

SLIS Alumni Board meeting minutes

November 15, 2007

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, Kathy Kelly, Dean Kimberly Kelley, and by teleconference: Mark Brzozowski and Pat Evans.

Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the October 11, 2007 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Constitution and By-Laws

SLIS alumni voted 25-3 in favor of the revised Constitution and By-Laws. Jeff Prater made a motion to include two minor edits that had been suggested, and the motion passed. The revised Constitution and By-Laws document was approved by the Board, and the email votes of alumni were entered into the record.

Postcard mailing

The Board discussed potential photos for use on the postcard to be mailed to SLIS alums, to promote the slisalumni listserv and the upcoming Stone Lecture. Photos obtained from the CUA Archives were passed around, and Marianne Giltrud said she'd look for another image of Marist that had been used recently in the SLIS Homecoming event. Jeff noted he would send the Board the photos and potential text for the postcard over email.

Christmas party

The Board discussed the upcoming SLIS Christmas party, to be held in the Information Commons in Marist Hall on Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, from 6:30-9 p.m. Dean Kelley noted that the staff would do the decorating this year, and that Jeanine Marino will make 4 batches of eggnog. Coffee, tea, and water will be available, and Jeff Prater and Pam Strassburger will pick up a cheese platter and some wraps from Costco. Mark Brzozowski agreed to set up a Survey Monkey survey to take RSVPs for the event, and to allow attendees to indicate whether they'd be baking cookies for the cookie bake-off. Kathy Kelly agreed to obtain an Amazon gift certificate as a grand prize, and Marianne Giltrud agreed to work on finding ribbons for other honorable mentions. The Board agreed to bring Christmas CDs to the event. On a related matter, Dean Kelley noted that SLIS Faculty had taken up the Board's suggestion to back-award the SLIS Outstanding Graduate award to a student from the 2006 graduating class. A group of Faculty and adjuncts selected Lauren Chase, and she will be present at the Christmas party to accept the award. Her name will be added to the SLIS Outstanding Graduates plaque that is on display in the Information Commons.

Board of Governors report

Margaret Weatherford, the SLIS alumni representative to the CUA Board of Governors, reported on her attendance of the recent Board of Governors meeting. She noted several

people from the CUA Office of Alumni Relations spoke at the meeting, providing a general update of what the university is doing lately. The next meeting will be in April 2008.

SLIS Alumni web site

Jeff Prater noted that the Alumni Board suggestions re: improvements to the SLIS Alumni Gateway site (<http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/alumni.cfm>) had been sent on to Nora Daly. It was noted that Nora Daly has accepted a job in London, so SLIS will be looking to hire a new student webmaster to replace Nora; the successor would be the one to make changes to the SLIS Alumni site.

Accreditation Update

Dean Kelley noted that Karen O'Brien of the ALA Office of Accreditation had addressed the SLIS Full Faculty meeting, and that O'Brien had re-iterated that conditional accreditation is still full accreditation during that time period. Further info on the meeting is available in the Dean's Dialog blog (Nov. 15, 2007 posting): <http://thedeansdialogue.blogspot.com/>.

Dean Kelley also noted that a SLIS accreditation committee progress report had been sent to the Provost this morning, and that after it's vetted on campus, it will be posted on the SLIS web site; that there will be some forums on the accreditation status in February and May 2008; that she will meet with the ALA COA during the ALA Mid-Winter conference in January 2008 to discuss the progress report; that she will accept a nomination from the SLIS Alumni Board for a representative to the advisory committee (Marianne Giltrud was approved for this role); and that SLIS must submit its ALISE statistics by December 1st as part of the accreditation review.

Future Board Dates

Future Board dates are 1/17/08, 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 noted that the Von Dran Memorial Award information and nomination form had been posted at:

http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/Alumdocuments/vondran_nomination_info_and_form.pdf

She noted she had sent Nora Daly the 2007-2008 Alumni Board members list, which had been posted at: <http://slis.cua.edu/alumni/board.cfm>

Kathy mentioned Raylene Thompson from Academic Technology Services had sent her info on how to obtain a generic email account for the SLIS Alumni Board. The Board agreed this was of interest, and that the address should forward emails to Jeff Prater, Mark Brzozowski, and Kathy Kelly. The form was left with the Dean for authorization. Kathy suggested that formal publications of the Board be reviewed by the Board or a portion of the Board prior to release.

Kathy noted that she had spoken with Stephanie Salmon of the previous Board about the SLIS Alumni Association wiki, and Stephanie noted she had been unable to find a way to turn over administrative control of the wiki to the current Board. (The Board noted they

might not need a wiki, now that there is a lot of information flow on the accreditation issue, and pertinent documents will be posted on the SLIS web site.)

Stone Lecture

Jeff Prater noted he'd been in touch with SLIS alumnus Andrew Pace, who indicated he would be willing and honored to do a Stone Lecture. Jeff distributed some biographical information about Pace. There was some discussion of other possibilities for speakers, but Pace seemed the most promising prospect. Jeff and Dean Kelley will coordinate with Pace about a potential Lecture date in April 2008. It was noted that the university will be closed on April 14th, and that Pope Benedict XVI will be visiting campus on April 17, 2008.

There will be no December SLIS Alumni Board meeting in light of the December 3rd Christmas party. The next meeting will be January 17, 2008, in the Stone Conference room in Marist Hall at CUA.