President’s Welcome

Joe Thear welcomed all participants to the meeting. Joe is looking into changing the day and time of the monthly meetings to accommodate more members schedules. He will be sending out a survey in the coming weeks to determine what day and time works for the majority.

Joe’s attended the Fall CHHD Alumni Board Meeting on Friday and Saturday, November 6th and 7th. Nan Crouter, CHHD Dean provided the following updates:

- The college’s on-line degree offerings continue to grow.
  - $3.5M in gross income was generated in Academic Year 2014-15.
  - eMHA currently has 79 students enrolled through the world campus.
  - The HDFS degree program currently has 300 online students and 300 resident students at University Park.
  - The following online degrees will be added this coming year: BS HPA; BS BBH; Masters NS
• This past year saw unprecedented faculty additions with 16 tenure track and 14 non-tenure track positions joining the College.
• Currently the Dean has three Department Head searches underway due to retirement and Academic Advancement
  • BBH, CSD, Nutritional Sciences
• This past Academic year was very successful with the faculty generating $57M in Research Grants for the College

Student Representative and Department Update

Allie D'Innocenzo, MHA representative, was unable to attend but provided the following update via email to Joe which was shared by Susan Sanders.
• Professional Development Day was a success! The MHA students had a great day with mock interviews and resume reviews that the first years seem to have found helpful. Both classes were able to network with the professionals over lunch, and then had a very useful and interactive discussion with Ken Pasch about entering the work force.
• The next big event will be Inter-professional Seminar in early February. This is a day where the MHA and Mt Nittany Med students come together to meet and learn from each other as well as a series of speakers. They are trying to make this more interactive this year by using case studies and forming small groups.
• First year students have begun their residency search.
• About half of the second year students have either accepted offers or have them on the table.
• Very busy next few weeks as they wrap up the semester

Lisa Tzanakis, HPA representative, provided the following update:
• Had a successful professionals in the classroom event.
• HPA club members participated in the 100 days to THON event.
• Students are currently applying for the mentoring program.

Marianne Hillemeier, HPA Department Head, provided the following updates:
• Changes to the undergraduate program have been approved.
• Cross opportunities with Hershey and their MPH program.
• Thanked everyone who participated in a successful Alumni in the Classroom event.

Mentoring Committee Update:

No formal update.

Awards/Nominations Committee Update

No formal update.

Communications Committee Update

Marcy has started developing the newsletter. Anyone with stories they would like see included should reach to Marcy to provide her with the information.
Social/Professional Committee Update

Joe shared that both Teri and Christina are still working on a happy hour for the Philly area. At this point they are focusing on late Jan/early Feb to avoid holiday time.

Next HPA APG Call is Wednesday, December 9th @ 4 pm