

GENESEO

SUNY Geneseo Alumni Association

Meeting on December 14, 2016

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance:

Denise Reed Lamoreaux '84, Interim President

Brock Buffum '02, Interim Vice President

Mel Cerra '14, Co-Chair for the Committee on Young Alumni & Students

Abby Fordyce '17, Co-Chair for the Committee on Young Alumni & Students

Michele Krause '89, Chair for the Committee on Recognition

Heather Maldonado '95, Chair of the Annual Fund Committee

Valarie Scott '82, Chair for the Committee on Regional Chapters

Clint Sugnet '09, Chair for the Committee on Class & Special Interest Chapters

College Advancement Attendance:

Tracy Gagnier '93, Asst. Dir. of Alumni Relations

Ronna Gillam, Director of Alumni Relations

Shirley LaGeorgia, Alumni Relations

Amanda McCarthy, Asst. Dir. of Alumni Relations for Regional Events

Gina Scalise '05, Director of Leadership Giving

Michelle Worden '92, Assoc. Director of Alumni Relations

12:00 p.m. Attendance & Approval of November 14 Meeting Minutes

The meeting commenced at 12:01 pm. The minutes for the November 14, 2016 meeting were approved and will be placed on the SGAA website.

12:02p.m. Updates on Standing Committees

- Committee on Innovation
- Committee Descriptions

Ronna Gillam, Director of Alumni Relations, presented the Committee on Innovation description. Reported that all Committee Descriptions are currently under review.

12:15 p.m. Nominations/Election discussion

Brock Buffum '02, Interim Vice President reported on Nominations and Elections. Overview of information added at the end of the minutes.

Thoughts from Interim Leaders included:

- *An agreement that Interim leaders can run for positions.*
- *Agreed that any regional member could be considered for the assembly, would not have to be a regional chair.*
- *It was agreed that staff as well as faculty could be elected to the assembly and they do not have to be alumni.*
- *Recommendation that the undergraduate representative from the Student Association should be for a Sophomore with time/knowledge at Geneseo and the student should also be in good academic standing.*
- *The terms of office for two alumni at large, four regional chapter officers, and two leaders of other chapters should be staggered.*

12:45 p.m. Planning for January 13, 2017 meeting

Tentative agenda items included:

- *Presentation from President Battles, VP Bowles*
 - *Two suggested topics from interim leaders were: review of recent incidences and enrollment update for fall 2017.*
- *Proposed Reunion Awards presented?*
- *Think-tank exercise?*
- *Any other requests please submit to Ronna by Friday, December, 16, 2016.*

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm

Nominations Committee

SUNY Geneseo Alumni Association

Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Taken from SGAA Constitution (p.3-4):

The Board will consist of up to 25 members including:

Board Officers/Executive Committee:

- **President** Elected - Single term of 3 years
- **Vice President** Elected - Two terms total of 6 years
- **Dir. of Alumni Relations** Ex-Officio/non-voting
- **Executive Administrator** Elected – Two terms total of 6 years

Action needed:

Interim leaders should be able to run for positions with the understanding that others will be invited to run (need to market). Endorsement needed from interim leaders.

Terms of Office (p.4 Constitution):

Section 2. Terms of Office

The term for Board officers will be three years, to begin on July 1 following an election by the Assembly held during the preceding spring semester.

- The President of the Association will be limited to a single term of three years.
- Board officers other than the President will be limited to a total of two terms for a total of six years, provided each term is served in a different position. The two terms need not be consecutive.
- Board officers who have served two terms for a total of six years may still be elected to serve as the Association's President or Vice President, even if that should extend their term of service to more than six years.

Officers may serve additional terms upon request of the Executive Committee. Additional terms will be granted as deemed necessary.

No recommended changes. Constitution has included language that allows for flexibility.

Board Assembly Representatives (NON Officers):

- Chair of each of the standing committees.
- Chair of ad hoc (a.k.a. general) committees as defined in the bylaws of the SGAA, **Committee on Innovation has been created. Is currently ad hoc, but needs to be added to Standing Committees. Edit to Constitution/Bylaws needed.**

- Up to two Alumni At-Large appointed by the President of the Association to serve three-year terms, **Appointed**.
- Chair of an Annual Fund Committee does not need to be listed because it is a standing committee of the SGAA (p. 3 of the Constitution). Edit to Constitution/Bylaws needed.
- A representative from the Foundation Board, or a designee, upon approval by the President of the Association, **Appointed**. Recommend that this is a Committee on The Board discussion, to be vetted through full FB with an endorsement from VP Bowles, Exec. Dir and College President.
- Vice President of College Advancement, **Ex-Officio/voting**.
- Up to four Regional Chapter officers elected by the Assembly, **Recommendation to open this to any regional members, not just regional chairs**.
- Two leaders of other Alumni Chapters elected by the Assembly, **Elected**.
- When appropriate one current alumni faculty/staff member elected by The Assembly, **Elected, @ 130 alumni faculty/staff working for Geneseo (2/3 are staff)**. Edit needed to the Constitution/Bylaws – need to add “staff,” currently just says faculty. Point of discussion – does the person need to be an alum?
- The elected President of the senior class or a designee, **Ex-Officio, Appointed**.
- The elected leader of the Undergraduate Alumni Association, **Ex-Officio, Appointed**.
- One additional full-time undergraduate representative nominated by the Student Association not in his or her final year at the College, and approved by the Board, **Appointed-Process will be to notify the President of SA early in the spring semester that a student needs to be appointed in April to serve for one year starting July 1. Ideally, we push for a Freshman or Sophomore who will want to continue appointment until he/she graduates.**

Other areas to note:

- The Foundation Board has invited the Interim SGAA President to the full FB meeting on Feb. 10 in NYC. A presentation will be given with updates on the SGAA progress to date.
- With the dissolution of the GAA, the former GAA President position is no longer an ex-officio member of the Foundation Board. The Foundation Board will be updating their bylaws to have the SGAA President become an ex-officio member of the Foundation Board. This change is pending.
- Discussion/plan to stagger terms in the first election so we don't have 100% turnover in 2020.
 - Possible Plan to stagger terms:

▪ President	2017	2020	
▪ VP	2017	2020	(possible run for President)
▪ EA	2017	2021	(possible ask to serve 1 additional year to stagger)
▪ Chair of Annual Fund		2017	2021
▪ Chair of Class & Special Interest		2017	2020
▪ Chair of Committee on Innovation		2017	2021
▪ Chair of Committee on Recognition		2017	2020

▪ Chair of Committee on Regional Chapters	2017	2021
▪ Chair for Committee on Young Alumni & Students	2017	2020
▪ Two alumni at large (appointed)	2017	2020
	2017	2021
▪ Representative from FB	2017	2020
▪ Up to four regional chapter officers	2017	2021
	2017	2020
	2017	2021
	2017	2020
▪ Two leaders of other chapters	2017	2020
	2017	2021
▪ Alumni Fac/Staff	2017	2021
▪ Elected President Sr. class/designee	2017	2018
▪ Elected UAA	2017	2019
▪ SA Rep	2017	*2019/20
*if soph. or jr.		