



Providence College National Alumni Association Council

Business Meeting

Friday, February 12, 2016

Slavin Center Soft Lounge @ 2 pm

Business Meeting Commenced at 2:00 pm,

Note taker: Tracy Lynch Sullivan '85, Secretary of the National Alumni Association Council, 2015-2016.

Attendees:

General Attendees: Charles Alagero '78, Mary Pat Larkin Caputo '79, William Hasler '79, Tracy Lynch Sullivan '85, Michael Lynch '83, Chuck Borkoski '71, Devin Driscoll '08, Rosanne Boyle Demas '05, Karen Monti Flynn '80, Joseph Giovengo '98, Thomas Glavin '98, Andrea Urrutia Hessenius '09, Leo Kennedy '04, Brian Lamoureux '94, David Lussier '62, Mark McGwin '81, Kristen Martineau Meuse '98, Donald Naber '87, Kelli O'Donohue '11, James O'Leary '63, Paul Pisano '61, Sarah Ramire '16, Patricia Doherty Wade '86, Ellen Doherty Walsh '78, Robert Ferreira '83, Kathy Walsh Wynters '82, Lisa DelPriore Hannan '85,

PC Internal Attendees: Lynne Fraser, Patti Goff, Tara Harrington, Tracey Mahoney, Elizabeth Manchester '02, Brittany McHale '11, Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P. '61, Ann Manchester Molak '75, Bill O'Neil '71, Gail Paras, Jennifer Sheytanian, Greg Waldron, Patrick Walker, Kathy Baer '79, Sarah Osowa, Colleen Whelan '92

Council Members Absent: Michael Donahue '73, Meredith Zenowich '96, Thomas Flaherty '61, Rev. John S. Peterson, O.P. '57

Meeting Called to Order – Charlie Alagero '78

Opening Prayer: Rev. J. Stuart McPhail, O.P. '61

Welcome – Charlie Alagero '78

- Roll Call of Board Members present, Tracy Sullivan '85
- Introduction of Board Members on Conference Line

Career Education and Professional Development Report – Patti Goff

Patti Goff is the Assistant Vice President for Integrated Learning and Administration. Patti has been employed at Providence Collage since 2007 and oversees the Career Development Center.

Patti emphasizes Core Value #4 in PC's Strategic Plan: *Helping students to live life with meaning and purpose* and to expect more from their PC degree. It is a 4-step process in helping a student determine what their career path is: Self insight (exploration and contemplation of identifying strengths), professional skills development, experience and practice (how are you best putting your skills to work), and understanding the art of employment...for example, public speaking and computer skills are very important so Career Services helps by offering courses and workshops in these areas that are not part of the College's academic curriculum requirements.

Highlights of the Career Development Center:

Company Spotlight: The Center highlights a company in a different light. For example, ADP is more than just a payroll company. Company Spotlight helps students look beyond the name of the company and see other possible career opportunities.

PC Students go to Hollywood – Every year approximately 12 film students are brought to Hollywood for 3 days of non-stop film related site visits. An amazing opportunity to network with Alumni who are film and television executives.

Introduction to Career Discussion: An industry professional will come in to discuss their career as a way of introducing various industries/opportunities to the students. Recently there was an Introduction to Finance session.

Message to the PC Students: “Don’t Wait...Slavin 108.” Make the Career Development Center part of your life and do NOT wait until senior year.

Successes: 94% of students who utilized the Career Development Center had a job by April of their Senior year; 70% are employed when they graduate; 16% go to graduate school; 2% join service organizations; 79% had internships (91% in the business school).

Future of Career Development Center:

Phase 2 of the new Friar Development Center will focus on Career Services: The center will be transformed physically and become state of the art, influenced by the Career Centers at the University of Miami and William & Mary to name a couple.

How can the Alumni help with career education and development efforts?

- Meet current students and have informational interviews/discuss your career;
- Offer to do resume reviews;
- Participate in the Winter Break Shadowing program;
- Hire a student or Alumni;
- Offer an internship;
- Become a mentor: it is a two-year commitment to a PC student their junior and senior year;
- Join the Friar LinkedIn Group: Your only obligation is that you will agree to do informational interviews.

Internships:

- We have plenty of internships for Accounting & Finance so we are not actively seeking these areas of interest.
- We need more internship opportunities in the areas of Marketing, Public Relations, IT, and Health Administration as these seem to have the most interest of our students.

NEW Funded Summer Internships coming this summer:

- The Goal is to have 10 not-for-profit organizations participate in this program;
- Students will seek internships in these organizations and if selected will receive a stipend for their work;
- The Donor fund: \$4,000 per person/job

Leadership Fellows Program:

Providence College's Leadership Fellows Program assists students in becoming authentic, effective and ethical leaders. It is a 3-year program (sophomore through senior year). Approximately 30 students are selected who are not in leadership positions already. They connect regularly with Dr. Matthew Erikson and their peers in large and small group settings. Participants come together to be themselves, learn from one another, and realize their potential as leaders and community members.

Centennial Celebration, Ann Manchester Molak '75, co-chair

In 2011, a committee was set up by Fr. Shanley to start the discussions of activities and events for the Centennial Celebration. There are currently now 5 sub committees charged with planning, programming and managing special events throughout the year in honor of the College's 100 year anniversary.

General Timeline:

Fall 2016 – The beginning of the Centennial Events

February 2017 – Charter Celebration

June 2017 – The Commencement of the Celebration

Centennial Information:

- One of the goals is to celebrate accomplishments of the past;
- The Centennial will provide a great opportunity to harness the energy and hopefully increase giving and support;
- Tagline: *Values that Endure* will be used again for the 100th celebration as it was the tagline of the 75th Anniversary in 1992-93;

Possible Events:

- Initial Launch date: Wednesday August 31st which is the 1st day of classes. Classes would be cancelled and have lots of educational seminars with smaller groups of students;
- Grand Opening Mass;
- Would like to have a key note speaker. PC thought of inviting Malala but her fee is cost prohibitive;
- The events of St. Dominic Weekend will be taken up a notch;
- Grammy Award winning Chris Botti, renowned Trumpeter will perform at PC;
- Cardinal Timothy Dolan will visit the campus in the beginning of November for a Jewish/Catholic Dialog program;
- In October, Timothy Radcliffe, Roman Catholic Priest and Dominican Friar and former Master of the Orders of the Preachers will visit PC.

2nd Semester Events –

- Dedication and Opening of the Arthur and Patricia Ryan School of Business. Actively looking for a strong speaker who can discuss integration of Liberal Arts and Business. Possible thought: Carly Fiorina, 2016 Presidential Candidate.
- Return of the Pops Concert – Possibly Yo-Yo Ma as featured artist.
- We need to tie into the 800 years anniversary of the Dominican Order, i.e., honoring certain Dominicans during the year;
- Video will be made by Michael Leonard '70 which will take an interesting and creative approach to telling the PC story.
- 100 Stories that will capture the story of PC. The common thread that makes us all so special. Coffee table book to be produced, too. Council members are encouraged to submit stories.

- The portraits of the presidents will be moved to a more visible spot. Currently the pictures are located in the Barnini Room in Harkins Hall.
- The historical wall on the second floor of Harkins Hall will be updated to incorporate events and moments from the last 25 years.
- For 2017 we are hoping for a Student Driven event instead of the annual Night in Black & White.

Important point: Keep the events on campus so people come back to PC and meet the students, participate in the athletics events, and see the transformation of the campus.

President's Reports – Charlie Alagero, '78

Everyone on the Council should have received an email from Bob Ferreira earlier in the week pertaining to messages from Father Shanley to the campus community about reported incidences of racism on campus. Bob will continue to keep the Council informed on further information and correspondence from Fr. Shanley.

Secretary's Report – Tracy Sullivan '85

Approved 10/16 Council minutes with no changes.

National Alumni Association Scholarship Report – William Hasler '79

The market value of the National Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (as of September 30, 2015) is \$239,286 and the corpus value is \$184,087.

Total additions to the fund since last reported on 10/16/15 total \$8,895 which includes proceeds from the Friar 5K held last fall, OIA Christmas Remembrance donations in honor of Fr. McPhail, and two alumni gifts, one from past Alumni Council President Fay Rozovsky '73 and one from Mary F. Smith '81.

Finalized Scholarship Decision: Two students will receive 5k awards instead of one 10K award. The application goes through the Financial Aid Office.

Committee Reports – Charlie Alagero '78

- Constitution By laws Committee – Michael Lynch '83
Election Process: The decision to change the election process to appointments is supported by the fact that running against people is a negative. Many other cohort schools appoint their council. It is recommended the council would be appointed by the Nomination Committee, except the VP who would be elected. It is believed that this would attract a wider pool of people who may not want to "run" for office, but have a lot to give back to PC. We will continue with the Vice President position (succeeding to President) to be elected by the active alumni body of the College.

Process: We need post the recommendations for amendments on the National Alumni Association webpage for 30 days for review by the general population; then we would have a general meeting of the alumni association to vote on the proposed amendments. We will need a 2/3 majority of those present to amend the bylaws to reflect the recommended changes. Mary Pat Caputo cannot move forward with the Nomination Committee process until after the vote takes place.

- Regional Club Committee - Mary Pat Caputo '79 and Mary McGwin '81

The 1st call with the Regional Presidents went well. There was a discussion on Friar Days. Saturday, February 13th at 9 am there will be a meeting with the Regional Presidents downtown, covering the College's core curriculum and the Centennial Celebration. Dr. Hugh Lena, provost, and Ann Manchester-Molak will present. The Class Ambassadors will also meet tomorrow at the same time. The groups will connect at the end of the meeting for a networking program.

- Events Committees

- Alumni Awards Committee – Charles Alagero '78
 - A committee has been established and the first meeting is upcoming.
 - Committee will make recommendations to OIA and Fr. Shanley for approval.
 - All award recipients will be from this year's reunion classes.
- A Night in Black & White- April 30th – Michael Lynch '83
 - 7 – 11 pm. New venue at the Westin Copley. Need to reserve rooms early.
 - Chuck & Leslie Borkoski has chaired the event for the past 4 years and have done a phenomenal job;
 - The changes: No silent auction because of the human resources and costs associated with having one. Also, proceeds in the past have been low.
 - A more robust live auction has been added. There will be about 8 to 10 Auction items. John O'Hurley is back as the auctioneer.
 - Council members are encouraged to attend and bring other alumni.
 - The goal is \$575,000. Supports all aspects of the PC Fund. \$275 per ticket. For 2011-15 graduates the tickets are \$175 each and \$150 if they are bought before Saturday, February 14th.
 - This year's honoree will not be an individual or corporate honoree, but instead will recognize the Dominican Order of Providence College (Fathers, brothers, and sisters). We have all been positively affected by them so it is a nice way to say thank you.
- Student Alumni Association – Sarah Ramire '16
 - The SAA was very busy with events this year: Spirit week, candy grams, game watch, pep rally, trivia night, and the etiquette dinner was successful;
 - Utilizing social media to get students involved in the Alumni and Family weekend events;
 - PC in the real world: work shop & lectures for seniors. The turnout was low last year so reconfiguring their marketing strategies;
 - Coffee House/open house is 2/22 which will provide an opportunity for students to find out what they are all about. Elections are 3/7.
 - SSAA is taking over elections

- Friar Game Watch was successful, i.e., in Naples only 19 people signed up but over 65 attended; Over 20 regions, including London, participated.
- Next Friar Day will be in April – Service. All Regional presidents have been asked to have their leadership teams program a service activity in their local area;
- Alumni Survey: Gerald Pearson, Director of Research at Stamford, is facilitating the Alumni survey. 6711 surveys were sent out, 2 reminder emails have been sent; currently 945 alumni have completed the survey which is 14% of the total. Good industry standards for a school our size is 29%. There is one more reminder scheduled to be sent out. The survey takes about 8 minutes. Also, alumni who are trustees, Dominicans, or employees of Providence College were pulled out of the survey.

Discussion – Motivating our Alumni to become Valued Volunteers: The council’s role in outreach and support throughout the generation. A slide deck was sent to all Council members outlining volunteer and giving interests as detailed by four distinctive populations of alumni: the Silent Generation, Boomers, Gen X, and Millennials. The members of the Council were asked to take a short survey on their own interests in volunteerism that will be sent to them in the coming week.

New Business - Charlie Alagero ‘78

- Upcoming Council Meeting Dates and Programs were reviewed
 - o Vote on Constitution and Bylaws Amendments – TBD
 - o Past President’s Suite – Saturday, February 27, 2016
 - o Final Council Meeting - Friday, June 24, 2016 (spouse or guest invited)
 - o Upcoming Major Events: Dedication of Glay Field on April 16, 2016; Dedication of Anderson Stadium and Chapey Field on April 23, 2016; Friars Days Service – April, 2016 • Commencement - May 15, 2016; Alumni Awards Brunch on June 4, 2016; Reunion Weekend is June 3 – 5, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm