

**Minutes of the Winter Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Colgate University Alumni Corporation  
Saturday, January 19, 2013  
Hamilton, New York**

The winter meeting of the Board of Directors of the Colgate University Alumni Corporation (the "Alumni Council") was held on Saturday, January 19, 2013, in Hamilton, New York.

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. by Ms. Christine Cronin Gallagher '83, President.

A silent roll call was taken by Timothy C. Mansfield, Executive Secretary. The following officers, directors and life member(s) were present: Joanna E. Allegretti '05, Copeland G. Bertsche '63, Gus P. Coldebella '91, Melissa J. Coley '79, Bruce J. Crowley '79, Amy L. Dapot '96, Thomas, W. Dempsey, Jr. '72, Kathleen A. Dill '89, Theresa Donahue Egler '77, Robert R. Fawcett, Jr. '91, Katie G. Finnegan '05, Diane Munzer Fisher '84, Dane Fraser '01, Christine Cronin Gallagher '83, Christopher J. Gavigan '84, Yvonne M. Gyimah '01, Bart P. Hale '04, John Z. Hecker '73, Robert C. Johnson '94, Ronald A. Joyce '73, Ivan G. Kara '06, Laura Kurlander-Nagle '84, Katherine Traester LaBanca '05, Travis I. Leach '94, John M. LeFevre '41, Amy Hargrave Leo '03, Timothy C. Mansfield, Nancy Miller Maynard '05, Thomas F. McGarrity '79, Joseph P. McGrath, Jr. '85, Michael F. Morrone '68, Thomas J. Murphy '90, H. Gerald Nordberg '57, Jeffrey A. Oberg '76, Lynn Plant '77, Robert P. Quitzau '55, Robert B. Raiber '68, Kathryn Chamberlain Roberts '01, Kevin R. Rusch '85, Robert B. Seaberg '69, Timothy C. Seamans '02, Christopher W. Smith '63, Daniel J. Solomon '05, Joanne D. Spigner '76, William J. Sweeney '01, and Kelli A. Wong Williams '03

The following directors and life members were present for committee meetings but unable to attend the General Session: Elizabeth Buchbinder '77, Mark R. DiMaria '84, Lisa Oppenheim Schultz '85,

The following directors were absent: Sandra Braddy-Hall '76, Joy D. Buchanan Harrington '99, Michael J. Herling '79, Jung H. Pak '96, Heidi Bulow Parsont '90, Valerie Shapiro '02, James A. Smith '70

The following life members were absent: Douglas G. Campbell '50, John E. Gillick, Jr. '67, Clifford L. Heaslip, Jr. '50, 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 FALL MEETING**

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

#### **ELECTIONS**

Ms. Theresa Donahue Egler '77 brought forth one nominee, Timothy Mansfield, to serve a one-year term as Executive Secretary. The nominee was unanimously supported. There were no nominations from the floor so nominations were closed and the final vote will be at the April meeting.

Ms. Egler brought forth one nominee, Robert Johnson '94, to serve a two-year term as Treasurer. The nominee was unanimously supported. There were no nominations from the floor so nominations were closed and the final vote will be at the April meeting.

Ms. Egler brought forth one nominee, Copeland Bertsche '63, to serve a two-year term as Legal Counsel. The nominee was unanimously supported. There were no nominations from the floor so nominations were closed and the final vote will be at the April meeting.

Mr. Kevin R. Rusch '85, member of the Nominations Committee, announced the following nominees for the 2013 Alumni Council, in place of Katherine Traester LaBanca '04 (Chair):

ERA I: Mr. Guy V. Martin '57  
ERA II: Mr. Robert L. Glendening '71  
ERA III: Ms. Patricia Apelian Aitken '76  
ERA IV: Mr. Eric T. Seidman '84  
ERA V: Mr. Robert Grossman '96  
ERA VI: Ms. Carmella Alvaro '98  
ERA VII: Ms. Anne M. Huntington '07  
AT-LARGE: Mr. Eric L. Settle '83  
AT-LARGE: Mr. Vaughn E. Crowe '02

RVP Upstate NY (appointed): Ms. Nancy Miller Maynard '05

Pending any petition candidates and election, these candidates will be voted into position during the annual meeting in June, 2013.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

Mr. Michael F. Morrone, Legal Counsel, reported that the process for elections has been evaluated as fair and in accordance with the by-laws. Mr. Morrone also reported on his effort in cooperation with the university accounting office, attorneys, and tax preparers on the 2012 IRS 990 tax forms.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Kathleen A. Dill, Treasurer, reported that the Alumni Council accounts were in good order. She also reported her efforts in cooperation with the university accounting office, attorneys, and tax preparers on the 2012 IRS 990 tax forms.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

*-SophoMORE Connections '13* attracted nearly 80 alumni and over 400 student registrants, a successful partnership with the Center for Career Services and the Class of 2015. This was the inaugural year for this program and supported by the Alumni Council.

- Reunion 2013/Annual Meeting: May 30 – June 2. The Alumni Relations Office continues to offer new package options for guests to consider when registering for Reunion. This year, Colgate celebrates 40 years in Women's Athletics and the Class of 2000 (13<sup>th</sup>).

- *Summer on the Hill '13*: June 30 – July 3, 2013. The fourth annual summer program will be less expensive than the first two years, and the schedule returns to three full days of classes. The courses and faculty remain a distinct value for alumni.

- Beginning in March, Seven Oaks will offer discount membership to distinguished volunteers from the Board of Trustees, Alumni Council, and Parents Steering Committee.

- Colgate is exploring the benefits and challenges to a mobile application for alumni. Along with news, photos, and events, the application would include mobile access to the alumni directory. More information will be forthcoming at the spring meeting.

- Jenna Webb '02, Associate Director of Alumni Relations, reported on the 2012-2013 Presidential events with alumni. President Herbst will travel to twelve new cities this year to meet with alumni and parents.

## **TRUSTEE REPORT**

Mr. Gus P, Coldebella '91, Alumni Trustee, reported that the Board of Trustees will be meeting in Los Angeles for their winter meeting. They will be discussing technology, media and the growing Latino population in America. Mr. Coldebella reported productive work on the university budget and governance during the fall meeting of the Board.

## **STANDING 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.

*Career Services*: Mr. Robert C. Johnson '94, committee chair, introduced Michael Sciola, the Associate Vice President and Director of Career Services. Mr. Sciola led the committee in a discussion on affinity groups, undergraduate mentorship, and internships. The committee held small group discussions to provide feedback and recommendations to the center for career services.

*Athletics Committee*: Mr. Thomas W, Dempsey, Jr. '72, committee chair, introduced the newly appointed director of athletics Vicky Chun '91 and Pat Campolietta '02 (Assistant Director of Athletics for Advancement). Ms. Chun reviewed the current state of the athletic program and her vision for leadership, while Mr. Campolietta gave an overview of funding for athletic support groups.

*University Relations*: Ms. Amy Hargrave Leo '03, committee chair, introduced Dr. Suzy Nelson, Vice President and Dean of the College. Dr. Nelson began the meeting by introducing two faculty members and two of her senior staff who are leading the work on "living the liberal arts": Dr. Lesleigh Cushing (Religious Studies), Dr. Spencer Kelly (Psychology), Dr. Scott Brown (Dean of Students) and Susan Smith (Associate Dean of the College). During their presentation, they addressed faculty/student interaction outside the classroom and the other tenets of residential education. The university relations committee held small groups discussions to provide feedback and recommendations to these administrators.

*District Clubs Committee*: Ms. Kathryn Chamberlain Roberts '01, committee chair, introduced eight district club leaders to the meeting as special guests. They included Brian Suiter '00

(Columbus), Christian Teeter '94, (Easy Bay), Maddie Watrobski '10 (Rochester), Bruce Feron '73 (Savannah), Karl Fries '09 (Boston), Sue '76 and Harry Horwitz '76 (Philadelphia), and Sue Dolly Lathrop '88 (Chenango Valley). Mr. Mansfield, Director of Alumni Relations, began the meeting with a presentation on engagement metrics and overview of district clubs. The committee held small groups discussions to address the strengths and challenges of district clubs and will provide feedback to the office of alumni relations.

*Admissions:* Mr. Copeland G. Bertsche '63, committee chair, introduced Gary Ross '77 Dean of Admissions and Lynn Holcomb '92, Senior Associate Dean of Admissions. Mr. Ross and Ms. Holcomb presented the current admission data for the Class of 2017 and also reviewed the application process by tracking a sample "common application".

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. William J. Sweeney '01, Chair, gave recommendations for the following slate of alumni awards during a closed session: Maroon Citation, Wm. Brian Little '64 Alumni Award for Distinguished Service, The Ann Yao '80 Memorial Young Alumni Award, Humanitarian Award, and Distinguished Teaching Award. The nominations were moved, seconded and unanimously approved without discussion.

Ms. Gallagher reminded those present that there was a process by which award recipients were informed and asked that confidentiality of the winners be kept until notified that the recipients had been formally notified and congratulated.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Jeffrey A. Oberg '76, representing the FSAI (Fraternity and Sorority Alumni Initiative), reported that Dr. Suzy Nelson, Dean of the College, attended their meeting to discuss recruitment challenges/strategies and support for the upcoming Greek Summit.

Due to the absence of the two student recipients, the Alumni Corporation will present its annual scholarships at the Senior Class Brunch in May.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy C. Mansfield  
Executive Secretary