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Alumni Board of Directors Meeting April 28, 2024

- Roll Call** **2 minutes** **Katie Rempe**
- Dylan Rivera, Andrei Stephens, Katie Rempe, Dave Baxter, Bronwyn North Reist, Claire Dennerlein Manson, Cris Cambianica, Matt Giger, Eve Lyons, Gay Walker, Gray Karpel, Ian Fisher, James Mater, Jim Quinn, Laramie Van Duzer Silber, Marjorie Skinner, Tina Sohaili-Korbonits, Valentina Jin-Trowbridge, Vasiliy Safin
 - Staff: Aurore Giguet, Emily McNulty Scriptor

- Review of Agenda and Remarks** **5 minutes** **Dylan Rivera**
- The call for nominations for the Alumni Board is coming up June 1 - July 15 for terms starting July 2025. Please submit a nomination for an At-Large or Nominations Committee member.
 - Forum for Advancing Reed will be September 20 - 22 on campus. The alumni engagement plan will be shared and discussed.
 - The final Alumni Board meeting of this fiscal year will be June 7 during Reunions.

- Approval of February Minutes** **Dylan Rivera**
- Eve Lyons moved to approve and Andrei Stephens seconded. There were no oppositions or abstentions and the minutes were approved.

- Updates from Advancement** **Aurore Giguet**
- There was a good turn-out of students and alumni at the thesis parade and hot dog event. Alumni Relations gave out over 1,000 hot dogs in two hours.
 - The improved Sports Center is scheduled to open ahead of schedule this August. Access has been limited since the roof collapse in 2021. The Alumni Relations office has been advocating for access to again be extended to alumni.
 - The VP for Advancement candidates will be on campus the second and third week of May. The Alumni Relations office has requested that if a candidate is finalized by Reunions that they are asked to attend.
 - Reunions and Alumni College reservations are open now and are ahead of where they were last year. Meal tickets need to be purchased by May 23 to minimize unused food and budget. Last year there were a lot of unused meals.
 - Reed on the Road will be in Boston and New York. This year Reed on the Road was split into different months to accommodate the faculty presenter's schedule.
 - Alumni Relations is working with faculty on a multi-year HUM110 book club following the current syllabus which will have access to recorded lectures and library readings and

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also include an annual conference with faculty. Hoping to be able to open registration in the summer. This is an idea which came out of FAR last fall.

- Alumni Relations is working with Public Affairs to improve alumni webpages. The four most recent approved Alumni Board meeting minutes will be accessible on [this webpage](#).
- Laurels distribution has moved from the Registrar's office to Alumni Relations. This wonderful week-long tradition of honoring graduating students with a laurel wreath now welcomes them into the alumni community.

Updates from Alumni Trustees

Tina Sohaili-Korbonits

- The Board of Trustees meeting was held on April 20.
 - Enrollment, admissions and retention were discussed.
 - Substantial progress is being made on the campaign, and an advisory committee has been formed and met. It includes former alumni trustees Christine Lewis and Darlene Pasiency, and current alumni trustee Carla Beam.
 - The board approved the AY2024-25 budget of \$217M, which assumes 1,440 students.
 - The board approved faculty appointments including 3 new faculty.
 - The board recognized Lisa Saldana as outgoing board member.
 - Alea Adigweme was approved as incoming alumni trustee.
 - The board approved a resolution honoring Hugh Porter for his service to the college as vice president of College Relations for 26 years.
 - Plenary sessions:
 - Vice President of Admission and Financial Aid Milyon Trulove and a consultant gave a presentation regarding the ways Reed might better leverage financial aid and recruitment.
 - Ian Fisher asked about the government's FAFSA debacle this year and whether there was any conversation about starting to offer merit aid or sticking with need based aid. Tina said there was some explanation about the FAFSA situation, how it was affecting a range of schools, and where Reed is at with this. Merit aid was not discussed. In higher education, there is a changing landscape around aid.
 - There was a presentation by the Greek, Latin, and Ancient Mediterranean Studies (GLAM) faculty about changes within the department which are attracting more students to the major.
 - Tina will miss the next Alumni Board meeting as she will be welcoming a baby soon.

Updates from AB Committees

20 minutes Committee chairs

- **CYA: Laramie Silber**

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- CYA met on Saint Patrick's Day and welcomed four new members – all class of '22 or '23, with great energy. Staff member Rachel recruited most of them at West Winds. Great to learn more about what they need and get fresh alumni perspectives.
 - The group is dDoing more outreach via rotating pitches in ReediNews for Pathfinders, Path Seekers, and CYA members. This is increasing response, but in-person outreach is still most effective.
 - Finishing up CYA onboarding guide for alumni interested in joining the committee. Seeking to finalize at the next meeting.
 - Upcoming CYA events connected to existing events/outreach:
 - Senior Celebration, May 10th
 - Reed on the Road NYC, May 22nd
 - The first meeting about collaborating with CLBR was April 11th and there are exciting opportunities.
- **DIC: Cris Cambianica**
 - Moving to quarterly meetings with the next one in May.
 - Oral History project continues to receive responses from students who were active in MRC while students.
 - Reunions: DIC will host two events at Reunions this year:
 - Bubbles and Brunch, Saturday, June 8, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Karnell McConnell-Black.
 - “Blonde on a Bum” performance, Saturday, June 8, 3:00 p.m.
 - There was a discussion about the [Race based admission virtual talk with Milyon Trulove](#) to explore if there are ways alumni could help with diversity recruitment.
 - Reaching out to recruit a co-chair to serve with Cris as Lilia will step down at the end of this fiscal year.
 - **RCA: Matt Giger**
 - In addition to sharing the past and upcoming schedule, Matt shared that [Reedies in AI - February 28, 2024 5:30pm PT](#) was a well attended and lively event. [Blaise Albis-Burdige '22](#) created a chatbot that was also a panel member who answered questions in owl puns. [Daniel Beveridge '92](#) shared a lot of in-depth industry information. [Bronwyn North-Reist '07](#), who works in Hollywood, talked about the challenges and controversies around AI in that industry.
 - **Foster-Scholz Club: Gay Walker**

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- Foster-Scholz Club has completed most of their activities for the semester except for Steve Wasserstrom as retiring faculty speaker at the Reunions luncheon.
- Looking forward to a very active fall semester.

Other Updates

- **Alumni Fundraising for Reed** **5 minutes** **Aurore**
 - Next steering committee meeting is in May.
 - There was a test pilot during the March outreach period for a dual ask of annual fund and Eliot Society.
 - The wine event had more young alumni attendees than prior wine events.
 - Andrei Stephens shared that a fundraising event in support of Paradox Cafe will be held at the pool hall the Thursday before Reunions. The pandemic was hard on the cafe, and it is a beloved and important part of Reed. Students are serving on the event planning committee along with alumni. It should be lots of fun, please attend if you can.
- **Chapter Leadership Council** **5 minutes** **Gray Karpel**
 - A lot of chapter events are happening.
 - A handbook has been created for chapter leaders with information about Reed resources, communicating with staff, doing social media outreach, and ideas for local events which other chapters have found successful in connecting Reedies across generations.
 - Reed on the Road is coming to the east coast, and local chapters are excited.
 - If you have any tips or suggestions for succession planning for local chapters, please share. One idea being considered is asking alumni to host single events as a stepping stone to recruiting and developing chapter leaders.
 - Eve Lyons shared if anyone has an idea of someone who might be interested in hosting an event in the Bay Area, please let her know.
 - CLC will be the sponsor of the Sunny Day Surprise at Reunions this year to spread awareness about chapters. Encourage people to attend!
 - Dave Baxter shared that he is impressed with chapter and alumni volunteer engagement these days.
- **Past Presidents** **3 minutes** **Dave Baxter**
 - This group hopes to get together on the Thursday of Reunions.
 - They are in the preliminary planning stage of creating criteria to assemble the list of 100 distinctive Reedies.
 - Looking forward to recognizing alumni achievement, and aspiration is also to connect this to the capital campaign.
 - Dylan noted that this idea also came out of FAR last fall.

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President's Wrap-Up

2 minutes Dylan Rivera

- The next Alumni Board meeting is Friday, June 7 at Reunions in E216 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific / 4:00 p.m. Eastern (a zoom option will also be available). Sunny Day Surprise will follow.
- Incoming Alumni Board members will be invited to that meeting so we can welcome them.
- Attending these meetings is important for sharing perspectives and information, but what you do as an alumni volunteer in between the meetings is your greatest service to Reedies. Thank you for making time in your busy schedules to stay engaged and involved.

Adjourn

1 minute