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.

Save the date: The 2016 Pink Zone game will be held on Sunday, January 17 when the Lady Lions will take on Michigan.

- The tip-off time has been set for 2:00 pm EST.
- Ticket prices are $5 for both adults and youth.
- A pre-game reception will be held at the BJ Center at 12:30 pm in Room E/F (no additional cost)
- If you are interested in purchasing tickets through our group, please contact Diane Collins (email: dvc1@psu.edu; phone: 814-865-3831).
- The deadline for ordering tickets is Friday, December 11, 2015.
- Students and breast cancer survivors get in free. For more info please see Pink Zone Event Info.
**Student Representative and Department Update**

Allie D’Innocenzo, MHA representative, provided the following update:

- 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.
- 16 out of 19 second year MHA students have secured a job including fellowships, consulting or insurance.
- A semester long project in Marketing ended for one group with a meeting with President Barron. The meeting was to ask him to participate in a community event they were marketing and to write a blog post related on his plans to change and create awareness around wellness within the Penn State community.

Lisa Tzanakis, HPA representative, was unable to join the call this month.

Marianne Hillemeier, HPA Department Head, provided the following updates:

- The undergraduate World campus program continues to exceeding expectations:
  - Original expectation was 146 course enrollments by May 2016. However by December 2015 there are already 149 enrollments
  - 55 students have enrolled with another 32 students in process
  - The department has responded to over 600 requests for information

Susan Sanders, MHA Program Coordinator, provided the following updates:

- Admission season is under way for the class of 2018.
  - Four offers have been made
  - Interviews are scheduled the rest of this week
  - Additional applications are expected by the February deadline

**Mentoring Committee Update:**

The Alumni Awards website is now updated and ready to accept nominations. Award nominations are due Friday, March 4. [http://www.hhd.psu.edu/alumni/awards](http://www.hhd.psu.edu/alumni/awards)

**Awards/Nominations Committee Update**

No formal update.

**Communications Committee Update**

The committee met this past week to discuss the winter newsletter. The newsletter will be circulated in February or March 2016.

**Social/Professional Committee Update**

Terri provided the following updates:
• They are still working on a happy hour for the Philadelphia area. At this point they are focusing on late Jan/early Feb to avoid holiday time.
• Discussions are starting about if a Pittsburgh event should happen in March 2016.
• Teri will work with Joe on getting a venue for a DC area event in the Spring 2016.

January 2016 call is canceled

Next HPA APG call is Wednesday, February 10th @ 4 pm