

**Alumni Awards Committee Report  
January 21, 2023, Board Meeting**

The 2 Awards sub-committees met on September 20<sup>th</sup> (Achievement, Mercier, and Maitland) and September 26<sup>th</sup> (Young Alumni, Distinguished, and Purnell) to discuss the awards and each members Rubric rankings of the Awards nominees. Committee recommendations were submitted to Jamie Sennett who forwarded these recommendations to President Kinzy. All nominees were approved.

For various reasons, 2 of the Award recipients were not able to accept the awards this year. Therefore, the second choice in each of the categories was then approved by the President.

Alumni Engagement (Jamie and Juliana) have been working to contact each Award recipient, schedule travel, work with respective colleges for campus visits, etc. Alumni Engagement staff is also working on the Awards Brunch to be held on Friday April 21, 2023.

The Awards committee met on January 10<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss the awards process, preparing formal committee policies and procedures, open issues, and questions.

Jamie will send a draft of committee procedures along with a sample from another university. The committee will meet again to discuss and finalize the policy and procedure document.

## ISUAA Board Development Committee

October 18, 2022

4 p.m. (CDT)

**Attending:** Rachel (staff), Kris (staff), Steve S., Dave H., Stan S., JD S., Stacy R.

- 1. Board Selection Process:** Rachel covered the timeline and the first steps needed for the selection cycle. She will reach out to Leah to set up a deadline to reach out to members with expiring terms before the end of the year. An email will be sent by Dave/Kris to all board members as a note of any others without expiring terms that may be considering a resignation. As of this date there will be two seat to fill. An updated number will follow in the new year.

Rachel set up a form that will be sent first week of January to the full board with a leadership focus. This will allow the committee to discuss leadership earlier in the selection cycle this year.

### **2. Committee Priorities**

- A discussion occurred over the need for professional development/teambuilding. It was noted that with the speakers, tours, and updates from various departments, the board is receiving development. Teambuilding and a stronger need to get to know each other will be the focus and Stacy and Dave will plan a couple of shorter exercises that could be done. It was also noted to encourage more socializing during lunch and prior to the meetings.
- The constitution is being reviewed by the University's legal team. Kris will give updates to the executive committee, this committee and the full board when that is complete. Once the constitution is reviewed, the committee will move forward with board manual review.
- Stacy and Stan will meet to set up some objectives and need for criteria to begin a plan to involve nonboard members on committees. It was discussed to reach out to current committee chairs for feedback, decide on which committees need nonboard members, how many and for how long. It was suggested to also add a question to the board application of interest on serving on committees if not selected as an at-large director.

**DEI Committee Minutes  
December 7, 2023**

Minutes

Board DEI survey review

- Board survey is out for review
- Many committee members looked it over and the committee approved.
- Matthew will draft a statement to introduce the survey and aim to have the survey sent to the board on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Board will have 2 weeks to fill it out.

Listening Session 2.0

- Timeline
  - Wednesday, February 22, 2023. 7pm
- Structure
  - Name proposed: “Redbird Representation Community Forum”
- Action items
  - Matthew, Dawn, and Danielle will meet to discuss the structure. They will propose the structure before the end of the year through email. This will allow Kris’s team to have the behind the scenes work smoother to achieve our date. The goal will be to have a structure approved during our next committee meeting in January.

ISUAA non-board members serving on committees – brainstorm session

- Dawn’s feedback: Be specific with asks of non-board members to build that relationship
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Next meeting – January 18, 2023, at 5:15pm. Committee agreed that Wednesday nights will continue to work well.

**Alumni Association Homecoming Committee**  
**November 9, 2022**  
**Notes/Report**

Thanks to all our volunteers and the Alumni Engagement team, homecoming was a success and lots of fun 😊

- Alumni Homecoming King & Queen Selection
  - John and Marilyn Freese were selected as our 2022 Homecoming Royalty.
  - Moving away from King and Queen language to Royalty to be more inclusive.
    - Wording changed on website and nomination form that so that it is clear that nominees do not need to be a couple.
  - Royalty was recognized at the Alumni Day Luncheon on Friday, Oct. 15 and during Homecoming festivities.
  
- Campus Decorating Contest Judging, Friday, Oct. 7
  - 33 Entries (2 non-competing) this may have been the most entries we have had in many years
  - Judging – volunteers
    - Alumni Engagement Student Intern
    - Stacy and 2-3 more (local or on-campus alum; faculty/staff member)
  - All first place in each category gets \$40 prize. Winners announced on Oct. 10 via website and twitter. Next year we will continue to improve the judging sheet and consider having entries choose a category to be judged in.
    - Most ISU Spirited
      - 1st Place: Office of the Comptroller
      - 2nd Place: Student Health Services
      - 3rd Place: WGLT
    - Most Original Use of Theme
      - 1st Place: University College
      - 2nd Place: Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
      - 3rd Place: Financial Aid
    - Best Use of Reggie
      - 1st Place: TechZone
      - 2nd Place: Department of Kinesiology and Recreation
      - 3rd Place: Department of Health Sciences
    - Most Humorous
      - 1st Place: WZND
      - 2nd Place: Facilities Management/Campus Services
      - 3rd Place: Redbird Card Office
    - Best Newcomer
      - 1st Place: Dean of Students, Bone Student Center Suite
      - 2nd Place: TechZone
      - 3rd Place: Office of International Engagement
  
- Volunteer Sign-Up
  - Volunteers are very appreciated! We did text some people 5 minutes prior to their shift to remind them of their upcoming shift. We added a volunteer spot for logistics which

helped to have someone in charge of setting up and re-stocking the gondolas, etc. at the food table.

- Next year consider calendar invites for shifts, as another reminder for shift coverage.
- Homecoming Prep/Packing
  - This has gone well the past couple of years with packing prior to the weekend events. Date and time are arranged with Alumni Engagement Staff.
  - Thanks to those who blew up footballs, we should be back to the regular ones for next year.
- Network Leader Social Event
  - Regional Network Alumni Representatives and Board Members – 28 people attended
  - Friday, Oct. 14 at Keg Grove Brewery from 4-5:30pm
  - Outlook Invite to Homecoming Committee and Board for numbers
  - Keg Grove is a gracious host, and some are alums.
  - This event is gaining momentum and we plan to continue this event next year.
- Tram Decorating and Parade
  - Saturday, Oct. 15 - 9:15am
  - 22 Board, 4 Former Board, and 1 Network Leader participated
  - Need new signage for next year – Need signs to go across each side; need to put an attachment/hook/hole that would allow us to affix the sign, so we don't have to staple; collaborate with the farm to make needed adjustments
  - Only committee members, alumni board, and past board members on tram (others can walk along)
  - Invited Regional Network Reps to walk
  - Half-Century participants were at the end of the parade – we saved a few footballs for the end
  - Ran out of necklaces; had enough footballs-back to normal size for next year
  - Consider koozies to market the Alumni Board
  - Love having BCA next in line to us
- Tent Decorating, Food, Entertainment, Etc.
  - Saturday, Oct. 15 – 8:00 – 9:00am set up
  - Quick cover table covers used again
  - Table set-up – coordinate with Juliana
    - Layout better this year
    - Food and drinks in the back was suggested
  - Approximately 180 people check in at the tent; down from 249 last year although some participants did not check in; QR code for check in was not as successful as we hoped – only 37 people used this to check in
  - Map of Tent Zone used frequently available on hanging boards and printed some for check-in table
  - WZND, trivia, and prizes continue to be a fun part of the tent activities
  - President Kinzy remarks 12:45; BRMM around 12:20
  - Table tents set again to get info out about scholarship donation with QR code and Royalty, Awards, etc.
  - Tables RSVP'd for Half-Century (2) and Regional Reps

- Table for Spirit Pack distribution – Annual Giving
- Ran out of gondolas
- Gondola order needs to be separate for the Alumni tent and all other tents. This has gotten confused the past two years and causes lots of extra work and frustration.
- We got a few complaints for no veggie option, the committee felt that there are other items to eat, and we do not need to worry about a veggie option and monitoring that.
- Need more containers for condiments; Juliana ordering more boxes for sandwiches
- Made talking points for Alumni Board who were networking-not sure they were used
- If budget allows do individual bags of chips, better than a bowl of chips
  
- Tent Clean-Up and Help Getting Supplies Back to Alumni Center
  - Clean up went smoothly; no one was needed to help get supplies back this year
  
- Post Homecoming Email and Survey
  - Alumni Engagement sends and we review feedback
  
- Other Miscellaneous
  - Athletics might make changes to location of tent zone (UHigh putting in irrigation system and we can't put tent stakes in the ground)
  - Juliana will share updates
  - Football jerseys for board for parade, investigate costs
  - We will continue to pursue ways to meet our Strategic Plan goals and objectives as we think about 2023.
  
- Save the date for next year's Homecoming: Redbirds Reign October 9-15, 2023

**Illinois State University Alumni Association**  
**AGENDA - Redbird Engagement and Development (RED) Committee Meeting**  
**5:30pm, October 17, 2022, via Zoom**

- Network/Affinity updates and upcoming events
- Redbird Table Talk updates
  - Thursday, October 27, 6-7pm via Zoom-**rescheduled to March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6p**
  - How representation can matter
  - Matthew Rillie (emcee), Christina Fontenelle (panelist), Keiana Barrett (panelist), Joshua Crocket (panelist)
- Homecoming Week Recap
  - Blood Drive – Tuesday, October 11-**great turn out! Surpassed expectation**
- Center for Civic Engagement
  - Holiday Helper Program – Asking for \$75 to be spent on each child items from both their wants and needs list (except for socks)
- #RedbirdImpact month/monthly stories (Stephanie)-**going great! looking for more stories on for each month**
- Confirm next meeting: Monday, January 16 at 5:30pm

ONGOING: Grow relationship between SAC and AA Board

ONGOING: Board Service project