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Alumni Board of Directors Meeting June 7, 2024 - Reunions

- Roll Call** **2 minutes** **Katie Rempe**
- Current members
 - Dylan Rivera, Andrei Stephens, Katie Rempe, Dave Baxter, Carla Beam, Bronwyn North Reist, Caitlin McKenna, Claire Dennerlein Manson, Matt Giger, Eve Lyons, Gray Karpel, Ian Fisher, James Mater, Jim Quinn, Lilia Raquel Rosas, Laramie Van Duzer Silber, Marjorie Skinner, Tina Sohaili-Korbonits, Valentina Jin-Trowbridge, Vasiliy Safin, Gay Walker,
 - Incoming members
 - Sofiya Deva, Kip Guy, Angelique Thomas, Thomas Weber, alea adigweme
 - Staff
 - Aurore Giguet, Rachel Armitage, Emily McNulty Scriptor
- Review of Agenda and Remarks** **5 minutes** **Dylan Rivera**
- **Welcome to incoming members**
 - Dylan welcomed the new incoming Alumni Board members
 - At-Large
 - Sofiya Deva '17
 - Matt Giger '89
 - R. Kip Guy '90
 - Angelique Thomas '09
 - Thomas Weber '83
 - Alumni trustee alea adigweme '06
 - Secretary Laramie Van Duzer Silber '13
 - Dylan transitions to past president, Andrei Stephens to president, and Katie Rempe vice president
 - **Reunions**
 - Dylan shared that at Reunions he would be presenting the Babson award, which is the highest honor for alumni volunteers. Dave Baxter would also be making a special announcement.
 - **Vote to recognize [2024 faculty retirees emeriti](#) as Honorary Alumni**
 - David Perkinson, F.L. Griffin Professor of Mathematics
 - Steven M. Wasserstrom, Moe and Izetta Tonkon Professor of Judaic Studies and Humanities
 - Andrei moved to approve and Katie seconded. There were no oppositions or abstentions and the motion was approved.
- Approval of April Minutes** **1 minute** **Dylan Rivera**

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- Gay moved to approve and Andrei seconded. There were no oppositions or abstentions and the minutes were approved.

Updates from the College

5 minutes

Aurore Giguet

Updates from Advancement

10 minutes

Aurore Giguet

- Commencement went well.
- There was a memorial service for Professor Ray Kierstead.
- College Relations vice president Hugh Porter is departing Reed. The new vice president will start on July 1
 - At the time of this meeting, the new VP had not been named yet. We can now share that it is [Hieu Nguyen](#).
 - Carla Beam, alumni trustee, shared that the search committee was co-chaired by Lynn Valenter, VP of Finance, and Kathy Oleson, Dean of the Faculty, and included two faculty, two staff, and two trustees including herself. There were strong candidates, a competitive and rigorous process, and many opportunities for community input.
 - Hugh was an important part of Reed for 27 years. Dylan said Hugh has been instrumental in fundraising at Reed, successes including building of the performing arts building and the new dorms.
- **Plans to pause Alumni College for 2025**
 - There have been recommendations for many years to make Alumni College a more sustainable event, and these are finally being acted on. Currently it takes 5-6 months of staff work resulting in 30-60 alumni attendees. There will be robust alumni surveying as part of the evolution process.
 - James Mater shared how he values Alumni College. Katie Rempe asked what would be the ideal number of attendees. Aurore shared at least 100 minimum.
 - This year four events are happening during Reunions, and that has already increased participation. Virtual events during the pandemic also increased attendance, so that is being considered as well.
 - When the survey is sent, Alumni Board members can help by encouraging alumni to take the survey.
- **Increasing support for RCA / Career Networks**
 - The Alumni College pause will allow staff member alumna Amy Hesse to grow the career networks, with the aim of bringing up to four professional networks online including: healthcare, finance, government and policy, K-12 education.
- **Pausing AFR outreach for June this year**
 - Reed hired a consultant to make recommendations on strengthening the annual fund program. AFR is being paused for staff to consider the recommendations and work on strategy and implementation.

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- Per a question from Andrei, Aurore shared that yes information from the consultant might be shared with the Alumni Board before FAR in the fall.
- The staff are also drafting an updated alumni engagement plan, which will also be considered through the lens of the consultant recommendations. Alumni Relations is working with all of Advancement and then campus partners on this. It will be shared with the Alumni Board before FAR.
- FAR will be on September 20-22, and will include an Alumni Board meeting

Updates from AB Committees

20 minutes Committee chairs

- **CYA: Laramie Silber**

- Committee name is changing from Committee for Young Alumni (CYA) to Griffins of the Last Decade (GOLD). A survey was sent to a range of stakeholders, there were over 200 responses, and GOLD received the most support. The committee has voted and approved. This name is more inclusive of MALS alumni and nontraditional student alumni.
- Work on the Disorientation packet continues with a goal of completion for graduation 2025.
- Several 2023 and 2024 alumni have recently joined which is very exciting. Will be talking with them to hopefully identify a vice chair for the committee.

- **DIC: Lilia Rosas**

- Committee meetings are transitioning to bi-monthly meetings (correction from the Alumni Board meeting packet, which incorrectly stated quarterly).
- Lilia and Cris continue their call for help identifying candidates for co-chair for the committee as Lilia steps down from this role and transitions to more engagement with the oral history project.

- **RCA: Matt Giger**

- The laser spectrography event was co-sponsored by the physics department.
- The sustainability panel focusing on electrification was lively, including alumni working on policy, transmission networks and more.
- Work starts to establish affinity groups for health care and finance.

- **Foster-Scholz Club: Gay Walker**

- Steven Falk and Barbara West were recognized with distinguished service awards at the Foster-Scholz Club luncheon at Reunions.
- There is a candidate for the new chair for the committee.
- Work is underway to plan for fall.

- **Nominations Committee: Dylan Rivera**

- Dylan as Alumni Board past president will be chair.
- The [nominations form is available online now](#) and open through July 15. Alumni Board are encouraged to submit nominations for Alumni Board At-Large

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members and secretary, for Nominations Committee members, and also for the Babson Award and Honorary Alumni.

- Dylan encouraged members to recruit at Reunion's Sunny Day surprise. Whenever speaking with alums, it's handy to learn in what ways they might be interested in engaging, and share your email or cell number and get theirs and go ahead and email the alumni@reed.edu address in the moment, connecting you and that alum by email with staff who can help follow up.

Other Updates

- **Alumni Fundraising for Reed** **5 minutes** **Aurore Giguet**
- **Chapter Leadership Council** **5 minutes** **Gray Karpel**
 - Reed on the Road was very successful. Good turn out. The young alumni pre-receptions were well attended.
 - The South Willamette Valley alumni chapter is now official, with a membership of 137 alumni. The group has been very active with 6 events in the past year, which is more than most other chapters.
 - CLC and the individual chapters are working on how to approach succession. There is enthusiasm for events, but a perception that leadership of a committee or chapter would be onerous. To help dispel this, the CLC is encouraging interested alumni to host a single event to learn how it works and what support is available through other alumni and staff.
- **Past Presidents** **3 minutes** **Dave Baxter**
 - Dave is reactivating the past presidents group.
 - This group is working on identifying 100 distinctive Reedies to celebrate, to help tell the story of the college and our successes. Exploring how to possibly utilize this to support the campaign.

Thank you to departing members

3 minutes **Dylan Rivera**

- Past president Dave Baxter '87
- At-Large
 - Carmen García Durazo '11
 - Ian Fisher '07
 - Ashlin Hatch '17
 - Eve Lyons '95
 - Marjorie Skinner '01
- Alumni trustee Lisa Saldana '94
- Presidential appointees
 - Gay Walker '69
 - James Mater '68
- Student senate representative Jefferson Ratliff '25

President's Wrap-Up

2 minutes **Dylan Rivera**

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- Thank you for your engagement and support this past year!
- Continuing and departing members are encouraged to consider how they can make a difference. What are you passionate about? What kind of difference would you like to make in the Reed community and in the world? What would you like your next phase of engagement with Reed to be?

Adjourn

1 minute