

PSU Nutrition & Dietetics Alumni Society Board

Minutes from Conference Call September 12, 2016

Present: *Barb Kochanowski (Pres), Madelyn Barrows (Sec), Gwen Chodur (VP), Sherry Bibawy, Kristi Stoehr, Alissa Tindall and Hannah VanEvery (NGSA co-pres)*

Absent: *Mike Green, Jennifer Pullman, Allison Witmer, Elizabeth Hassel, Katie Bridgens (Treas), Jen Pullman (Past Pres)*

Routine Business

Minutes Approval

The June 2016 minutes are pending submission. To be reviewed/approved at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Barb reported that current balance is unchanged from last meeting. NDAS account balance is \$2219.93

Report from the Department

Department Update

- Brenda reported that Mike Green remains interim department head. Also, Dara Ford joined as Associate Professor in the college. The new online Master's program will open in fall 2017 under the direction of Gina Pizzaglia.
- Brenda seeking volunteers for Careers in Nutrition class for Spring 2017.

NGSA Update

- Hannah Van Every and Alissa Tindall joining NDAS as co-presidents of NGSA.
- NGSA hosted first meeting recently, and the group is currently in the process of developing goals for the 2016-2017 school year. NGSA is also hosting Food Drive in Chandlee Lab and holding a bake sale as a fundraiser.

MACS

MACS: Mentoring

- A discussion was held about reaching out to non-academic/non-traditional alumni for involvement with NGSA. Plan to post announcement on

Facebook (Kristi).

MACS: Awards

- Outstanding Alumni Award to be given at spring brunch in 2017. Board members asked to submit candidates to Barb for review.
- NDAS Outstanding Senior Award candidates to be submitted to Brenda.
- Discussion of possible graduate student award in the future.

MACS: Communication

- Barb reminded board that \$50 will be given to APG with lifetime membership to Alumni Association. Code is GBF.
- Barb developed a letter for alumni interested in helping with APG. Board members reviewed and submitted feedback.

MACS: Social/Professional Activities

- Discussion of alumni event in Philadelphia. Seeking interested candidate to assist with organizing event.
- Spring Brunch date: Sunday, February 26, 2017
 - o Location: Nittany Lion Inn
 - o The group discussed holding a networking event before the brunch. Last year, a speed-networking panel was held. Board interested in doing another speed-networking panel for 2017. It was suggested to allow for additional networking time after speed-networking panel.
 - o Board seeking speaker for brunch event.
 - One possibility is a presentation on the online Master's degree program.
 - o A discussion of a possible NGSA networking event on Saturday, February 25 before brunch.

Other Business

- Barb sent board member terms to group for review.
 - There is a vacant spot on the board. NDAS is seeking an interested alumnus to join board. Members asked to submit suggestions to Barb.
- The next call will be Monday, October 3 at 7pm.

Submitted by: Madelyn Barrows