

Providence College National Alumni Association Council

Business Meeting Agenda

Friday, February 9, 2018

Location: Bouligny Lounge, The Center at Moore Hall

1:00 PM Lunch, 2:00 PM Business Meeting

I. Meeting Called to Order - Karen Monti Flynn '80

Providence College National Alumni Association Business Meeting called to order on February 9, 2018 at 2:00 PM by Karen Monti Flynn '80

Note takers: Tracy Sullivan '85 and Andrea Hessenius '09

Attendees in Person: Mark McGwin '81, Mary Pat Caputo '79, Karen Kipfer '87, Karen Monti Flynn '80, Jim O'Leary '63, Kristen Meuse '98, Tracy Sullivan '85, Zee Popov '11G, Dave Lussier '62, Mike Donohue '73, Don Naber '87, Leo Kennedy '04, Patti Wade '86, Bob Ferreira '83, Devin Driscoll '08, Paula Tobin-Parks '86, Andrew Lynch '10, Bill Hasler '79, Lisa Hannan '85, Meredith Zenowich '96, Chuck Borkoski '71, Andrea Hessenius '09, Paul Pisano '61

Council Attendees on Conference Line: Lex Bramwell '06, Joe Giovengo '98

A quorum was met.

Council Members Absent: Paul Whalen '72, Maria Cimina '04, Alana Hess '14, Ellen Walsh '78, Thomas Flaherty '61, James Donnelly '67, Michael Law '98

Guests of the Council in Attendance: Rev. Kenneth Sicard, O.P. '78, Dr. James Campbell, Dr. Brian Bartolini, Gail Paras, Greg Waldron, Rev. James Quigley, O.P. '60, Kathy Baer '79, Brittany McHale '11, Mary Cairns, Patrick Walker, Sarah Firetto '03, Marie Flego '14 '16G, Courtney Capizzo '97, Samantha Keating '18, Molly Deschenes, Elizabeth Manchester '02, '17G, Sarah Osowa, Stasia Walmsley

Opening Prayer was led by Rev. James Quigley, O.P. '60

II. Secretary's Report - Tracy Sullivan '85

- Minutes from the September 2017 meeting were approved.

III. National Alumni Association Scholarship Report - Tracy Sullivan '85

- The market value of the National Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (as of February 7, 2018) is \$304,149 and the corpus value is \$219,435. Gifts to the fund since our last meeting total \$7,119 and includes gifts from current council member Bill Hasler '79 and his wife Jayne '80 and past Alumni Council president Fay Rozovsky '73. Also added to the fund was final proceeds from the Friar 5K.

- Minutes were approved.

IV. College Student Mental Health – Dr. James Campbell Assistant Vice President for Student Development and Compliance

One of the Health Center's goals is to reduce risk factors for students.

- Promote a sense of Community
- Campus Ministry – providing hope
- Stress life purpose & meaning - one example is through Development of Western Civilization because it promotes critical thinking.

The number of people seeking help is increasing. Of note, more students of color are visiting the Health Center than in prior years.

Risk Factors of suicide was presented:

1. Prior mental health problems
2. Previous attempts
3. Social isolation
4. Family history

Protective factors:

1. Social support
2. Safe use of alcohol
3. Campus engagement in clubs & sports
4. Restricted access to lethal means (i.e. roof tops and firearms)
5. Effective problem solving: teaching kids to be more resilient and to normalize issues.
6. Engage & support students who are depressed, LGBT & student of color, sexual assault victims.

Gatekeeping Training:

1. Over 600 PC students participated: How can you help a friend who is struggling?
2. Go to kognitocampus.com – create an account. Digital experiences that prepare you for conversations that matter most.
3. Now working on face to face training (i.e. role playing)

Also, PC is strengthening help in the areas of:

1. Outreach
2. Enhanced follow up
3. Campus wide awareness
4. Innovative engagement & preventive initiatives: ex, introducing Resilience 101 where you learn to incorporate mindfulness. Not being so re-active to an event – but pro-active.
5. Involving & informing Parents: Parents monthly newsletter “Wellness 101”, which also goes to students. The question came up; can parents be informed of what is going on

with their child? Answer is yes, but not about therapy appointments. Although if there is a serious issue PC will reach out to the parents. If parents are concerned they can contact the Dean of students and they will reach out to their child.

The Mental Health Center is located in Bedford Hall. Members of the campus community or family members can make an anonymous call to the Center when they have concerns about the well-being of a student and the Dean of Students will reach out to the student.

There is a tip line that anyone can call or you can leave an anonymous note.

Athletics coaches and Chaplains are very involved with assisting the Center.

There are about 9 FTEs on the staff who see issues across the board from freshmen to upperclassmen.

Dr. Campbell also reported statistics on the types of issues and concerns that our own students are being counseled and evaluated on.

VI. PC 200 Update - Rev. Kenneth Sicard, OP '78, Executive Vice President and Treasurer; Dr. Brian Bartolini, Assoc. Vice President and Chief Institutional Effectiveness Officer

- Five co-chairs for PC200, including Sylvia Maxfield, Mike Botelho, Mark Caprio, Rev. Kenneth Sicard, and Dr. Brian Bartolini are leading the committee. All worked over a year now; incorporating recommendations received from a wide array of constituent groups, including alumni.
- The committee brainstormed with the NAAC a year ago and looked at those comments received, including how to better engage the PC community for the next 10 years.
 - The committee is still committed to the process for PC200 to set the stage for the next 100 years. They want to continue to meet with stakeholders in an effort to have more engagement, particularly from groups like NAAC.
 - Three goals with objectives are being derived for a 10-year strategic plan.

Research has included:

 - Asked over 11,000 alums, friends, participants, and a research team for input.
 - Researched the landscape of Higher Ed overall
 - Drafted a vision, goals, and objectives to share with the community for feedback. This draft will be shared with the Board of Trustees for their approval in June. The draft is already in the comments stage and the Committee engaged with consultant group, "Art and Sciences" to look at the student profile, selection process, financial aid, etc.
- Reviewed draft compared to the comments received from NAAC meeting last year. Feedback was very consistent -- wanted PC to remain Catholic, Dominican, Liberal Arts, inclusive and accessible to all people, a college for immigrants and first generation students.

- Want to make PC more accessible to students. As demographics change in the northeast, we hope to see an increase in Hispanic applications as this demographic is the fastest growing Catholic population. How can we make PC attractive to them?
- Next steps in drafting the plan is to include an exercise to tie the funding plan with the strategic goals.

There is a large emphasis on diversity in the plan. PC created a new VP for diversity position. This demonstrates a huge commitment from the school to increasing diversity and inclusion.

The plan also included input from faculty. An objective learned is for alumni to be more engaged with students -- bring alumni back to classrooms.

The College did a large physical transformation on campus over the last 100 years. There is a need to continue to prepare students for the current workforce. Faculty and alumni are engaged in conversations to prepare PC students with more business skills as well as liberal arts educations.

V. Committee Report

- a. Awards Committee - Karen Flynn '80
 - Council has been charged to select recipients from the alumni groups 'X3-'X8 in various categories
 - Two events at Reunion weekend that will celebrate the recipients
 - Please nominate alumni for these awards
- b. Nominating Committee - Mark McGwin '81
 - The Nominating Committee is considering nominees for various positions
 - Hope to include more of a diverse/ multicultural group to identify and better reflect the school
 - Thank you to all the committee members that have participated this year
 - Various positions open including Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary
- c. Regional Club Committee - Kristen Meuse '98
 - The Regional Club Committee are set to meet with Mary and Patrick soon.
 - Recommend everyone visit the alumni website that includes a calendar list of events in the various regions including Big East and Hockey game watches. The summer receptions are also listed on the website as well as the New York networking event.
- d. Return to Campus (RTC) Committee/ Challenge - Tracy Sullivan '85
 - One goal for the RTC Committee this year is to increase the number of alumni that come to campus and we encourage every council member to reach out to their networks to bring friends back to campus.

- Alumni Tours will occur in April to bring alumni to campus. The tours are on April 7th and April 28th, they will be at 1:30pm. There will be a reception before the tour, followed by a Friar led tour for 90 minutes, and then McPhail's will be open.
 - April 7th: 50th anniversary of the Psychology department will also take place
 - April 28th: All Sports Reunion for the athletic department
 - The RTC (Return to Campus Committee) challenges each of you to come to one of the tours with at least one friend.
 - This is not an admission tour but rather an alumni tour.
- e. Student Alumni Association - Samantha Keating '18
- SAA hosted a variety of events last semester including a tap takeover at McPhail's with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund, "Veritas and Values," which included a DACA topic with 5 alumni and students, networking nights and career fairs. We sent emails to involvement fairs, the career expo, and have a presence at Friars Give, graduation, reunion, and we are excited to help at FriarCon during Alumni & Family Weekend...
 - If you are heading to FriarCon later today, look for the students with a "P" sweatshirt as they are the members of the Student Alumni Association.

VII. Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations Report - Bob Ferreira '83

- Thank you to all the Council members for being a part of the Diversity event (Reflecting Forward), many alumni who had not come back to campus for many years participated in this event.
- There will be many opportunities coming out of the weekend including student mentoring programs, engagement meetings with students and families, and more networking events.
- Over the past year we had 8 Regional Club Christmas parties, over 100 participants at the networking nights, 24 clubs hosted game watches, all of this is very important to continue our aim to be nationally recognized.
- 2,000 alumni, students, parents and friends are expected at Alumni and Family Weekend.
- We also hope to get 900 alumni who are RI residents engaged in a PC license plate program.

On April 5th, PC will do the annual Friars Give day. Last year we exceeded our goal of 1,907 donors. This year we are aiming for over 3,000 donors, one for each undergraduate student on campus. There is a challenge gift of \$200,000 if we meet the goal of 3,989 students along with other incentives.

The "Huxley's Road to Reunion" sign is ready for our friars that graduated in classes of 'X3-'X8 to help promote Reunion Weekend. The idea is to take a picture with the Huxley sign in the various places our reunion alumni visit (i.e. vacation spots, business trips, etc.) These photos will be placed on a webpage dedicated to "getting Huxley back to PC for his reunion."

VIII. Discussion - New Programming Opportunity for Alumni Engagement

- Discussion about offering a Fall campus event next Fall, similar to St. Dominic Society (SDS) weekend but have it on a larger scale so the community can enjoy the campus transformation. This would be an expansion of SDS weekend and would be held in place of the traditional Alumni & Family Weekend held each February. Because there are a lot of sporting events on campus in the fall the Weekend could be developed and designed as something to appeal to everyone.
- This idea of moving AFW to the fall and combining it with A&FW is mainly because of the struggle with weather. We have found that alumni go to the game, downtown, and never make it back to campus even though there are other events on campus.
- Freshman (New Students) Family Weekend will remain the same as in prior years...

IX. New Business - Karen Flynn '80

- a. Admission Family Day - April 14, 2018
- b. Next Upcoming Board Meeting - Thursday, June 28, 2018 (*at the time of compiling these minutes, the board meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, June 27, 2018*)
- c. Upcoming Major Events

X. Meeting Adjourned - 4:19pm First: Michael Donahue, Second: Devin Driscoll