

PSU Nutrition & Dietetics Alumni Society Board

Minutes from Conference Call November 2, 2015

Present: Barb Kochanowski (Pres), Katie Bridgens, Sherry Bibaway, Madelyn Barrows, Gwen Chodur (Co-VP), Kristi Stoehr, Alexandra Close (SNA), Mike Green (Interim Department Head), Alex Hast (Co-VP), Brenda Eissenstat

Absent: Elizabeth Hassel, Rachel Walker, Jennifer Pullman, Rachel Walker, Alissa Smethers

Routine Business

Minutes Approval

The October 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

SNA report from Alexandra.

- SNA members are conducting bi-weekly nutrition lessons at LifeLink PSU for young adults with special needs along with club sports teams.
- SNA members volunteering with Bellefonte Food Bank. SNA received a small grant to create nutrition education for food bank.
- SNA continues to work on National Nutrition Month plans.

Department update- Michael Green is the interim department head. Department of Nutritional Sciences head position has been posted. Search for director of online master's on, plan to roll out in fall 2016 or spring 2017. Mary Dean Coleman Kelly will be interim undergraduate department head. Jill Patterson is retiring. Shawnee Kelley to receive the College Evelyn R. Saubel Faculty Award.

MACS

MACS: Mentoring

- Mentoring program information went out to students and alumni.
- Plan for program to be promoted to undergraduate student nutrition association.

MACS: Awards

- John Edgar Smith Award update. Deadline extended. Plan to promote to student nutrition association. Katie, Barb, and Jen to assist with application review.
- Outstanding Alumni Award update. Plan to promote to alumni via social media and to faculty for ideas via Brenda Eissenstat and Mike Green.
- Scott Smith, PhD (Class of '90, NASA) awarded university alumni award.

MACS: Communication

- Working on Linked In and NDAS pages.
- New board members are reminded to get their bios and head shots to Kristi so we can update the website

MACS: Social/Professional Activities

- Brunch Update (February 28, 2016)
 - 2015 Brunch Report
 - David Frankenfield (Penn State Hershey) to be keynote speaker
 - Speed Networking- Liz, Madelyn, Katie, Sherry, Alex, Gwen, Michelle McGavin; few more to be recruited from mentors who will attend the dinner on Feb 27th.
 - Save the Date email to go out this month
 - Invitation to go out in January
 - FNCE reception held in Nashville, TN – no one was able to attend but reports were that it was a successful event

Other Business

- College-level board meetings
 - November 6th and 7th
 - Barb to attend
 - Board member invitation sent
- Board members to continue search for Outstanding Alumni candidates
- The next call will be Monday, December 7, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by: Madelyn Barrows