

# PSU Nutrition & Dietetics Alumni Society Board

## Minutes from Conference Call April 4, 2016

*Present:* Barb Kochanowski (Pres), Gwen Chodur (Co-VP), Katie Bridgens (Treasurer), Elizabeth McMillan, Sherry Bibawy, Rachel Walker (NGSA), Alexandra Close (SNA), Brenda Eissenstat,

*Absent:* Alex Hast, Rachel Walker, Madelyn Barrows, Jennifer Pullman, Alissa Smethers, Kristi Stoehr  
Mike Green

### ***Routine Business***

#### **Minutes Approval**

The January and February minutes were approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

There is a balance of \$1672.93 in the NDAS account. All income and expenses for the brunch have been included. We need to understand what flexibility we have for spending this money, since some was donated to support student attendance at the brunch.

#### **Report from the Department**

One candidate has interviewed for Dept. Head and one more will interview next week. The third candidate (of the three finalists) withdrew.

SNA report from Alexandra: Great National Nutrition Month, starting with a speaker, Zach Breeding, event at Belefonte Food Bank and a cooking night. Feedback was positive on the brunch. New officers will be elected tomorrow. We thank Alex for her service to the NDAS and wish her well following graduation.

Graduate SNA update from Rachel and Barb: Barb had the opportunity to meet with Rachel and Alissa when she was in State College for HHD Board meetings. The graduate students would appreciate more support from the NDAS Board and other alumni. Ideas include travel grants or other awards, gathering before next brunch, and alumni with experience outside academia participating in monthly meetings (via Skype?). Rachel agreed to reach out to Prof. Corwin (professor in charge for graduate students) to see if she wants to engage with NDAS.

### **MACS**

#### **MACS: Mentoring**

- College mentoring dinner on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> was very successful.

#### **MACS: Awards**

- The HHD College is still accepting applications for the alumni service award, as none of the applicants were viewed as qualified for the award.

### **MACS: Communication**

- We continue to add members to LinkedIn

### **MACS: Social/Professional Activities**

- Feedback on brunch: overall very positive; plan again for next year; reinforce attendance to students (a number were signed up but didn't attend); hopefully next year will not be adjacent to State Paddy's day; a few menu items need to be discussed with Nittany Lion Inn (breads, desserts)
- Feedback on networking: overall very positive; not enough time with each group of students; consider 1.5 hrs. for networking, one hour for formal program and 30 minutes for informal networking prior to start of brunch.
- Hopefully we will have a report on the social event at EB on our next call.

### ***Other Business***

- The next call will be Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7 p.m.

*Submitted by:* Barb Kochanowski