

SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes

February 12, 2009

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Stone Conference room in Marist Hall. In attendance were: Mark Brzozowski (presiding), Marianne Giltrud, Rachael Roan, Jenny O'Shea, Jeff Prater, Margaret Weatherford, Kathy Kelly, and Asst. Dean Tim Steelman.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the January 8, 2009 meeting were approved.

Secretarial Report

Kathy Kelly reported that January updates to the SLIS Alumni News page had been posted, and that in response to Tim Steelman's suggestion anchor links to sections of the page devoted to news from previous years had been added. She also noted that the student webmaster had proposed some revisions to the SLIS Alumni Gateway webpage. The Board voted to approve the revision, with some minor changes. She also noted that all Board members were now receiving emails from that go to the SLIS Alumni Board email address (cua-slis-alumni-board[at]cua.edu).

Old Business

Accreditation Updates

Tim Steelman reported that the Program presentation had been mailed to ALA; he also gave the Board a copy of the document, which Jeff Prater borrowed to review. He said the appendices will be online. He distributed the agenda for the upcoming ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA) visit to campus, and reminded the Board that alumni are invited to attend the 3/22/09 event in the May Gallery of Mullen Library. He also noted all members of the SLIS community (including alumni) are invited to attend an exit briefing on 3/24/09.

LinkedIn/Facebook Update

Jenny O'Shea noted that she will send out a description of the changed made to the SLIS community groups in Facebook and LinkedIn. She said that there are currently more than 20 members in the Facebook group and 33 in the LinkedIn group.

Wiki Update/Presentation

Tim Steelman distributed passwords to Board members for the wiki he'd created for storage of Alumni Board electronic files, noting we have editor-level access to the site. He noted it is viewable by the public but only we can write to it. He explained that we can upload files, create posts to its homepage, and create pages. He noted that the site is portable, and is based on the open source blog tool and publishing application Wordpress.

Beta Phi Mu

Mark Brzowski noted he had met with Joan Weeks, and he'll look at the official book of Beta Phi Mu, in order to develop a list for the SLIS Alumni web site. He noted that while many have been nominated for Beta Phi Bu, some never signed up or paid dues. He proposed that people who have officially joined could be considered for the list. Jenny O'Shea noted that some people might be concerned to see their names on a list on the web site, and Tim suggested there could be an option to opt out of the list. The board voted in favor of including only members who have joined and paid dues at least once on the list.

Von Dran Memorial Award

Kathy Kelly noted that Washington Trophy would only need about a week's notice of the recipient's name in order to make up a plaque. Board members noted they'd received a few nominations and that they'd heard that others may be in the works.

New Business

Stone Lecture – April 21, 2009

Marianne Giltrud noted the auditorium in Aquinas Hall is confirmed, and that Camila Alire will be sent a release to sign in regard to the videotaping. The Board also discussed possibilities of vendor support for expenses, and how to make arrangements for food for the post-lecture reception. Tim Steelman noted he would ask the Dean what her preferences are in regard to how the food is financed. The Board also noted that contributions to the Stone Scholarship Fund would be welcome at the lecture. Kathy Kelly noted she would sent out a draft of a potential program soon. Mark Brzowski reminded the Board that we would need to help with cleanup after the reception. The Board also discussed means of promoting the event, including listserv and newsletter announcements, getting it on the CUA calendar, video feeds on monitors on campus, such as the one in the Information Commons.

Read Across America Promotion – March 5, 2009

Mark Brzowski noted he had posted information about CUA's Read Across America volunteer initiative on the SLIS student listserv, in response to a request from the Office of Alumni Relations for Board support. The event will be at St. Anthony's School at 12th and Monroe Streets in Washington, DC on March 5, 2009, 8:30-noon. Information is presently available on the Alumni Calendar of Events on the CUA Alumni web site: <http://www.cuatoday.com/s/817/start.aspx>

Future Board Dates

Other Board meeting dates, unless changed later on, are still: March 19, 2009; April 16, 2009; May 21, 2009, and if needed, June 18, 2009, July 16, 2009, and August 20, 2009.