

SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes

January 24, 2008

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: Jeff Prater (presiding), Marianne Giltrud, Margaret Weatherford, Mark Brzozowski, Kathy Kelly, Assistant Dean Timothy Steelman, and by teleconference: Linda Hasman and Cristina Ramirez.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the November 15, 2007 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Postcards

Jeff Prater noted he was waiting for final communication from 2008 Stone Lecture speaker Andrew Pace about his schedule before postcards to promote the lecture and the slisalum listserv could be finalized.

Stone Lecture 2008

The Board noted it liked the Pryzbyla building as its first choice of location, and Aquinas Hall as its second choice. The room will be scheduled for 6:30 and the lecture and reception will run 7-9 p.m. The lecture will be on a weeknight the last week of April. Jeff Prater agreed to work with Asst. Dean Steelman on vendor relations, for potential donations to be applied towards food at the reception.

SLIS Alumni web site

Kathy Kelly agreed to locate the Board suggestions for improving the SLIS Alumni section of the SLIS web site, and send them on to the new SLIS webmaster Colleen Candrl.

Accreditation Updates

Marianne Giltrud reviewed what had been discussed at the January 16, 2008 SLIS Advisory Committee for Accreditation meeting. She distributed an outline of the meeting, noting the Dean had submitted a 45 page report, and had given a timeline for changes in the program. Marianne emphasized the importance of alumni involvement in the process, noting the Board might want to think about how to collect testimonials from alumni about their good experiences with SLIS. A SLIS accreditation web site is now available at: <http://slis.cua.edu/about/Accreditation/>

It includes documents pertinent to the updates of the SLIS program.

It was also noted that the Dean would like to do a forum on SLIS accreditation in the future. Jeff Prater suggested that Asst. Dean Steelman should send out an update on accreditation activities on the slisalum listserv.

Future SLIS Alumni Board meeting dates

Future Board dates are: 2/21/08, 3/13/08, 4/24/08, 5/15/08, and if needed, 6/19/08, 7/17/08, and 8/21/08.

Secretarial Report

Kathy Kelly reported that the 2007-2008 SLIS Alumni Board list is posted on the Alumni section of the SLIS web site; that Fred Shapiro (MSLS 1983) had an article about his book *Yale Book of Quotations* and his experiences at SLIS in the Fall 2007 *CUA Magazine*, also available online at: <http://publicaffairs.cua.edu/cuamag/fall07/essay.html> She reported that the *CUA Magazine* also has lots of news on SLIS Alumni in its Class Notes section, which could be used on the SLIS Alumni web site's new "News" page after the site is re-designed. Kathy accepted donations towards the \$25 Amazon gift card which had been awarded during the 2007 SLIS Christmas party to the winner of the cookie bake-off. She also asked if the Board should take up again the possibility of working on a Notable Alumni list for posting with those of other CUA Schools on the Office of Alumni Relations' Notable Alumni webpage. Kathy noted SLA had sent her info on how to get a table at the 2008 SLA conference for its Alumni Student Connect event on June 16th. The Board agreed she should pass the info on to the Dean.

Von Dran Memorial Award

Kathy noted that no new nominations had come in for the proposed Von Dran Memorial Award, and asked the Board whether they should move forward with the award. It was agreed another announcement should be placed on the slisalum listserv emphasizing the 2/29/08 deadline for nominations, after which the matter could be re-assessed.

New Business

Homecoming Weekend

Jeff Prater noted there had been a suggestion to move any October SLIS homecoming event to a weeknight instead of a weekend, and the Board agreed.

Events action template

It was noted that Marianne Giltrud had produced an Events action template which could be used to monitor needed actions in preparation for SLIS Alumni Board events.

SLIS Alumni Newsletter

Jeff Prater noted that there had been no new issue of the online newsletter *The Forum* for awhile. The Board discussed challenges related to who produces the newsletter, and the expense of hard copy newsletter mailings.

SLIS Open House

Assistant Dean Steelman noted that SLIS would have an Open House on Saturday, March 1, 2008, from 10-12, and invited Jeff Prater to speak to the attendees.

Alumni professional development

Asst. Dean Steelman noted that Dean Kelley is working on a potential new benefit by which SLIS alumni could work with the School to further their professional development.

The next meeting will be February 21, 2008, in the Stone Conference Room in Marist Hall at CUA.