

**Minutes of the Spring Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Colgate University Alumni Corporation  
Sunday, April 10, 2016  
Hamilton, New York**

The spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the Colgate University Alumni Corporation (the "Alumni Council") was held on Sunday, April 10, 2016, in Hamilton, New York.

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. by Mr. Joseph McGrath '85, President.

A silent roll call was taken by Timothy C. Mansfield, Executive Secretary.

The following officers, directors and life member(s) were present: Copeland G. Bertsche '63, Elizabeth Buchbinder '77, Melissa J. Coley '79, Gregory M. Dahlberg '98, Thomas W. Dempsey, Jr. '72, Sean F. Devlin '05, Kathleen A. Dill '89, Carmine DiSibio '85, Debra A. Duarte '81, Robert P. Fenity '06, Elizabeth Orbe Fischer '82, Robert L. Glendening '71, Susan L. Becker Gould '03, Robert S. Grossman '96, Yvonne M. Gyimah '01, Scott S. Hague '96, P. Bart Hale '04, Max B. Haspel '95, John A. Hayes '88, John Z. Hecker '73, Harry A. Horwitz '76, Anne M. Huntington '07, Robert C. Johnson '94, Ashley D. Kepping '07, Timothy C. Mansfield, Nancy D. Maynard '05, Joseph P. McGrath, Jr. '85, Kelechi A. Oguh '08, Denniston M. Reid, Jr. '94, Andrew S. Roffe '68, Timothy C. Seamans '02, Eric T. Seidman '84, Christopher W. Smith '63, Brian K. Suiter '00, Christian B. Teeter '95, James O. Aston '57

The following directors and life members were present for committee meetings but unable to attend the General Session: Patricia Apelian '76, Alden T. Doolittle '67, Diane Munzer Fisher '84, Christian B. Johnson '02, Lesley R. McNamara '01, Daniel J. Solomon '05, Kelli A. Williams '03

The following directors were absent: Claudia J. Stephan Braden '80, Taylor L. Buonocore-Guthrie '08, Gus P. Coldebella '91, Vaughn E. Crowe '02, Craig U. Dana, Jr. '91, Christine Cronin Gallagher '83, Christopher J. Gavigan '84, Ronald A. Joyce '73, Guy V. Martin '57, Kaela A. Mueller '09, Amr Nosseir '76, Jessica M. Prata '01, Robert B. Seaberg '69, Gregory A. Threatte '69

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

It was established that a quorum was present.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE WINTER MEETING**

Mr. McGrath asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the winter meeting held in Hamilton, New York, in January 2016, previously distributed to the council. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and approved unanimously.

#### **ELECTIONS**

Mr. Timothy Mansfield (Executive Secretary) was unanimously approved for another one-year term.

The following directors were approved as new committee chairperson beginning in July: Denniston Reid '94 for Admissions Committee, Susie Becker Gould '03 for Career Services Committee, Patricia Apelian '76 for Intellectual Engagement Committee, and Kaela Mueller '09 for District Clubs Committee.

New members of the Nominations Committee were also approved by the board and they will begin their work this summer: Carmine DiSibio '85 (chair), Robert Fenity '05, Kelechi Oguh '08, Deborah Duarte '81, Gregory Threatte '69, Elizabeth Fischer '82, and Scott Hague '96.

Two Regional Vice Presidents were also appointed to the Alumni Council, beginning in July: Stephen Rock '85 for the Mid-West and Elizabeth Levine-Brown '01 for the Mid-Atlantic.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Mr. Copeland Bertsche '63, Legal Counsel, advised members to complete proxy forms in case they were not planning to attend the annual meeting at Reunion. Proxy forms allow the board to conduct its annual meeting by reaching a required quorum.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Robert Johnson '94, Treasurer, reported that the Alumni Council accounts were in good order. Mr. Johnson will file the 2015 IRS 990 form upon completion; the Council has been granted an extension. As in 2015, Mr. Johnson also reported on several individual class mutual funds, which he is advising class managers to move to separate bank accounts and not under the corporations tax filings.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mr. Mansfield, Executive Secretary, gave the following report:

*Reunion:* Colgate welcomes back alumni from the 1's and 6's graduation years, particularly the Class of 1966 celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Colgate is also celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alumni of Color organization and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Delta Delta Delta.

*Explore:* July 21-22, 2016 is the annual college admissions workshop for Colgate alumni and their children.

*Homecoming:* The fall meeting (September 29 – October 1) will coincide with [Homecoming Weekend](#) and [Inauguration](#). Please plan your travel and hotel accommodations accordingly.

*Alumni Advisory Board for the Bicentennial:* The following alumni are serving as advisers to the university's committee for the Bicentennial: Ms. Nancy Maynard '05, Mr. Daniel Cattau '72, Mr. Arthur Clark '69, Mr. Lee Woltman '65, Mr. John Hayes '88, Ms. Juliana Bertagna '88, Ms. Amy Vullo MacMillan '83, Ms. Diane Ciccone '74, Mr. Andrew Sweet '93, Mr. Travis Leach '94, Ms. Theresa Egler '77, Mr. Garry Bewkes '48, Mr. Robert Fenity '05, Mr. Michael Smith '70, and Mr. James Smith '70.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Council's work is ordinarily conducted through its committees' meetings and the General Session of the entire Council. Below is a summary of the committee meetings.

### *University Relations Committee*

Mr. James Smith '70 met with the Alumni Council to discuss the research projects underway for the university's Bicentennial celebration in 2018-19. Smith was joined by two undergraduate students who presented on the history of West Hall. Smith discussed courses which were approved by the Dean of the Faculty for study during the 2017-18 academic year which relate to the history of Colgate and the Bicentennial.

### *State of the 'Gate*

As part of a panel discussion, Dean of Admission Mr. Gary Ross '77 was introduced to present an overview of the [Class of 2020](#). Ross described the breadth of talent that this class was forecasting to include and also described his department efforts to recruit students in emerging regions of the world.

Ross was joined by staff in the Advancement and Alumni Relations departments. Ms. Jennifer Stone, Director of Annual Giving and Professional Networks, detailed the university's efforts to increase the alumni giving rate. She described the "Pass the Torch" campaign and provided some important data about the [Colgate Fund](#).

Mr. Donald Lang, Associate Director of Planned Giving, helped inform the Alumni Council about life income estates, bequests, and charitable donations that can support the university.

Mr. Timothy Mansfield, Associate Vice President of Advancement and Alumni Relations, provided an overview of the Alumni Engagement Index that his staff uses to evaluate programs and strategies.

### *Awards Committee*

Ms. Anne Huntington '07, chair, announced the following awards which will be presented at Reunion 2017 and approved by the board:

- Humanitarian Award: Mr. Brendan Tuohey '96
- Distinguished Teaching Award: Ms. Mary Moran (Sociology and Anthropology) and Fernando Plata (Spanish)

On Saturday, April 11, the Alumni Council recognized several members of the board who are retiring in June. They include: Christopher "Kit" Smith '63 – ERA I, John Hecker '73 – ERA II, Elizabeth Buchbinder '77 – ERA III, Diane Fisher '84 – ERA IV, Yvonne Gyimah '01 – ERA VI, Bart Hale '04 – ERA VII, Kelli Williams '03 – At Large, Timothy Seamans '02 – At Large, Christopher Gavigan '84 – RVP Mid-Atlantic, and Daniel Solomon '05 – RVP Mid-West. All have been very dedicated volunteers and the Alumni Council thanked them for their exemplary service to Colgate.

## **ALUMNI TRUSTEE REPORT**

Mr. Ronald Joyce '73, Alumni Trustee gave the following report from the Board of Trustees who met on April 1-2, 2016:

- Trustees continue participating in the faculty ambassador program, linking members with different academic departments to learn about their programs, research, and faculty
- Trustees confirmed their Honorary degrees recipients for graduation
- The Capital Assets Committee made several resolutions to restore some needed work in residence halls (Stillman Hall: \$6.6M, Bryant Complex: \$6.2M, and Andrews Hall: \$4M), and Wynn Hall (\$4M for systems)

- Mr. Joyce also described how Alumni Trustees relay information to/from the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Council, which allows for greater transparency and collaboration

## **BEYOND THE 'GATE**

During the General Session, the Alumni Council members reported dialogue from some of their alumni networks about the university. Topics included:

- Students and alumni report an ongoing tension about Greek letter organizations and Colgate; there are limited opportunities for women to join an organization if they choose; the Commons appear like “manufactured social networks” for students which they fear will replace the fraternity/sorority system
- Alumni are curious about the university’s official position on the Torchlight tradition
- Alumni are pleased with how the university is responding the sexual assault climate and prevention strategies

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice President for Finance and Administration, Mr. Brian Hutzley, joined the Alumni Council on Saturday to review current buildings projects underway and some anticipated projects:

- The Class of 1965 Arena is currently on schedule and under budget, scheduled to open in October 2016. The building will be home to hockey, lacrosse, and soccer programs.
- Benton Hall is scheduled to begin construction in the next academic year, which will hold the Center for Career Services, Office of Undergraduate Studies, and Thought Into Action.
- A proposed residence hall is under review to sit between Stillman Hall and Andrews Hall. That project needs Board of Trustee approval and a feasibility study to evaluate costs to Colgate.
- The Center for Art & Culture, scheduled for construction in the village of Hamilton, is currently under further review by the faculty, village board, and Board of Trustees.

The Alumni Council participated in concurrent tours of three different campus locations: the Ciccone Commons (in Curtis Hall), the Class of 1965 Arena, and the Picker Art Gallery. At each location, a staff/faculty member or student helped guide the Alumni Council on building renovations and programs within those spaces.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McGrath adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy C. Mansfield  
Executive Secretary