

PSU Nutrition & Dietetics Alumni Society Board

Minutes from Conference Call Monday, January 5, 2015

Present: Jen Pullman (Pres), Sandy Schlicker (Past Pres), Lily Hsu (Treas), Barb Kochanowski (Sec), Alex Blatt Hast, Katie Bridgens, Kristi Stoehr, Brenda Eissenstat, Morgan Cooper (SNA), Karen Weisen, Madelyn Hoover

Absent: Gordon Jensen, Maureen Spill, Melissa Altman-Traub, Michelle McGavin, Lucy Song, Shana Adise (NGSA)

Routine Business

Minutes Approval

The December 1, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Lily Hsu reported that there is a balance of \$1142.07 in the NDAS account, reflecting a \$100 deduction for the J.E. Smith award.

Reports from Department and Student Liaisons

Per Jen Pullman, there was no update from Gordon Jensen. Morgan Cooper reported that the SNA will be handing out active member certificates. The VP has initiated a local professional mentoring program. Plans are underway for activities for National Nutrition Month (March). Board members are asked to email any ideas to Morgan.

MACS

MACS: Mentoring

- It was agreed that we will host a speed networking event preceding the brunch.
- Board members should let Barb Kochanowski know if they will be participating in the speed networking event (Karen, Lily, Jen, Madelyn, Barb – yes).
- Kristi will check with Diane regarding notifying mentors about the brunch
- We will post notes seeking campus visits by alumni in support of mentoring (Brenda Eissenstat will identify opportunities based on individual's interests) on Facebook and Linked IN.

MACS: Awards

- Nominations for college-wide awards are due in February. There is support to nominate Regan Bailey for the emerging graduate award (3rd time). Megan Minot will not be nominated again. Maureen and Melissa are looking for additional information on the three names submitted in response to the email on Linked In: Rayane Abu-Sabha (Sage University), Stephanie Taylor-David (Indiana University) and Jan Singleton (USDA).

MACS: Communication

- The request for award nominees will be posted again on Linked In, along with a link to the awards description on the NDAS web site.

MACS: Social/Professional Activities

- The save-the-date email for the brunch was sent on 12/4.
- The paper invitation for the brunch will be mailed in early January. RSVP will be early March.
- Carryover funds (Kristi to check how much) will be used to cover \$20 per student, with students paying \$10.
- Alex Blatt Hast reported that Kathleen Keller has been confirmed as the brunch speaker. Her topic will be confirmed in January.
- Bios of participants in speed networking will be emailed to students by the end of February.

Other Business

- Amy Preston's term on the board has ended. Suggestions for a replacement, or volunteers from the at-large members should be sent to Jen Pullman.
- A new VP and chair for Awards is needed.
- The next call will be February 2, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by: Barbara Kochanowski