

Erskine Alumni Association Board Meeting

10:00 AM – August 1, 2020 - *via Zoom*

Those present: H. Jordan, president; P. Cook, president-elect; Z. Davis, secretary; C. Borden; S. Cousar; S. Dagenhart; P. D. Davenport; L. Day; J. Deluca; C. Evans; W. Frampton; J. Moore; D. Pendergrass; M. Pittendreigh; J. Richardson; R. Taylor; A. Thies; J. Van Riper; P. Bell and H. Crenshaw, staff

Those absent: A. Dale; J. Gibson; P. Savarese; S. Southwell, Flying Fleet Club President

Call to Order and Invocation, H. Jordan, 10:02 AM

Agenda approved

Minutes from February 1, 2020, approved

Reports

President's Comments

- Introduction of new members: Sarah Dagenhart, Jacob Deluca, Jennifer Gibson, Maynard Pittendreigh, and Richard Taylor
- Acknowledgement of those members who rotated off: Drew Calcutt, Jane Shelton Dale, Shawn Marler, Brandon Wright,
- Soccer and football activity has continued through the summer

Alumni Relations & Campus Updates

J. P. Bell

- An abundance of nominations for Alumni Board positions and Alumni Awards
- Day of giving very successful, with more than \$100,000 raised; the Board of Directors and Alumni Board combined met the challenge goal of \$20,000
- The Annual Fund goal was missed by around \$100,000
 - The goal was set by the Business Office, not the Development Office
 - The number of Annual Fund givers has gone up for the first time in several years
- Enrollment numbers look good, right at goal for the incoming class

- Four new dormitories constructed across from the soccer field; honors housing
- Fall sports will continue according to NCAA guidelines

H. Crenshaw

- Homecoming may or may not be online; tentatively scheduled for October 31
- Zoom events scheduled for the fall, to include evenings of trivia, games and fellowship
- Plans in place to revive the Legacy program
- Sending encouraging notes to local and alumni teachers, especially first-year teachers
- Starting in January, the Alumni Relations office will roll out e-birthday cards

D. Pendergrass

- MACC program starting this fall
 - Students will be certified with this degree
 - Planned on 10 students, have capped the first year at 20
 - Many students are adult/returning students

Alumni Relations Committee (S. Cousar)

Conference call in February to discuss how the Committee could support the Board's activities: Day of Giving, Charter Institute, corporate partnerships, dual degree programs

Alumni Engagement Committee (D. Pendergrass)

- Looking at developing a shadowing program for those interested in medical careers with the help of L. Day
- Developing relationships with ARP churches to implement a mentoring relationship with students interested in ministry
- Dr. Mina is starting a "Life Lab" to host discussions with students about transitioning to life after Erskine

New Business

Committee Assignments, H. Jordan

New board members should submit their committee preferences by Friday, August 7

Bylaws Change for Electronic Voting, H. Jordan

- Electronic voting this past spring was very effective, with more than 350 members voting; usually about 100 people attend the official meeting at Alumni Day
- **Motion: “The updates to the voting process to include electronic voting will be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee” – PASSED**

Closing prayer by C. Evans

Meeting adjourned at 11:52

Upcoming Dates

TBD – Fall Alumni Board Meeting

October 31 – Homecoming