

Alumni Awards Committee Report

April 9, 2022, Board Meeting

The Alumni Awards committee met on January 22, 2022, in person prior to the board meeting. Several members of the committee joined via Zoom.

The committee members presented their suggestions for changes to the rubric for each of the 6 Alumni Awards to meet the various award criteria. The suggested changes will be made to the rubrics and sent to the committee members for final review.

Final rubrics were sent to committee members.

The 2023 Alumni Awards dinner will be held on April 21, 2023. The committee wants to remind all board members to consider making nominations for the 2023 awards.

Submitted By:

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Awards Committee Chairman

Committee Board Members:

Tisha Mills
JD Schurter
Nikita Richards
Scott Preston
Mary McMahan
Lisa Castleman
Alice Spann

Non-Board Members:

Mary Dellorto
Shaun Fauley

ISUAA Board Development Committee Minutes
February 7, 2022

Board Application Updates

- The committee received an update regarding the number of applications submitted with the deadline approaching. Rachel generated a story that was posted in the January alumni enewsletter and could be shared by alumni board members on social. Committee encouraged to reach out to alumni to apply.

Non-BOD Member committee involvement

- The committee discussed more in-depth one of its goals to find ways for non-board members to become engaged or serve on alumni association committees. Conversation focused on how to identify and select prospective non-board committee members. The committee will discuss these ideas later in the year and seek input from committee chairs.

Board self-assessment tools

- Steve shared ideas on what he has seen and used with other boards for self-assessments. The committee focused on creating board competency assessment tool that members would complete prior to the April board meeting. Steve volunteered to draft a survey, Rachel would create, and Kris would send for members to complete in March.

Next Steps / Other Topics

- Committee members were reminded they will receive all prospective board member applications by February 23 with next meeting to be held March 7 for the scoring and selection for finalist interviews.
- Interviews scheduled for 4-5:30 p.m. on March 14 and March 15 (Zoom holds will be sent)

ISUAA Board Development Committee Minutes
March 7, 2022

Board Candidate Score Review and Interviews

- Committee reviewed and rated applicants prior to March committee meeting. Rachel compiled averages for committee to review.
- Committee elected to conduct five finalist interviews. Kris will reach out to candidates to ask for times available either March 14 and 15. She will send Zoom links to committee members to join
- Interview questions will be sent to committee members
- Committee will meet in early April to review candidates and form slate to be reviewed by executive committee

Board Applicant Discussion

- Board candidates will be reminded they must be an active alum to be on the board, a question will be added to the application moving forward (affirmation regarding having given to ISU this year or the past fiscal year).
- Committee also discussed stronger encouragement to applicants that did not make interview round but have strong board potential. These individuals may be candidates for committees and be encouraged to reapply in the future.
- Those that are interviewed and not selected will continue to receive a phone call from Kris.
- The committee also recommend that those that applied from the previous year be sent a reminder email to encourage to apply again the following year.

ISUAA DEI Committee Meeting
March 24, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Committee Report

1. Introduced Lindsay Vahl Dean – will be serving as liaison to committee along with Kris Harding.
2. Discussed Redbird Table Talks
 - a. Should these programs be coordinated by RED or DEI Committee?
 - b. Committee discussed and this program should remain with RED. This could be a collaborative effort in the future.
 - c. There is a good opportunity to host a Redbird Table Talk in the next few months. We can brainstorm potential topics.
3. Alumni Association Website
 - a. Add the University DEI message to the website
 - b. Committee will review website and provide additional “quick win” recommendations.
4. Listening Sessions
 - a. Committee discussed the goals and timeline for the next listening session.
 1. Update our alumni that the DEI is a standing committee
 2. Provide information on the work that has been accomplished thus far.
 3. Committee will discuss a potential date between now and the summer months.
This could be a collaboration with RED.
5. Alumni Award nomination forms are live on website. Committee members can consider nominating an alum for the Andrew Purnell, Jr. Trailblazer Award.
6. Upcoming events:
 - a. April 2, 2022 – Alumni Reception ISU Pride Charity Drag Show
 - b. Graduation Celebrations:
 1. Lavender – April 23rd, 5 p.m. in Multicultural Center
 2. Nuestros Logros - April 30th, 11 a.m. in Multicultural Center
 3. MAPS – May 1st, 2 p.m. in Multicultural Center
 4. Umoja – May 5th, 7 p.m. in Hancock Stadium
7. Next meeting: April 25, 5:30 p.m.
 - a. Meetings – 4th Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

Illinois State University Alumni Association
Minutes - Redbird Engagement and Development (RED) Committee Meeting
March 21, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

- Network/Affinity re-caps, updates and upcoming events
 - Susan – Dallas: Success events recently around basketball viewings. Met with some recent alumni for dinner to connect them with the network
 - Leah – Chicago: Women’s basketball game watch party this last weekend.
 - Matthew - LGBTQA+ reception – ISU Pride Charity Drag Show April 2nd
 - Daniel - BCA: recently sent letters to alum who graduated in the 1930s/40s aiming to reconnect. June 25th will be the annual BCA picnic this year
 - Tyler – Lobby Day training: quiet, but good group joined the training

- #Redbird Impact month and partnering with Annual Giving on messaging and outreach. Blood Drive – RED members to volunteer
 - June 11th will have a great President’s lunch and afternoon of service after the board meeting that day – goal is to collect 250 items for the food pantry
 - June is Redbird Impact month – the hope is track and exceed 250 service hours that month

- Redbird Table Talk updates? (Nikita)
 - Matthew will update after DEI committee this week on the relationship of DEI committee and RED

- SAC and June Board meeting (join for lunch?)
 - (See Dave’s update email on March 21)

Mocktails (Dave) - *Student Alumni Council and Association for Women in Communications is organizing Mocktails: A Networking Event that will feature a panel of Illinois State alumni discussing the importance of networking and continuing professional development. Following our panel, there will be a guided roundtable discussion with alumni working in the field. This is a great opportunity for our alumni to share their knowledge and experience with our students. If you have any alumni or alumni networks, you think would be interested in connecting with our students please pass this information along. The event takes place on April 4, 2022, from 6:30-8pm at the Hancock Stadium Club. Free appetizers and mocktails will be provided. If any alumni are interested in attending, they can email me directly at ksulli1@ilstu.edu to RSPV. Thank you!*

- Confirm next meeting April 18, 2022 at 5:30

ONGOING: Grow relationship between SAC and AA Board

ONGOING: Board Service project (Sept?)

**Illinois State University Alumni Association
Scholarship Committee
April 2022 – Board Report**

In early March, the Scholarship Committee reviewed 30 eligible applicants for the Alumni Association Scholarship and the Redbird Family Tuition Waiver. All but one committee member completed their reviews.

Of the 30 applicants:

- 9 were awarded the ISUAA Alumni Scholarship (\$2,000)
- 16 Redbird Family Tuition Waivers (\$1,000)
- 2 Student Alumni Council Marian H. Dean scholarships (\$1,000)
- 1 Dillow Family Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)
- 2 half Redbird Family Tuition Waivers (\$500) – Awarded to two applicants that earned the same score.

In addition to these new awards, six scholars will have their ISUAA Alumni Scholarship renewed for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The list of awardees has been delivered to the Alumni Engagement Team.

The Scholarship Committee will meet on March 31, 2022 to discuss backend improvements on the scholarship review process.