

PSU Nutrition & Dietetics Alumni Society Board

Minutes from Conference Call December 5, 2016

Present: *Barb Kochanowski (Pres), Gwen Chodur (VP), Liz McMillan, Katie Bridgens (Treas), Kristi Stoehr, Katie Vicini, Brenda Eissenstat, Allison Witmer (SNA), Jen Pullman (Past Pres), Sherry Bibawy*

Absent: *Mike Green, Alyssa Tindall and Hannah Van Every (NGSA), Madelyn Barrows (Sec)*

Routine Business

Minutes Approval

The November 2016 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Katie is awaiting an updated balance, reported post-meeting to be \$2269.93.

Report from the Department and Student Representatives

Department Update

- Interim department head Cathy Ross has agreed to join our board, starting in January
- A candidate for department head (Jim Connors, Hershey) was interviewed recently. He does research on iron.

NGSA Update

- No update on the call from reps.

SNA Update

- SNA has had a busy semester, with a career night featuring 4 professionals, Thanksgiving food bank work, pictures on LinkedIn and an end-of-semester party tomorrow; About 80 students attend the meetings with an average of 50 students per meeting.
- Planning for March 2017 National Nutrition Month; Jennifer McGurk to speak, March 23rd

MACS

MACS: Mentoring

- Brunch date set for Saturday, February 25. Plan for speed networking event in the morning followed by brunch event for alumni, SNA and NGSA.
- College mentoring dinner is set for the evening of Saturday, February 25; Kristi to find out if sufficient mentors are available.

- Planning an event with PhD alums for NGSA from 3-5 p.m. on Feb 25th.

MACS: Awards

- John Edgar Smith award- Three applications were reviewed and a winner selected. Award will be presented at the brunch.
- Alumni award- Barb will collate feedback and send to Board

MACS: Communication

- Liz will check on notifications for LinkedIn as we don't seem to get notified of new postings
- Barb contacted Dara Ford and provided information for the next department newsletter

MACS: Social/Professional Activities

- Brunch date set for Saturday, February 25, 2017
 - Morning events will involve alumni/speed networking event followed by brunch.
 - Need to identify participants for networking
 - Board members "maybe": Jen, Katie V., Liz
 - Cathy Ross, future interim department head, to attend and speak at event.
 - Gwen secured Dr. Murray-Kolb as brunch speaker
 - Need to finalize alumni award
 - Kristi will check on balance in Treasury to partially support student attendance and connect with the student association reps.
 - Kristi will update invitations and send out after the holiday break.
- College of HHD Pink Zone basketball game invitation was sent to board members. Event will be held on Sunday, February 26. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 and the event includes a pre-game reception with Dean Nan Crouter, appearance by the Nittany Lion and other guests.

Other Business

- College of HHD Board is sponsoring a career panel on Thursday evening, March 23rd about working at non-profits. The planning committee is seeking a nutrition alumnus to participate on the panel. Contact Barb if you have a candidate.
- January call will be Thursday, January 5th at 7 pm

Submitted by: Barb Kochanowski