

PSU Nutrition & Dietetics Alumni Society Board

Minutes from Conference Call January 4, 2017

Present: *Barb Kochanowski (Pres), Katie Bridgens (Treas), Brenda Eissenstat, Alyssa Tindall (NGSA), Sherry Bibawy, Cathy Ross*

Absent: *Jen Pullman (Past-Pres), Gwen Chodur (VP), Liz McMillan, Kristi Stoehr, Hannah Van Every (NGSA), Madelyn Barrows (Sec), Katie Vicini, Allison Witmer (SNA)*

Routine Business

Minutes Approval

The December 2016 minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Treasurer's Report

Katie reported the balance in the treasury is \$2269.93.

Report from the Department and Student Representatives

Department Update

- Interim department head Cathy Ross was welcomed to the Board.
- Rebecca Corwin will be retiring June 30. Mike Green has a semester of administrative leave before his retirement, also June 30. Both have been granted emeritus status.
- There are 5 positions in various stages:
 - Asst. Prof. epidemiology – reviewing applications
 - Sr. Instructor – offer out
 - Asst. Prof. – physiology focus – approved and posted
 - College level global health position, to come from Nutrition or BBH. Laura Murray Kolb is chairing the search committee
 - Next year, Sr. faculty member
- Professional MS program is gearing up, with first courses offered this summer
- Gift to the department from Howarth Bouis (Director of HarvestPlus), a recent winner of the World Food Prize, highlights status of the department. The gift will be used to support graduate students and research on micronutrient status/international nutrition.
- Brenda reported that she has filled all slots for her spring Careers in Nutrition class. The Facebook post last year requesting help from alumni turned up some good candidates.

NGSA Update

- The graduate students have a January meeting with a guest speaker.
- Clothing sale items have been slightly delayed due to branding issues (Lion's paw).

SNA Update - no update

MACS

MACS: Mentoring

- We will need additional participants for the speed networking event on February 25th. Most Board members cannot attend. Kristi will follow up.
- Planning an event with PhD alums for NGSA from 3-5 p.m. on Feb 25th. Students have proposed a format with some introductory remarks from panelists, formal Q&A, informal networking and light refreshments. Barb will get bios ahead of the event.

MACS: Awards

- Barb will check will full board for consensus on the outstanding alumni award.

MACS: Communication

- NDAS update appeared in December department newsletter.

MACS: Social/Professional Activities

- Brunch program set for Saturday, February 25, 2017
- Invitations go out January 9th
- Kristi will work with student groups to determine how many students can be supported to attend.

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.
- February call will be Monday, February 6th, 7-8 p.m.

Submitted by: Barb Kochanowski