GCU Alumni Association
EBoD minutes

Date: April 8 2015
Start time: 7PM
Leader: Mary Casey Nebus Ph.D. ’69, President
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Agenda items:

1. Minutes of March 11 2015 approved
2. Report from OIA—K. Apen reporting. Mt. St. Mary’s event this coming Sunday (4/12) has 26 alum/family members/staff attending and 32 RSM. This is a NJ Regional Chapter event. Registration for Reunion is open. Currently 6 registrants.
3. Committee reports—
   1. Alumni Engagement—Elaine Warga-Murray reporting. AE had good call last evening. NJ Regional chapter initial event at Mt. St. Mary’s on 4/12, Jill Maloney should be recognized for her work in setting up this event. During the event, potential members of the chapter to assist with the development should be identified and solicited. The Business Club, with Joyce Heckman taking lead, has a finished the Rod Colon series, There will be a networking event 4/28 in the Mansion. Connection with students, especially those graduating this year have been made and the students are responding positively to joining AA and being active members. Connections also made with a local engineering company for support. Planning for next year will commence with commitments to be made at June ABoD meeting by members. There has not been sufficient interest to pursue Senior Week events. Alumni Engagement will be working with Professional Development and Career Services to provide a forum for alumni to discuss careers post graduation with students. There was a discussion of the goals and format for this.
   2. Stewardship—Keri Tarantino Carlton reporting. The committee is brainstorming ideas. One initiative to develop is connecting with the current Junior class now to plan for next year for events such as Pub Party, Hundred Days and other student-centric milestones to promote connection with future alumni. Cheryl Stoeber-Goff is investigating coordinating with Monmouth County Parks System to provide a “service” that would promote GCU/AA to the larger community.
   3. Professional Development—MCN for Debbie Williams. No report as no meeting has been held.
   4. Reunion ’15—Mary Bowman Halpin reporting. Questions were solicited. Final meeting of this committee in April. Please register ASAP (and encourage others to do so) so that when lists of “who’s coming” are published there will be names on it!
   5. Nominating—MCN for Marjorie Murphy Hale. Currently 31 alumni have voted for ABoD members. Please vote and encourage others to vote.
4. Old business—The Golf Journal Ad has been paid for with donations from 18 of the 22 ABoD members. Thank you all for contributions. It should be noted that this is the first year that ABoD members have contributed the total amount for the ad.

5. New business—Grad finale (5/5) volunteers: Elaine Warga-Murray and Marjorie Murphy Hale have volunteered. More help needed! Discussion about engaging new alumni was held. Question as to the need for a separate committee vs. integration with other three. Will have discussion with relevant GCU personnel and ABoD members to determine best method to engage more recent grads. The discussion then evolved to considering current ABoD structure and the need to evaluate whether the structure fits the needs or should be modified. The discussion will continue into the summer.

6. Announcements—Mellissia Zanjani Ph.D. announced that Dr. Joseph Marbach has been selected as the ninth President of GCU by the Board of Trustees.

Adjourn time: 7:58PM