HPA-APG Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2017
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Telephone Roll Call

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President’s Welcome

Joe Thear welcomed all participants to the meeting and provided the following updates:

1. Joe introduced Abby Diehl, the Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations and Special Projects with the College of Health and Human Development (HHD). Abby discussed the new pilot project that the HHD alumni office is working on. HHD was asked to pilot a virtual mentoring platform, called PeopleGrove, along with the Penn State World Campus and the Penn State Alumni Association. HHD is using this platform to test alumni-to-alumni virtual mentoring, and decided to start with HPA alumni only! 😊 They are looking both for more “seasoned” alumni to serve as mentors, and for young alumni or alumni who are making a career change to be mentees. They will be matching mentors/mentees in mid-March, and the official mentoring program will run from late March to late June. Alumni can informally network with each other on the platform at any time. A separate email will be sent to HPA APG members to sign up. Joe encouraged everyone to take the time to sign up for this great cause.
2. HPA Scholarship/Award: Discussion continued about the possibility of establishing an HPA APG Alumni award to support an HPA student during their summer internship. A small sub-committee met separately on February 6 to discuss the idea in further detail and evaluate scholarship vs. award options and requirements. Joe will be providing the board with additional details on the outcome of the discussion under separate cover when the meeting minutes are distributed.

3. 2017 Upcoming event reminders:
   a. The Undergraduate HPA Mentoring event will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017.
   b. Invitation to attend 2017 Pink Zone event prior to the Women’s Basketballs game on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the Bryce Jordan Center on campus. Tip off time is 2PM.
   c. The MHA mentoring weekend Friday, September 22 (Dinner) – Saturday, September 23 (Professional Development).

4. Nominations for 2017-2019 APG Officer slate:
   Joe asked the board and current officers to start thinking about roles and officer positions. The current terms for all office holders expire in June of 2017. Aside from President, with President elect taking over in July 2017 all other officers are encouraged to continue to serve in their roles for another 2-year term. Those not seeking to keep their position will assist in recruiting other HPA APG nominees. Committee chairpersons are also encouraged to continue in their current roles if they so wish.

Student Representative and Department Updates

1. Kirstin McKenzie, is the new graduate representative. Currently the first year graduate students are actively looking for fellowship positions for the summer of 2017. A big thank you again to Julie Long who served in this position previously.

2. Marianne Hillemeier, HPA Department Head, provided the following update:
   - The department continues to be busy with the search for a new department head. An announcement on who has accepted the new position should occur in the next couple of months.
   - The department is also conducting on campus interviews for junior professor positions.

3. Susan Sanders, MHA Program Coordinator, provided the following update:
   - The first year MHA students are busy determining where they will do their summer fellowship.
   - Eight of the 21 second year MHA students are applying for positions post-graduation.
   - Students will be participating in the University of Alabama’s Health Administration Case Completion again this year on February 22 - 24. The team is developing a strategy now and will start practice presentations next week.
Mentoring Committee Update:

No formal update.

Awards/Nominations Committee Update

1. The awards/nominations committee is currently looking for a new chairperson.
2. The nomination deadline for the three HHD alumni awards is March 3, 2017. The three categories or awards include:
   a. Alumni Recognition Award
   b. Alumni Service Award
   c. Emerging Professional Award

Joe will send information under separate cover regarding details on these awards including requirements and application forms/links.

Communications Committee Update:

The committee continues meeting to discuss the 2017 newsletter and its contents/proposed articles. The goal is to publish the newsletter in late April or early May 2017.

Social/Professional Committee Update

The HPA APG will be hosting a happy hours/social event from 5-6 PM prior to the already scheduled College of Health and Human Services alumni function in New York City on February, 28 from 6-8 PM at District Social.

Next HPA APG call is Wednesday, March 15 @ 4 pm
(Pushing back one week due to Semester Break)