

Board of Directors Meeting
Charter Oak State College Alumni Association
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2011, 5:30 pm

Members Present

Carlo Esidore, Marcia Esson-Anderson, Eddie Rodriguez, Mary Jo Betzen, Jeff Sorrell, Matt Geisler, Lisa Wildman.

Staff Present

Ed Klonoski and Nancy Taylor.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Carlo Esidore, Alumni Association President.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 9, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. The balance in the checking account as of December 31, 2010 is \$ 5,733.41

IV. New Business

1. Nancy mentioned that the Alumni Chat held on January 5th was a great success. Nancy will send out the link so everyone can view the questions that came. Carlo mentioned that there were about 5 or 6 students that asked good questions.
2. Gelston House/Goodspeed Social Event – Nancy reported that she is still waiting for some alumni (since Alumni has first choice for tickets) who had indicated they were interested had not gotten back to her. If she did not hear from that after sending another email, by Friday January 28th, she will open it up to faculty and staff. Checks can be made out to COSC Alumni Association for this event.
3. Discussion was held around additional events that the Alumni Association could host or be part of. Some suggestions included, Corporate night at a museum (Lisa will follow up), Rock Cats Tickets, Hiking, Art Show.
4. How do we use the Alumni Ambassadors? Discussion was held around determining opportunities to get in front of employees or organizations and talk to them about degrees.

- Eddie offered a suggestion with regards to the Fire Fighters, Fire Marshalls and Police for recruiting. Eddie will look into and get back to Nancy and Carlo with the date. We will follow up and pursue this, as this will be a great forum for people (approx 300 – 600 people) to become familiar with COSC.
- Matt indicated that he works for Harley Davidson and is close to Marquette University. If there is a flyer that he can put on the education board or some material, he will be happy to do that. Also at the next education fair, Matt would be willing to man a table. Nancy will send materials to Matt.
- Marcia mentioned about Black History Month, as she helps man the table for that function. Ed will check with Marlene and get back to the board.

5. Discussion to consider changing the Alumni meeting venue. Somewhere closer to the shoreline or other places for people who live further from New Britain, to give them a chance to attend the meetings. We will come up with some ideas and talk about at the March meeting.

V. Staff Advisor’s Report

Nancy Taylor had nothing else to add to her previous remarks.

VI. President’s Report (Ed)

Ed discussed that the enrollment numbers are trending upward based on the 6 year graduation rate. Last year was 58%, this year is 63%. This data will be posted. Ed will be attending the Gates Foundation meeting on Feb 8th and 9th in Washington DC. There is an academic quality proposal in the Legislature to increase the veterans free tuition benefits; this may go to 100% waiver of tuition for our veterans. The Masters Degree program is still in the Department of Higher Education. There is a March deadline to have it to NEASC. The DHE is very busy, and Ed will follow up to see what he can find out.

VII. Other Business

- Carlo mentioned that we need to start thinking about names of Officers for the 2011 – 2012 Alumni Board school year. He will follow up with the current officers to see if they will be continuing on, if not we will need to get new officers.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.

The next Alumni Board meeting will be **Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30pm** in the Fleet Conference Room at COSC

Respectfully submitted, Carlo Esidore, Alumni President