

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ALUMNI COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2024

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

ZOOM MEETING

Facilitator: Mary Ann Dickson

Time Meeting Start: Noon (ET)

Meeting End Time: 1:00 p.m. (ET)

MEETING MINUTES

WELCOME

President Mary Ann Dickson welcomed everyone. Since the fall updates, there were no new additions at this time.

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

There have not been many trustee meetings to report on; the next ones will be in early March in New York City. The University is hosting an event on March 6 with President Daniels and two Bloomberg Distinguished Professors also in NYC, at the Shed at Hudson Yards. Alumni are invited to attend. She encouraged everyone to participate in one of the many alumni events happening around the country.

Mary Ann reported that 2nd Vice President Sonia Sarkar has stepped down from her role due to time constraints and will focus her Hopkins time in a different direction. Mary Ann acknowledged Sonia's significant contributions to the Council's restructuring. She encouraged members to thank Sonia individually.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Claudia DeCarlo asked for and received unanimous approval of the minutes of the November 14 meeting.

UPDATE ON COUNCIL STRUCTURE, ETC.

Mary Ann noted that we are near the end of the work on restructuring the Council. The bylaws are being rewritten and the new version will be circulated to all members with a 20-day review period prior to voting for approval. This will occur in March so that the April meeting can focus on other areas. The bylaws will be much more streamlined and easier to read. One of the goals is to make the bylaws more user friendly.

COUNCIL MEETING DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND

Mary Ann referred to the recent email that included the schedule of activities for the spring meeting and registration form. She hoped everyone will attend the Friday lunch with student grant recipients and FLI students followed by the business meeting in the Glass Pavilion. We hope to have Susan deMuth speak on the 150th plans and to surprise her with a more formal thank you and gift. Mary Ann highlighted the other Council events including a Networking Coffee Chat at the Imagine Center; All-Alumni Dinner in the tent; the art showcase with emcees Joe Yoon and Stephanie Talton; business meeting; lacrosse game against Penn State; and Council cocktail party at the Colonnade. Business meeting topics are being explored.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Engaging Future Alumni

Co-chair Mary Pei reported that the student grants process was completed, the caRING applications have launched and the deadline for students is Friday, February 9th; however, we will be extending to Friday February 16th. If you are interested in reviewing, please reach out to Ember or any of the Engaging Future Alumni co-chairs. The Ring Ceremony will be May 21st on the Homewood Campus at 5:30PM on the Keyser Quad by the Gilman steps. There are two upcoming student and alumni council networking events -- February 21st at 6:30PM taking place on Zoom, and April 5 at 4PM during Alumni Weekend at the Imagine Center. We would love for as many participants as possible so students can explore many pathways. Our goal is to have representation from all 9 schools; so far, we have representation from Peabody, Carey, Krieger, Whiting, and Medicine. The commencement gift this year will be a faux leather keychain with metal message attachment.



Building Diverse Leadership

Co-chair Lou Bartolo reported that his committee is recommending 40 out of 80 nominations received and selected the ones described on the document sent out prior to the meeting. The numbers of selected nominees for awards are as follows: 5 out of 12 Community Champions; 12 out of 30 Distinguished Alum; 6 out of 7 Public Service; 5 out of 9 Global Achievement; 5 out of 6 Heritage; 7 out of 16 Outstanding Recent Grad; 6 out of 11 from Arts and Sciences; 9 out of 18 from BSPH; 2 out of 4 from Business; 2 out of 13 from Education; 2 out of 6 from Engineering; 2 out of 3 from Medicine; 4 out of 10 from Nursing; 1 out of 2 from Peabody; and 12 out of 13 from SAIS. Kudos to SAIS for so many great nominees this year. An improved online form was created. Since some nominations are less substantive than others, the committee wants to train or inform all 9 schools about what is needed in a good nomination. Lou also mentioned that their final selections were all vetted with a Google search. The names remain confidential until the awardees receive the notification letter from the President of the University. This usually takes a few weeks. A vote was made and approved to accept the full list of names of awardees.

Operations

Co-chair Mike Waters reported that there are more committee members this year and that they are compiling common themes from the exit interviews. The committee offered to help at alumni weekend.

ALUMNI RELATIONS UPDATE

Marguerite Jones reported that Jason Heiserman was attending the CAAE (Council for Alumni Association Executives) conference in California this week. Last week the Identity and Equity Summit took place at the Bloomberg Center in Washington, D.C. Judy Keen attended and reported that it included a Thursday evening

reception, which 14 of the Vivien Thomas scholars attended. It was a great networking event and several Council members attended as well. The next day was a full one with sessions and a panel and was very interactive with good discussions. Marguerite stated that registration for Alumni Weekend had opened. At least 30 alumni events are planned for February including regional events, travel programs, and Odyssey courses. Two former council members, Jim Phelps of Florida, and Mark Rosenbloom of Colorado, are hosting alumni events. Engineers Week is coming up in February. Though commencement is May 23, requests for alumni leadership speakers have been received for the many ceremonies taking place that week.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no new business, Mary Ann adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:45 pm.

Executive Committee			
First Name	Last Name	Title	Attendance
Mary Ann	Dickson	President	Attended
Judy	Keen	First Vice President	Attended
Brian	Fruchey	Treasurer	Attended
Claudia	DeCarlo	Secretary	Attended
Anika	Penn	Past President, Ex-officio	Attended
Mervat	Mina	Div Rep Business	Attended
Diane	Orlinsky	Div Rep Medicine	Attended
Nick	Hu	Div Rep Engineering	Attended
Robert	Hitz	Div Rep Peabody	Attended
Jane	Ball	Div Rep Nursing	Attended
Rosanna	Corbin	Div Rep A&S	Attended
Shelby	Kemper	Div Rep Public Health	Attended
Daniela	Kaisth	Div Rep SAIS	Absent
Cheree	Davis	Div Rep Education	Absent
Bill	Kirst	Alumni Experience, Co-Chair	Absent
Lou	Bartolo	Building Diverse Leadership, Co-Chair	Attended
Joe	Yoon	Building Diverse Leadership, Co-Chair	Absent
Rhonda	Richetta	Operations, Co-Chair	Attended
Tim	Hsieh	Engaging Future Alumni, Co-chair	Attended
Mary	Pei	Engaging Future Alumni, Co-chair	Attended
Stephanie	Talton	Engaging Future Alumni, Co-chair	Attended
Michael	Waters	Operation, Co-Chair	Attended
Phuong	Tran	Org Rep PRIDE	Attended
Lalita	Hamilton	Org Rep SOBA	Absent
Brandon	Ball	Org Rep SOBA	Attended
Guillermo	Ortiz	Org Rep HOLA	Absent
Christian	Echevarria	Org Rep HOLA	Absent

Invitees: Mary Ann Dickson, President; Judy Keen, 1st Vice President; Brian Fruchey, Treasurer; Claudia DeCarlo, Secretary; Anika Penn, past president, ex-officio; Phuong Tran, PRIDE rep, ex-officio; Lalita Hamilton and Brandon Ball, SOBA rep; Guillermo Ortiz and Christian Echevarria, HOLA rep

Jane Ball, Lou Bartolo, Rosanna Corbin, Robert Hitz, Nick Hu, Daniela Kaisth, Shelby Kemper, Bill Kirst, Mervat Mina, Diane Orlinsky, Mary Pei, Rhonda Richetta, Mike Waters, Joe Yoon

Staff Members: Jason Heiserman, Interim Assist. VP, OAR, Executive Director, JHAA; Marguerite Jones, OAR; Pat Conklin, OAR; Elena Thompson, OAR; Gwen Harley, OAR; Erin Jakowski, OAR; Krystle Ongaco, OAR; Ember Harnett, OAR; Britney Farrare, OAR; Jen Yeager and Gen Chawluk, Krieger School of Arts & Sciences; Sean Bland and Lindsay Askew, School of Education; Kasia Batorski, School of Advanced International Studies; Erika Juengst and Elizabeth Rigsbee, Bloomberg School of Public Health; Zanieca Scott, Peabody Institute; Jamie Seward and Libby Darrell, School of Medicine; Kim Dolan, Whiting School of Engineering; Jack Yiankos, School of Nursing; Philip Bakerman, Carey Business School; Casey Miller, Mentoring Initiatives; Khudai Tanveer, DEIB Specialist; Janine Tucker, Development and Special Projects;

Facilitator: Mary Ann Dickson

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Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome: Mary Ann Dickson, A&S '97
2. University/Board of Trustees Update: Mary Ann Dickson, A&S '97, Judy Keen, A&S '98, BSPH '02, Med (PGF) '04
 - a. Identity Summit (Judy)
3. Secretary's Report: Claudia DeCarlo, Bus '15
 - a. Approval of the November 14 meeting minutes
4. Update on Council structure, etc.
 - a. Bylaws are being reviewed by Steering Co.
5. Council Meeting during Alumni Weekend – registration has gone out
6. Committee Reports:

Engaging Future Alumni: Stephanie Talton, A&S '02, Tim Hsieh, Engr '83,'85, '89

Building Diverse Leadership: Lou Bartolo, Nurs '18, Joe Yoon, A&S '00

Vote on slate of awardees for 2024

Operations: Rhonda Richetta, Ed '06; Mike Waters, Engr '06

7. Alumni Relations Update: Marguerite Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88

7. New Business

Next meetings:

April 5-6, 2024, Full Council in person at Homewood

September 27-28, 2024, Full Council in person meeting in Baltimore