

Erskine Alumni Association Board Meeting

9:30 AM – February 20, 2021

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

Those absent: A. Dale; P. D. Davenport; W. Frampton; J. Gibson; P. Savarese; M. Pittendreigh

Call to Order and Invocation, H. Jordan, 9:04 AM

Agenda approved

Minutes from October 10 meeting approved

Reports

President's Comments

- Sat in on the Board Meetings
 - Dr. Gustafson to retire June 30; search committee composed of Board members
 - Dr. Howard Thomas to retire after 45 years at the College
 - SACS 10-year review in process, Provost Hellams in charge
- Alumni/Chi House renovations moving forward

Alumni Relations & Campus Updates

J. P. Bell

- February 15: \$762k of \$1.55 M Annual Fund goal
- College in a good position as Gustafson leaves
 - Has many other pursuits he's interested pursuing
 - Planning stages of capital campaign; would not want to stay that long
- Alumni House Renovations
 - Multiple contractors have looked at the house; will bring it up to code and make it a centerpiece of the campus
 - Funds totaling \$216k in the bank, plus Belk Foundation funds of \$175k
- Working to engage minority alumni and elevating their voices

- Football begins in two weeks, first game will be in Florida
 - Home games played at Greenwood High School (first home game March 13)
 - Homecoming game is March 27; Alumni Board will receive invitations to the President's Box
 - Will be livestreamed by West Carolina Telephone Co.

H. Crenshaw

- Homecoming and Alumni Day to be combined on March 26-27
 - Will consist of a combination of in-person and virtual events
 - Erskine Open & Darlington Cup on March 26
 - Association Meeting, tennis, football and lacrosse games, Choraleers concert on March 27
- We Are Erskine events continue – history, psychology, and other disciplines involved
- Kids Craft Saturdays – once-a-month events for alumni and friends
- Virtual classes/tutors will be available via Varsity Tutors
 - Some courses are free
 - Tutoring and courses with a cost will have a 20% discount for Erskine Alumni
 - **MOTION: To endorse this offering as being from the Alumni Association - PASSED**
- Working with Student Development for Student Development workshops
- Fall Homecoming set for October 2

Breakout Sessions for Alumni Relations and Alumni Engagement

Committee Reports

S. Cousar, Alumni Relations

Working on creating a draft of goals and outcomes for Alumni Association and its committees

D. Pendergrass, Alumni Engagement

- Working on creating a living document of alumni in the medical field for those students interested in the medical field, dentistry, therapy, etc.
- Working on a similar document for education majors for those students interested in going into the classroom.
- Creation of a peer-reviewed student research journal that would allow students to have a place to publish their theses & other works.

- Creation of master classes, where alumni can present the stories of their careers and how it connects to their Erskine experience

P. Cook, Nominating Committee

- Presentation of the slate of candidates for the 2021-2024 Alumni Board class.
 - **MOTION: To nominate the following members of the Alumni Association for positions on the Alumni Board for the 2021-2024 term; to nominate Sanita Cousar as president-elect for 2021-2023; and to nominate Anna Thies as secretary for 2021-2023 – PASSED**

Tripp Boykin '92
Peggy Harrill '76
Walker Riley '16
John Wingate '99

David Danehower '74
Christopher Kennelly '14
Anna Thies '13

- Presentation of the slate of Alumni Associate award nominees for 2021.
 - **MOTION: To nominate Dr. Mabel Purkerson for the Distinguished Alumni Award; Cameron Whitehurst for the Outstanding Young Alumni Award; Angie McNeil Grooms for the Erskine Service Award; and Jennifer Cooley as an Honorary Alumna of the College – PASSED**

Closing prayer by C. Evans

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 PM