

**Minutes of the Fall Meeting of the
Board of Directors of the Colgate University Alumni Corporation
Saturday, September 15, 2012
Hamilton, New York**

The fall meeting of the Board of Directors of the Colgate University Alumni Corporation (the "Alumni Council") was held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, in Hamilton, New York.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Ms. Christine Cronin Gallagher '83, President.

A silent roll call was taken by Mr. Timothy Mansfield, Executive Secretary. The following officers, directors and life member(s) were present: Copeland G. Bertsche '63, Sandra Braddy-Hall '76, Elizabeth Buchbinder '77, Bruce J. Crowley '79, Amy L. Dapot '96, Thomas W. Dempsey, Jr. '72, Kathleen A. Dill '89, Mark R. DiMaria '84, Theresa Donahue Egler '77, Robert R. Fawcett, Jr. '91, Diane Munzer Fisher '84, Christine Cronin Gallagher '83, Christopher J. Gavigan '84, Joy D. Harrington '99, John Z. Hecker '73, Robert Johnson '94, Ronald A. Joyce '73, Laura Kurlander '84, Travis I. Leach '94, Amy Hargrave Leo '03, Timothy Mansfield, Nancy D. Maynard '05, Thomas McGarrity '79, Joseph P. McGrath, Jr. '85, Michael F. Morrone '68, Thomas J. Murphy '90, H. Gerald Nordberg, Jr. '57, Jeffrey A. Oberg '76, Heidi Bulow Parsont '90, Lynn Plant '77, Robert P. Quitzau '55, Robert B. Raiber '68, Kathryn Chamberlain Roberts '01, Kevin R. Rusch '85, Lisa Oppenheim Schultz '85, Robert B. Seaberg '69, Valerie Shapiro '02, Christopher W. Smith '63, Daniel J. Solomon '05, Joanne D. Spigner '76, William J. Sweeney '01

The following directors and life members were present for committee meetings but unable to attend the General Session: Joanna E. Allegretti '05, Katie G. Finnegan '05, Bart P. Hale, Ivan Kara '06

The following members were absent: Gus P. Coldebella '91, Melissa J. Coley '79, Dane Fraser '01, Yvonne M. Gyimah '01, Michael J. Herling '79, Katherine Traester LaBanca '05, Jung H. Pak '96, Timothy C. Seamans '02, James A. Smith '70, Kelli A. Williams '03

The following life members were absent: Douglas G. Campbell '50, John E. Gillick, Jr. '67, Clifford L. Heaslip, Jr. '50, John M. LeFevre '41, Haskell P. Mac Cowatt '53, Michael S. Martin '69, Fred C. Meendsen '54, Scott A. Meiklejohn '77, C. Bruce Morser '76, Pamela E. Odeen-LoDato '81, Gerald D. Quill '60, G. Gary Ripple '64, Bruce F. Wesson '64

It was established that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SPRING MEETING

Ms. Gallagher asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the spring meeting held in Hamilton, New York, in April 2012, previously distributed to the council. The motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT JEFFREY HERBST

President Herbst addressed the Alumni Council on a variety of topics. He noted the successful end to the capital campaign and announced the official celebration on November 9 in New York City. Colgate continues to invest in its faculty, citing a 9:1 student/faculty ratio. President Herbst discussed Colgate's recent rise in USNWR ranking, stating that ranking are intellectually indefensible but still an important aspect in admissions. He also noted that structure of higher education will change in the future but believes Colgate is positioned strongly.

President Herbst answered questions about the Hamilton Initiative, the university's strategic plan, and career services before turning the floor over to the General Session.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Morrone '68, legal counsel, reported no legal issues or concerns at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Kathleen Dill '89, treasurer, reported the Council's success in transparent financial reporting. Individual class funds and alumni office's operating budget are now reported on the university's IRS 990 form (instead of the alumni corporation). Ms. Dill also reported a deliberate effort to keep election costs down.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Timothy Mansfield, executive secretary, gave the following report:

The third annual Summer on the Hill program was held in July with approximately 38 alumni & parents in attendance. The legacy admissions program for alumni (Explore) was also held in July with great success.

Homecoming is scheduled for October 12-14, 2012. In cooperation with the Presidents Club and the Center for Career Services, the Alumni Relations Office will support the ongoing Real World Series during Homecoming Weekend. The new "Sophomore Connections" will be held during the Council's winter meeting – January 18-19, 2013.

Reunion 2013 will be held May 30-June 2, 2013.

The Office of Alumni Relations and Center for Career Services are developing a formal Affinity Group program for professional and personal networks of alumni. Existing professional affinity groups include the Colgate Entertainment Group, Colgate Real Estate Council, and Colgate Sustainability Group.

Beginning in July, Colgate will be celebrating its "Year of '13" with campaign celebrations and special events. Presidential Club Events will be held in NYC, Fairfield, NJ, Cleveland, Houston, London, Hong Kong, Philadelphia, Sarasota, Miami, Palm Beach, and Naples.

Mr. Mansfield also welcomed new Colgate professional staff in Institutional Advancement: Ashley Foley and Laura Masse to Alumni Relations, Mike Sciola to Career Services, Don Lang to Planned Giving, and Pat Campolieti '02 to Athletic Fundraising

TRUSTEE REPORT

Ms. Joanne Spigner '76, Alumni Trustee, reported on the Board meeting in June. New trustees include Bill Winters '83, young alumni trustee Ayanna Williams '08 (a one, three-year term), and parent Celia Colvert. The Board is looking forward to holding each January meeting off-site; this year in Los Angeles, California.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Committee. Committee chair Bill Sweeney '01 led his committee through the first round of annual award selections for alumni. Working from a list of over 250 names, they will make final decisions at their January meeting for Maroon Citations, Brian Little Award for Distinguished Service, Humanitarian, Ann Yao Young Alumni, and Distinguished Teaching Awards.

Career Services Committee. Committee chair Robert Johnson '94 introduced Michael Sciola, the new Associate Vice President and Director of Career Services. Now reporting directly to advancement, the career services staff will be increasing its external engagement with alumni and parents to support student career needs. Teresa Olsen, the Director of Operations and Strategic Planning will maintain student programs and career development.

District Clubs Committee. Committee chair Kathryn Roberts '01 led her committee in their annual award deliberations. Winners for each of the district club awards were announced at the General Session, along with the RuthAnn Speer Loveless MA'72 Distinguished Volunteer of the Year.

- A) Metropolitan Club Awards: New York City – MVP; Washington D.C.- special recognition for innovative programming
- B) Large Club Awards: Chicago – MVP; Philadelphia - special recognition for sustained excellence
- C) Medium Club Awards: Denver - special recognition for innovative programming; Los Angeles - special recognition for sustained excellence; Rochester - special recognition for sustained excellence; Atlanta – Most Improved Program
- D) Small Club Awards: Minneapolis – MVP; Palm Beach – Most Improved Program
- E) Gateway Club Awards: Columbus - special recognition for revitalization; Orange County, CA - special recognition for positive momentum
- F) RuthAnn Speer Loveless 'MA '72 Award - Joanna Allegretti '05 (NYC)

Nominations Committee. Committee member Kevin Rusch '85 led the committee meeting to continue the review process for 2013 candidates to the Alumni Council. (Chairwoman Katherine LaBanca '04 was unavailable for the meeting). Members of the committee accept nominee names from alumni & staff each year and review over 300 potential candidates during the summer and fall. A proven commitment to Colgate over time is a key qualification for consideration to the Council. Nominees for open positions will be announced in the winter edition of the Colgate Scene.

University Relations Committee. Committee chair Amy Leo '03 introduced Dr. Suzy Nelson, Vice President and Dean of the College. She presented the Alumni Council with the principles of residential education which was constructed before her arrival. She discussed her interest to foster academic partnerships, develop a sense of community between all students, and understanding the Colgate culture.

Dean Nelson, who has an extensive background in managing Greek letter systems, was asked about her support of those organizations. She cited her commitment to strengthen the existing chapters before the board considers expansion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Gallagher announced the Alumni Corporation's next meeting -- as well participation in the SophoMORE Connections program -- for January 18-19, 2013. The spring meeting will be held April 13-14, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy Mansfield".

Timothy Mansfield
Executive Secretary