Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate Meeting
November 18, 2010

Minutes

Present: Mary Clarke, Rox Gatia, Richard Jennings, John Kusmierz, Claire Lee, Charlie Makowski, Norma Peters, Nicole Pinelli, Richard Slaughter, Dana Sulaiman, Dean Lloyd Young

Excused: Carol Bugdalski-Stutrud, Norm Buss, George Corcoran, David Edwards, Laura Levy-Bednarsh, Carol Moore

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M.

I. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 28, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously (moved John Kusmierz, seconded Nicole Pinelli).

II. EACPHS Class Reunion for Master of Science in Health System Pharmacy Management: Richard Slaughter discussed the plans for an EACPHS Class Reunion for Master of Science graduates in Health System Pharmacy Management to be held on September 24, 2011 at the Atheneum Suite Hotel. It was discussed that the pharmacy alumni affiliate may help to sponsor this event in some capacity. More information will be provided at a later meeting as this event continues to be organized by the college.

III. 2011 MPA Annual Convention & Exposition: Richard Jennings led a discussion regarding upcoming plans for the MPA Convention to be held February 25-27 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Various ideas were discussed including: 1) customizing Wayne State University Pharmacy Alumni registration folders, 2) determining cost associated with renting exhibit hall booth, 3) potential for having board member sit on future MPA convention planning committee, 4) alumni and friends reception, 5) sale of logowear, and 6) involvement of students with alumni affiliate events at the convention. Claire Lee will follow-up with Dianne Miller from the MPA to identify whether registration folders can be customized, determine cost for exhibit booth, and identify how to serve on the planning committee in future years. Dean Lloyd Young asked Mary Clarke to follow-up regarding the alumni and friends reception to obtain same location that was used at the 2010 meeting.

IV. Committee Reports: Each committee provided an update on a plan toward achieving these initiatives.

- Programs: Carol Bugdalski-Stutrud was not present. She will provide report at the next meeting.
- Communications & Membership: Richard Jennings led discussion in Carol Moore’s absence. Items discussed were need for updated newsletter to be sent through email to alumni, solicitation of position postings to include in newsletter, and feasibility of phone-a-thon.
- Fundraising: Richard Jennings presented that he will be writing an article for the upcoming newsletter to describe the upcoming golf outing.
- Student Recruitment and Outreach: Nicole Pinelli and Richard Slaughter discussed that they will work to get students engaged at MPA convention, work to support Wine your Valentine sponsored by APhA/ASP and FAWN sponsored by P2 class, as well as begin to plan 2nd Annual Bowl-A-Thon in the late spring of 2011. We will also be working to support a reception following the P4 pharmacy convocation in May of 2011. Claire Lee will discuss this idea with the P4 class officers and report back at the next meeting. Dean Lloyd Young suggested it is possible that this event can be co-sponsored by the college.

- Scholarship: John Kusmierz discussed that he will be working Teresa Muscat, Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs to develop plan for scholarly pursuits.

**V. Annual Alumni Event and Reunion:** Richard Jennings led discussion on the possibility of working with the Wayne State University Alumni Association to have an Annual 4th of July Pharmacy Alumni Picnic (EACPHS sponsored) and firework viewing on top of WSU parking structure (Wayne State University Alumni Association sponsored).

**VI. Student Alumni Association:** Richard Jennings led discussion on the possibility of developing a student organization sponsored by the alumni association. The student board members and Dean Lloyd Young discussed concern for developing another student organization at the college due to competing interests. After much discussion, it was suggested by Richard Slaughter that the alumni affiliate work to plan a development series that will be offered once per semester on topics identified by the students as important. Charlie Makowski and Claire Lee will work to identify suggested topics.

**VII. Other Business:** Richard Jennings led discussion regarding getting pharmacy alumni involved in community outreach. The proposed suggestion was to become involved in Habitat for Humanity. Nicole Pinelli suggested if the group wished to get involved in community outreach perhaps becoming involved with something already established would be best. She discussed pharmacy student community events led by Carol Bugdalski Stutrud such as operation diabetes, heart, and immunization as well as wellness warriors. It was suggested that these projects need pharmacists to supervise events and that it would great to involve the alumni board in identifying individuals to participate in the future. The discussion regarding Habitat for Humanity was then further discussed and Richard Jennings asked the board for support of this event. Nicole Pinelli discussed concern that she felt the alumni affiliate was attempting to get involved with many events with few members available to complete the tasks. She preferred that we try and focus on events that are established like the student community events and table the Habitat for Humanity opportunity until a later date.

**VIII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

- Next Pharmacy Alumni Affiliate Board Meeting-January 27, 2010

Respectfully Submitted,
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