

## MINUTES

Alumni Society Board of Governors

April 28, 2008

Pasfield House Inn

Present:

Linda Allison, MD

Doug Carlson, MD

Deborah Case

William Casperson, MD

Elizabeth Cavanagh, MD

Erik Constance, MD

James Cunnar, MD

Denise Davis, MD

J. Kevin Dorsey, MD

Deborah Fowler-Dixon Bross, MD

Ann Hamilton

Stephen Hazelrigg, MD

Sheryl Lloyd

Fritz Lower, MD

Wesley McNeese, MD

Cris Milliken

Renee Mueller, MD

James Phoenix, MD

Julie Robbs

John Record

Gary Rull, MD

Jennifer Steiman, MSIV

Joseph Sutton, MD

Aleta Tuttle

Andrew Varney, MD

Robert Woodward, MD

President Doug Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Dr. Carlson introduced Julie Robbs as the new Director of Alumni Affairs. Welcome and introductions were also extended to the new Board members – Elizabeth Cavanagh, MD '98, James Phoenix, MD '78, Joseph Sutton, MD '85, and Robert Woodward, MD '94.

The Minutes of the November 12, 2007 meeting were approved.

1. **Dean's Report** – Dr. Dorsey reported that the new SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 10. Dr. Neumeister was named the Elvin G. Zook, MD, Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery. Greg Brewer, PhD, will soon be installed as the Stark Family Chair for Alzheimer Research. In addition, we anticipate that two appointments soon will be made to endowed chairs at the SimmonsCooper Cancer Institute. This will give us a total of 4 Endowed Chairs at the School of Medicine. Three oncologists from USC will be joining SIU-SOM soon. Dr. Dorsey also noted that there are about 210 clinicians on the faculty and about 280 faculty members. We have a new child psychiatrist in Springfield which is very positive for this area. At present, there is only one in the surrounding areas.

Dr. Carlson presented Mr. Record with an appreciation/retirement gift from the Board for his twenty-three years of service to the Board and his work with the alumni. Board members extended their appreciation also. Mr. Record commented that this is his 46<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and has enjoyed his work with the alumni.

2. **Student Activity Report** – Dr. Constance reported that SIU-SOM's Residency Match for the Class of 2008 had a good balance. Almost 40% of the class will be going into Primary Care. Our mission is very specific and most of our students are from Central and Southern Illinois. He also reported that graduation will be on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. McNeese reported on Diversity activities. He stated that his task, since starting in this position in 2001 has been to increase the diversity of the student body. Currently 9% of the alumni are minority. He also reported that we need to look more toward global diversity.
3. **Student Resource Fund Report** – Dr. Bross presented the recommendations from the Student Resource Fund committee. She reported that the committee received two very good bids from two health club facilities. Discussion ensued re: membership costs, hours, cleanliness, safety and usage of these establishments. It was agreed that the student utilization information was very important in the Board's decisions. A motion was made that we inquire about a counter offer from one of the gyms re: price and allowing spouses to be considered in the membership at no extra cost. The motion was seconded and approved by all Board members. Ms. Robbs will further explore this issue and email Board members.
4. **Student Representation on the Board** – Dr. Carlson stated that he values the student involvement that we currently have on the board and recommended that we include a student representative from each class as ex-officio members to the Board. Dr. Constance concurred and recommended that the representative be each class chair. A motion was made and seconded to invite the class chairs to the meetings. It was agreed that the Carbondale student be provided with travel reimbursement. This addition will require changes to the Alumni Society bylaws and a vote from all alumni. Ms. Robbs will mail the information and ballots to the alumni prior to the next meeting.
5. **Board Members with Expiring Terms** – Mr. Record reported that the following Board members' terms would expire soon and that they may serve a second term if they desire: Drs. Bauman, Casperson, Hazelrigg, and Mueller. Ms. Robbs will contact each member and verify.
6. **Volunteers for Distinguished Alumni Award Committee** – Drs. Woodward, Davis, Carlson, Cunnar, and Casperson volunteered to serve on the Distinguished Alumni Award committee. The call for nominations will be mailed in July. The candidates' information will be distributed to the committee prior to the fall meeting and a conference call is held in order to narrow the list to 4-5 prospective candidates. The prospective candidates will be brought to the fall Board meeting for a vote. Dr. Dorsey noted that this is a highly recognizable award that is well-deserving. Dr. Carlson asked that if anyone else would be interested in serving on this committee to let either him or Ms. Robbs know.

7. **Other Business and Announcements** – Ms. Robbs invited Board members to explore the Office of Alumni Affairs' new webpage. She reported that the 2008 Alumni Weekend Reunion now has an online registration and the HOSTS (Helping Our Students To Succeed) program is also on the webpage.

Ms. Robbs reported that an EPC sub-committee is asking faculty and graduates of the medical school for input and feedback about the desired characteristics they would like to see in the SIU-SOM matriculants. The Office of Alumni Affairs will set up a listserv to include all alumni that we have email addresses for in order for alumni to complete the online survey. Dr. Dorsey and Dr. Constance added that the survey is not about curriculum, but more about behaviors and expectations of our graduates. The committee would like to assess what kind of students we would like to see coming into the school, what kinds of traits we would like them to have, and what kinds of traits they should develop during medical school.

Ms. Robbs welcomed suggestions or comments regarding alumni or Board activities for future planning.

Mr. Record spoke briefly regarding the projected changes in alumni age. Alumni 55+ will drastically grow by 230% and we are entering into a very different era that we need to plan for.

8. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.