

Board of Directors Meeting
Charter Oak State College Alumni Association
Meeting Minutes
November 9,2010 5:30 pm

Members Present

Carlo Esidore, Marcia Anderson-Esson, Kari McCaw Blaise, Midge Pych, Lisa Wildman, Donna Brewer.

Staff Present

Ed Klonoski and Nancy Taylor.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Carlo Esidore, Alumni Association President.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 14, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. The balance in the checking account as of September 30, 2010 is \$6,108.27.

IV. New Business

1. Welcome to Lisa Wildman, who was officially voted onto the Alumni Board after the September 14th meeting.
2. Alumni Package has been mailed – still working on first year graduates (they receive a free membership)
3. Gelston House/Goodspeed Social Event
 - We have received a good response from people that are interested in attending. We will be reserving 100 tickets. The date will most likely be April, 29, 2011. Ticket price will be \$45.00 for alumni (actual cost \$69 includes 4 course dinner at the Gelston House and tickets in the side orchestra seat section) – others will be at full price of \$69 most likely.
4. Alumni Student Assoc – Non Traditional week – November 11
 - 3 speakers, Jay Mulki, Patrick Curry and Lisa Wildman –even was well attended and the speakers were excellent!
4. Alumni Ambassadors
 - Nancy mentioned that the hallmark of the Alumni Association is that we have 40 alums to be ambassadors. The website is being updated and that we are looking for nurses to be ambassadors.

V. Staff Advisor's Report

Nancy Taylor had nothing else to add to her previous remarks.

VI. President's Report (Ed)

Ed Klonoski reported that with the new Governor there will be challenges for the college. The state is \$3.3 billion in debt. The Governor will most likely have his budget proposal in early February, there will be givebacks, and cuts to higher ed. He indicated that we are preparing for a possible 15% cut for higher ed.

For matriculation, the colleges goal is to get 5,000 students in 5 years. This year our goal is to reach 3,200 students, so far we are on target. The August matriculation was 10% higher than in June. The distance learning course enrollment total is up 25%, 1,968 matriculated students – more students, more revenue.

Masters degree update – program is being reviewed by the Board of Higher Education, then it will go to NEASC.

Charter Oak is looking at a new academic program – connecting to the workforce, workforce impact. A survey went out and the question was asked what marketplace do you want to see from us?

The foundation letter that was recently sent out prompted discussion. It was an excellent letter. Ed indicated that kudos should go to Marlene Woodman as she worked very hard on making that happen.

Still looking at May 10 as the Foundation/Alumni meeting

VII. Other Business

There was no other business before the Board.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.

The next Alumni Board meeting will be **Tuesday, January 25 at 5:30pm** in the Fleet Conference Room at COSC. (Note change from January 11th to the 25th)

Respectfully submitted, Carlo Esidore, Alumni President