lunch today.
- iv. Lauren Hardy has accepted a job at U of I. For now, Network Leaders will coordinate event logistics until replacement is hired.
- v. ISUAA Board Member Karyn L. Aguirre named to the Legacy Hall of Fame along with others.
- vi. Network and Affinity Groups are doing awesome, went over some examples.

- vii. Homecoming - ISUAA is a big part of our success. Reviewed dates and events planned. Friday night of Homecoming will be first Network Leaders Event from 4-6 at Keg Grove Brewery

**e. Alumni Association President's Report
Horstein**

Dave

- i. Thanks to Kris Harding for social.
- ii. Most committees have met regarding the Strategic Plan, working on outreach for Staff, members, etc.
- iii. Exit interviews have been completed for "graduating" Board Members.
- iv. There are several great events planned over the Summer.
- v. Look for any invites to events from Affinity Groups, R.E.D. Committee - important to "do our part" and be active in the community.
- vi. Do not forget to make donation to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, *remember ANYTHING helps.

3. Consent Agenda (Action Items)

- a. Approval of June 19, 2021 minutes
- b. FY21 Financial Report
- c. FY 22 Financial Report
- d. Griffin moved to approve Consent Agenda. Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**4. Continuing Business
Horstein**

Dave

- a. **Strategic Plan Overview**

**5. New Business
Horstein**

Dave

a. Motions to accept 2021-2022 Committee Assignments

- i. Richards moved to approve. Ramsey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. Board Governance Committee Proposal - discussion regarding forming an Ad Hoc Committee to update policies, procedures, Constitution & Board Manual to make sure it aligns with our vision. Steve Smith will chair Ad Hoc Committee to look at governing documents. Committee will consist of 5-7 Board Members and various Alumni. Motion to officially form Ad Hoc Committee by Griffin, seconded by Nelson-Brown. Passed unanimously.

- c. Alumni Association Scholarship. Proposal to award \$15,000 in Fall and \$15,000 in Spring Semesters. Motion made by Nelson-Brown, seconded by Mielneczek. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Committee/Liaison Updates

a. Written reports provided

- i. Notable Committee updates included latest information regarding Homecoming Week, and it was stated that if any of the Board Members have interest in joining the leadership of ISUAA, please make sure to let people know. This would include the Executive Committee and/or the Leadership Positions.

7. Adjournment
Horstein

Dave

Clark moved to adjourn. Seconded by Pawlicki. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.