

# PSU Nutrition & Dietetics Alumni Society Board

## Minutes from Conference Call September 14, 2015

*Present:* Jen Pullman (Past Pres), Barb Kochanowski (Pres), Katie Bridgens, Sherry Bibaway, Alex Hast (Co-VP), Madelyn Hoover, Brenda Eissenstat, Elizabeth Hassel, Gwen Chodur (Co-VP), Kristi Stoehr, Alexandra Smethers (Student Board Member), Rachel Walker (Graduate Student Member)

*Absent:* Gordon Jensen, committee members

### ***Routine Business***

#### **Vote on Board Members**

Board members as of September 1st are Barb Kochanowski (Pres), Jen Pullman (Past Pres), Madelyn Barrows (Sec), Katie Bridgens (Treas), Alex Hast (at-large), Gwen Chodur (at-large), Sherry Bibaway (at-large), and Elizabeth Hassel (at-large). Madelyn moved to approve. All in favor.

#### **Minutes Approval**

The August 2015 meeting minutes were approved. Jen moved to approve. All in favor.

#### **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**

Gordon Jensen reported will be leaving the department. No candidate yet for interim position.

Student update: Working on improving membership for undergraduate SNA. Graduate membership working on bringing in speakers, faculty, alumni to discuss professional development, career opportunities. Any volunteers interested should speak with Rachel.

### **MACS**

#### **MACS: Mentoring**

- Sherry is the incoming chair for Mentoring committee.
- Anyone interested in volunteering for Alumni in the Classroom should contact Brenda. Careers in Nutrition class will begin in the spring.
- College mentoring program event will take place day before brunch (February 27, 2016)

#### **MACS: Awards**

- John Edgar Smith Award, see policy and procedure manual for additional information. Award to outstanding senior. Brenda will be contact person for this. Submissions due by the end of October. Will determine volunteers to review at October meeting. Decision made in November. Exact dates to be determined.

- Outstanding Alumni Award- application due by end of February. Board to identify candidates for award.
- Emerging Professional Award- application due by end of February

### **MACS: Communication**

- Alex provided update on open chair position (Gmail, LinkedIn, Facebook, website).
- Kristi added new news to website.

### **MACS: Social/Professional Activities**

- Alex provided update on open chair position (brunch, alumni event at FNCE).
- Madelyn to be chair of social/professional committee.
- Brunch Update: February 28, 2016
  - Discussion
    - Evening before the brunch- Mentoring activities
    - Event prior to brunch- Speed networking preferred. Will be looking for volunteers for speed networking event at next meeting (~8 people).
    - Brunch- Block of rooms is booked at the Nittany Lion Inn. Save-the-Dates ready to go out soon. Need to determine speaker (Penny Kris-Etherton, David Frankenfield, Alice?) . Need to determine cost (cost of event for alumni, students, speaker) (Alex and Rachel).

### ***Other Business***

- Committees
  - Need chair for Communications committee
  - Will discuss committee members next meeting.
- Policies and Procedure Manual
  - Updated by Barb. Approved by the board.
  - Barb to send out approved copy to the board.
  - Constitution also sent out, no changes to be made.
- The next call will be October 5, 2015 at 7 p.m.

*Submitted by:* Madelyn Barrows

*Approved:* October 5, 2015