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Alumni Board of Directors Meeting

February 25, 2024

- Roll Call** **2 minutes** **Katie Rempe**
- Dylan Rivera, Andrei Stephens, Katie Rempe, Dave Baxter, Bronwyn North-Reist, Catilin McKenna, Claire Dennerlein Manson, Grant Burgess, Ian Fisher, Valentina Lanlan Jin-Trowbridge, Vasiliy Safin, Gay Walker, James Mater, Carla Beam, Laramie Van Duzer Silber, Lillia Raquel Rosas, Matt Giger, Jim Quinn
 - Staff: Sarah Panetta, Emily McNulty Scriptor
- Review of Agenda and Remarks** **5 minutes** **Dylan Rivera.**
- Approval of October Minutes** **1 minute** **Dylan Rivera**
- Motion to approve was seconded. There were no oppositions or abstentions and the minutes were approved.
- Discussion and vote on [Honorary Alumni](#)** **10 minutes** **Dave Baxter**
- **Proposal: Going forward, align Honorary Alumni nominations process with Alumni Board nominations**
 - **Catching up: Current nominees for today's vote are [faculty who have retired since Academic Year 2020-21](#)**
 - Retiring emeriti faculty often are typically with Reed for 10, 20, 30 years and we consider them family. Each year we consider the retiring faculty for recognition as honorary alumni with related privileges. This is a great way to honor these members of our community.
 - Motion was seconded. There were no oppositions or abstentions, and recognizing the full list of retired faculty as Honorary Alumni was approved.
- Updates from the College** **5 minutes** **Sarah Z. Panetta**
- Hugh Porter, vice president of college relations and planning, to leave Reed**
- Hugh plans to stay through June 30, 2024.
 - A national search for his successor has been launched, being managed by [Witt Kieffer](#)
 - The goal is to have identified Hugh's successor by June 1.
- [Deborah Kamali '85, named as incoming chair of the board of trustees](#)**
- Deb will succeed outgoing chair, Roger Perlmutter '73 effective with the April 2024 board meeting.
 - She is a spouse and parent of Reedies and will be an excellent board chair.

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Progress in staffing overenrolled areas

- Computer Science was approved to fill 6 positions; an offer was recently extended to complete the department, with the 6th faculty member starting in fall 2024.
- Statistics: 3 faculty members hired, completing the department goal.
- Economics: 7 faculty members in place; successful offer extended to 8th member, who will start in fall 2024.
- These roles are 12 months rather than 10 months. The Dean of the Faculty is proud that one of the Computer Science tenure hires is our first female-identifying professor in that role.

Updates from Advancement

5 minutes

Sarah Z. Panetta

Xenia:

- The program was shortened to two-weeks this year instead of running the entire month of January.
- FY24 there were 451 participants compared to FY23's 446, which is record breaking even though we specified volunteer efforts should be within just the past year.
- Some chapters have used Xenia as a reason to organize a community volunteer activity.
- Ginny Hancock was wearing her shirt on campus the other day.

Laurel distribution:

- Alumni Relations will take over laurel distribution starting this Spring and will continue to hold Senior Celebration. This is a great way to welcome students to the alumni community.

Alumni College:

- Presenter recruitment is underway [Elections, Politics, and \(Dis\)Information](#)
- Some will be on the Saturday of Reunions to make Alumni College more widely accessible for attendees.
- Registration opens this week.

Reunions:

- Reunions planning is well underway.
- Registration opens 2/26 for young alumni and 2/28 for everyone else.
- Something new – there will be a fundraiser for the student-run Paradox Cafe in the Pool Hall Thursday evening. There is talk of possibly forming an alumni

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advisory group for the cafe. Katie volunteered to coordinate the Pool Hall event and is working with Alumni Relations.

- Last year had the classes of the 1990s and 2000s in language halls, which worked well so we will do that again.
- We are also focusing on physical accessibility on campus this year.

Updates from Alumni Trustees

3 minutes **Carla Beam**

- Deb Kamali grew up in Portland and has family here, and will be a great leader and support. Her husband Dr. Shokat was awarded the Vollum last year and is very distinguished.
- There are 2 trustees on the College Relations Vice President search committee, Carla Beam and Rick Wollenberg. The search committee is working on finalizing the job description. Feel free to get the information from Sarah Panetta about the search. The firm thinks we will see a lot of interest from highly qualified candidates.
- The board meeting was abbreviated so that Audrey could join Cheryl at the Grammy Awards (Cheryl won in two categories). The main focus was diversity, equity and inclusion. Dr. Esposito brought in author Tina McNair and there was good discussion in the DEI committee and in the plenary about inclusive excellence.
- The board passed a campaign resolution which gives Audrey and the staff the authorization to allocate resources for a deeper feasibility phase. Preliminary goal is \$395M, but this will be honed through the feasibility process. Roger Perlmutter is the campaign chair and has begun working on this. Alumni giving will be a really important part of this campaign. The campaign is focused on strategic priorities, but the impact of a campaign is beyond the dollars raised. They also raise an institution's profile and build community. We as alumni can be connectors with donors of all levels.
- The Academic Committee, chaired by Edward Ochoa '73 (retired president of California State University, Monterey Bay), approved new faculty, re-appointments, visiting faculty and sabbaticals. In the last meeting they approved the two new faculty Sarah mentioned above.

Updates from AB Committees

20 minutes **Committee chairs**

- **CYA: Laramie Silber**
 - There was an excellent meeting in January. We focused on rebuilding momentum after the winter holidays, including briefing out newer members on ongoing projects. We also had a potential committee member sit in who offered valuable perspective as a freshly minted alum. Great stuff came out of FAR, new perspectives and projects. Now reconnecting with more routine work. Experimenting with different meeting times to identify what works best for the

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largest number. With fewer members fully remote in their work, this is more challenging. Developing ways to stay connecting and productive via email.

- In ReediENews alternating between calls for specific initiatives and general calls for CYA, have had a good response. Learning there are new and different needs for young alumni post pandemic.
 - Preparing to connect with seniors with Senior Celebration.
 - With the postponement of Reed on the Road in NYC as well as another event we had tentatively planned for March, CYA is turning our event-component attention to Senior Celebration in May and potentially another small opportunity for the graduating students to meet their alumni community.
 - Next meeting is mid-March.
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- **DIC: Lilia Rosas**
 - The Alumni Board Diversity and Inclusion Committee (DIC) met during FAR and resumed regular monthly meetings that continue through February. At FAR, we debriefed members about the morning brainstorming and the possibility of incorporating a book club or handbook (for recent graduates who are first-generation college attending) in the work of the DIC. We also welcomed several members, who raised concerns about the recent SCOTUS decision against affirmative action and how the college plans to fulfill its mission of diversity and equity. Alumni expressed interest in supporting the admission office in volunteer efforts that focus on diversity and equity in recruiting. In the subsequent meetings, we continued to work on the MRC 30th Anniversary Oral History Project and the progress of the OID/MRC 30th Anniversary.
 - Call for help in identifying a new co-chair to work with Chris as Lilia transitions out of the co-chair role.
 - MRC has experienced and is experiencing some shifts due to staffing changes, with one staff on parental leave.
 - 6 oral history interviews completed. Zoom is working best and they will continue with this work. People who have been interviewed have become interested in doing interviews.
 - There is a plan for DIC presence at Reunions with an event with Dr. K., co-sponsoring a play focussing on trans and nonbinary folx with the OUTwright Festival which celebrates contributions of the LGBTQ community to the art of theatre.
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- **RCA: Matt Giger**
 - Events:
 - [RCA session](#) at the Forum for Advancing Reed on October 21 at 2pm was lively and well-attended.

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- Shania Siron of the Center for Life Beyond Reed (CLBR) joined us to talk about career services offered by CLBR
- Physics Major Group (Chair: Aris Silzars '63)
 - [October 2023 - Virtual talk with Professor Franklin](#)
 - [December 2023 - Physics Major Group Alumni Talk - Muldrow Etheredge '17 \(watch the recording\)](#)
- [Reedies in Sustainability - Watersheds](#) - November 8, 2023 5–6:30pm PT
 - Chair: Doris Cellarius '59
 - Jenny Balmagia '14 (she/her) Lower Salinas Valley SGMA Watershed Coordinator, Santa Cruz, CA (jenny.balmagia@sjsu.edu)
 - Nina Bell '77 (she/her) Executive Director, Northwest Environmental Advocates, Portland, OR (nbell@advocates-nwea.org)
 - Zac Perry (he/him) Facilities Operations Manager, Reed Canyon Restoration Master
 - Paula vanHaagen '79 (she/her) Unit Manager, Seattle EPA Office (retired)
 - [Watch a recording of the panel](#)
 - Reedies in Sustainability launched a network in January 2024 that already has 80 alumni members! We have a listserv and will encourage members to use it as a forum.
- [Reedies in AI - February 28, 2024 5:30pm PT](#)
 - All are welcome to attend and this is a little different format than usual. We'll see if it gets more engagement.
 - At Reed, the earliest faculty member participating in AI was Mark Bedau in Philosophy on artificial learning.
 - What is AI and what are some likely impacts for careers in tech and other fields
 - Chair: Matt Giger '89, iOS Architecture lead, eBay.
 - Bronwyn North-Reist '07, Executive Director, Live action series Walt Disney Co.
 - Daniel Beveridge, '92.
 - ChatGPT
- Other panels in the works:
 - Reedies in Sustainability - Energy - Spring 2024
 - Reedies in Politics? - Reunions 2024 (possibly in association with Alumni College)
 - Reedies in Healthcare? - Fall 2024
 - Reedies in Finance? - Fall 2024

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- **Nominations Committee: Dave Baxter**
 - We are done with FY24 work, and are now looking towards FY25 nominations. Board members are highly encouraged to begin thinking about someone to nominate.
 - Nominations are open early June through mid-July. You can nominate someone or yourself for the term starting July 2025.
 - When you nominate someone, it is helpful to the committee to give that person a heads-up so they will be expecting when we reach out to them.
 - If you have a prospect, you can invite them to join a committee. This is a great way to learn about the board.
 - For people with less time but an interest in serving, Nominations Committee can be great as it's not a full year.
 - There was a suggestion that the Executive Committee reach out to strong nominees who weren't selected last cycle due to more great nominees than open seats, and invite them to self-nominate this year.
 - With the amount of time between slate being finalized and their term starting, we are encouraging upcoming AB members to volunteer with their committees right away.
- **Foster-Scholz Club: Gay Walker**
 - The F-S calendar is all set thanks to staff member Tess Buchanan.
 - The F-S Club is well along in planning its spring semester activities. These will include a faculty speaker (topic chosen by the speaker) and an administration speaker (Milyon Trulove on zoom) to talk about Reed's Admissions efforts, especially in light of the recent SCOTUS decision. We will also have a dinner/theatre evening to enjoy the spring Reed theatre production, including having the director and her principal assistant at our dinner and a talkback following the production.
 - The Distinguished Service Award will be presented to the honorees Steven Falk and Barbara West at the F-S luncheon during Reunions. Voting is currently in process. Retiring faculty member, Steve Wasserstrom, has accepted being speaker at the luncheon.

Other Updates

- **Alumni Fundraising for Reed** **5 minutes** **Sarah Z. Panetta**
 - A lot of thought being given to what has been and could be most effective. It's become more challenging to identify who is interested in being volunteers. What is interesting and impactful for them?

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- How the Alumni Board can help:
 - If you are available and will be in Portland, please plan to attend the Wine Event (3/20/24) and Paradox Fundraiser (6/6/24)!

- **Chapter Leadership Council**

Local chapters continue to be a great way for Reedies of all years to connect with one another. The active chapters have many exciting events on their calendars for 2024. In addition:

- Gray was traveling so Jim presented.
- CLC has drafted a handbook for Chapter leaders to help them plan events. It includes chapter-related forms and procedures, etc. Feedback is welcome. This is such a helpful tool for the chapters.
- Austin and SoCal had well-attended events for Alumni Xenia
- A number of chapters are trying to recruit new chapter leaders. We're starting to think about how to ask alumni to host single events rather than joining the committee in hopes that is a lighter lift that will lead to additional engagement.
- Activities among Reedies where there isn't a chapter: Could these be sponsored by existing chapters? "Put a Griffin on it" idea / toolkit being developed
- At our May meeting we'll be voting on accepting a new chapter: Eugene, Oregon. It's been exciting to see the Eugene chapter begin to connect and plan events over the past year, and we're looking forward to officially welcoming them.
- And as always, we are continuing to build the alumni community with a variety of activities to appeal to Reedies of all backgrounds and at various life stages.

- **Past Presidents**

3 minutes Dave Baxter

- The college has some questions about how the past presidents would like to participate in the campaign. In the next month or so, the group will meet to discuss.
- Dartmouth did a celebration of distinctive alumni, which the past presidents group and Aurore will meet to look and talk about in relation to Reed's upcoming campaign.

President's Wrap-Up

2 minutes Dylan Rivera

- Next meeting is April 28
- Encouraging all AB members to use their passion to actively volunteer. All it takes is one thing. Hosting an event? Being on a panel? Doing outreach?
- Thank you for joining us today

Adjourn

1 minute