

Alumni Council Meeting Agenda

September 29, 2016

Dinner at 6:30; Meeting at 7:00 PM; Executive Dining Room A

1. Welcome and Devotions - Kristel

Present: Kristel Bulthuis, Cassandre Dauphin, Jacqueline Slater, Rachel Brouwer, Doug Sikkema, Scott Kooy, Lindsay Walton Lloyd Rang (Board of Governors Representative), Dr. David Zietsma (VP of Marketing and Enrolment), James Constable ( Student Senate Rep)

2. Conflict of Interest

None at this time

3. Minutes – June, 2016 Meeting

a. Approval

- Motion: Doug 1<sup>st</sup> Cassandre 2<sup>nd</sup>

b. Matters arising

- Distinguished Alumni Award

Ø Using the October 4th alumni networking event to recognize the 2016 honouree; Ed Bosveld; class of '92.

Ø An updated and revised award nomination package will be presented by October 15th to the council for final approval. The alumni council representatives will be Rachel Brouwer and Kristel Bulthuis.

4. Reports

a. *Board of Governors – Lloyd Rang*

- Board of Governors met on Sept 8 – Lloyd was unable to attend
- 2 teams made up of Board of Governors members are in the process of being established:
  - Ø Operating team
  - Ø Strategic Transition team

The Board will work closely with faculty and staff in this transition to ensure good, clear communication when the plan is finalized. Questions were raised regarding the Board's communication with major stakeholder groups, as alumni have requested updates and stronger communication. Lloyd to relay this to the Board at its next meeting.

b. *Academic Senate – Doug Sikkema*

- Next meeting will be November

New Core Curriculum was launched September 14th. Academic Senate played a large role in the development of this initiative, and is very pleased with the results. Students and faculty are equally as excited, and the launch was met with great enthusiasm.

c. *Student Senate – James Constable*

- Student Senate just completed a renovation in the Rec Centre involving a stage, study room and updated decor, with plans to update the kitchen and washrooms.
- A review of the senate constitution will be completed this fall.
- Regarding the upcoming departure of Dr. Krygsman, there is some concern among the student body. There have been some unsubstantiated rumours, but overall, assurances from faculty and staff have alleviated major concerns.
- In January, Redeemer will welcome Hennie School as its new Dean of Students.
- An Academic Senator has not be appointed. Senate will be adding an additional position of student senators as well, totalling two senators to be appointed.

d. *Dr. David Zietsma*

- Moving forward with the 2020 vision, with a focus on continuing to pay down debt, a large amount reduced over the past 6 years, enriching the student experience while at Redeemer, and working with key stakeholders to create strategic connections.
- Tangents magazine has been rebranded to be called Resound. It will be a print piece sent out twice a year, as well as a monthly blog.
- Discussion surrounding partnering Alumni with recruitment, with the goal of creating personal relationships and stronger engagement. With a new Structure being introduced and integrated into the Council, discussion will continue throughout this year.

5. New Business

a. *Review of Structure*

- A draft of a proposed structure for Alumni Council, the Alumni Association and both of their relationships with Redeemer was introduced by Kristel and Dr. Zietsma for discussion and review.
- The goal with this document is to clarify roles within the Council and the Association.
- Discussion was had surrounding dividing the alumni association into chapters with focus on large concentrations of alumni. Further discussion to be had when Structure Document is finalized.

In addition to the proposed Structure, a review of the current Constitution and By-Laws was requested.

- A sub-committee was struck to update this document
  - Ø Doug, Cassandre and Jackie will liaison with David, with a proposed document presented to the Council for discussion and approval at the January Council meeting.
- A clear budget was requested, to better understand what the Council is working with. Dr. Zietsma to present this in January.

b. *Core Launch - September 14*

Dr. Zietsma spoke at chapel that morning, which was followed by a celebration in the commons. Kristel spoke on behalf of the Alumni Association.

c. *Networking Events*

- Hamilton on Tuesday October 4, 30-40 people RSVP
- Upcoming Events
  - Ø Alumni Social in Ottawa – November 3, with Lindsay Walton as the Alumni Council representative.
  - Ø Alumni Social in London – November 22, with Rachel Brouwer as the Alumni Council representative.

*d. RAMP Events and Schedule*

- Math Department; October 3
- English, French and Media Departments; February 2
- History Department; March 8
- Alumni council involvement
  - While the institution is taking the lead on working with each discipline and faculty members, Alumni Council are encouraged to attend the event of their discipline.

*e. HPO Partnership*

- Kristel presented a Community Partnership event with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. In working with the Orchestra, The Voortman Foundation as well as the Incite Foundation, Redeemer has the opportunity to receive 400 tickets on the second balcony for the concert on April 8th. Kristel will continue to work with Dr. Zietsma and the donors to ensure a strong marketing campaign surrounding this.

*f. Alumni Leadership Award Recipient Letter*

Kristel read a letter that the Alumni Council received from the Award Recipient, thanking the Council for its scholarship.

*G. Dues / Paperwork*

There remains confusion surrounding dues to join the Association. Kristel will work with the institution to get clarity and will present at the January meeting.

**6. Closing Prayer**

7. Next meeting: January 10, 2017