

PSU Nutrition & Dietetics Alumni Society Board

Minutes from Conference Call October 5, 2015

Present: Barb Kochanowski (Pres), Katie Bridgens, Sherry Bibaway, (Co-VP), Madelyn Hoover, Elizabeth Hassel, Gwen Chodur(Co-VP), Kristi Stoehr, Alexandra Close (Undergraduate Student Board Member), Rachel Walker (Graduate Student Board Member)

Absent: Gordon Jensen, Brenda Eissenstat, Jen Pullman, Alex Hast

Routine Business

Minutes Approval

The September 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Katie reported that there is a balance of \$1637.43 in the NDAS account. No changes from last meeting.

Report from the Department

Alex reported we have students at FNCE.

Alissa reported group met with Mary Dean Coleman Kelley to discuss anticipated RD requirements. Plan to meet with P. Kris-Etherton and faculty in the near future

Faculty member Dr. Jill Patterson to retire in January. Position will be open for next year.

Faculty members C. Ross and P. Kris-Etherton to chair search committee to find new department head. The committee will solicit input from alumni. Interim head to be appointed soon.

MACS

MACS: Mentoring

- No alumni in the classroom update.

MACS: Awards

- John Edgar Smith Award currently being promoted to students and faculty. Seeking volunteers to assist with application review. _Katie, Gwen, Alex, Barb, Jen are possible volunteers for application review. Deadline for application is Halloween.
- Outstanding Alumni Award to be given at brunch. Liz to promote award on LinkedIn. Nominations to be given to Barb.

MACS: Communication

- Liz to be heading Communication Committee.

- New board members to be announced on NDAS page. Current board members to review bios, submit updated bios to Kristi along with photo. Kristi to post on NDAS webpage.

MACS: Social/Professional Activities

- FNCE gathering with Penn State alumni. Report to come during next meeting.
- Brunch Update
 - 2015 Brunch Report
 - \$337.56 carry over in budget
 - Speaker discussion- Wait to hear about interim department head before approaching faculty; start outreach to David Frankenfield
 - Speed networking- Liz, Madelyn, Gwen, Katie, and Sherry to attend, Jen (?), Barb to moderate
 - Madelyn and Barb to work on invite to committee members to join monthly meetings and invite to networking event at brunch.
 - Save-the-Date to go out in November.
 - Invites to go out in January.
 - Expected cost will be \$30 to person.
 - Hotel block is open until January 28th .

Other Business

- Committees
 - All positions confirmed.
- Policies and Procedure Manual
 - Alex made revisions to Communications portion.
 - Revised document to be posted on the NDAS webpage.
- The next call will be Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by: Madelyn Barrows