

**College of Veterinary Medicine  
Alumni Council Meeting  
Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 8:30 AM  
UF CVM VAB Lecture Hall B**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome and Call to Order** – Julia Conway, Alumni Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:43 AM.

**Members Present**– Julio Ibanez, '80, Beth Murphy, '82, Larry Murphy, '82, Rich Kane, '84, Moody McCall, '86, Mark Gendzier, '87, Ginny Quelch, '87, Heidi Goss, '89, Chris Sanchez, '95, Audrey Kelleman, '95, Dan Martin, '98, Dena Baker, '00, Lisa Centonze, '03, Vince Centonze, '03, Ruth-Ann Spinosa, '05, Kelly Berisha, '08, John Harvey, Glen Hoffsis, Rowan Milner, Patricia Wlasuk, Melissa Headrick, Julia Conway, '06, Sarah Carey, Jo Ann Winn

**Review of Minutes and Action Items from November 10**– Julia Conway presented the minutes from the Nov 10 Meeting. The minutes and the correction were approved as presented.

**College Updates, Hospital Updates and Dept. Reports**– Glen Hoffsis gave a synopsis of the department reports posted on the web.

- Showed photos of the renovated Equine Auditorium
- Expressed that the college needs to improve programs to match faculty competency and skills
- Noted that all department chairs have changed during his dean tenure (except Dr. Dame in ID&P)
- New focus on pet wellness and healthy pets
- Reported that Ocala PETS (Pet Emergency Treatment Service) is doing well and earning revenue
- Noted an increase in student applications this year
- Praised Dr. Ginn for her leadership working with student services
- Praised the development team for going over the campaign goal and raising money during the recession
- Reflected on his time as dean and seeing UF CVM as an opportunity
- Mentioned his time was an 'incredible ride' and thanked everyone for their support

**Public Relations Update** –Sarah Carey reported on various news stories posted on the web

- World Guy Story became a national headline because of a reporter's interest in hyperbaric oxygen therapy. World Guy raised money for this pet's treatment through the media attention.
- Follow the college on Facebook and Twitter

**Development Office Update** – Patricia Wlasuk and Melissa Headrick

- Patricia introduced Melissa Headrick as the college liaison for the hospital and clients.
- Patricia told about the fundraising aspect to World Guy's story and how the college received additional funds to support the Pet Samaritan Fund
- Annual Fundraising. The college has raised \$7M for the year (over its \$4M goal). Major gifts include Dr. Nicoletti's \$1million gift to Machen Opportunity Scholars
- Schaer Scholarship. Exceptional response and needs \$10K more to reach \$50K
- Dean's Circle of Excellence. Melissa reported that the Dean's Circle has 51 members and funds from this account were used to renovate the Equine Auditorium.
- Pet Memorial report. Patricia reported that the Pet Memorial Program has raised over \$49K to date. She also mentioned the pet memorial scholarship will be awarded at the coating ceremony in May 2013.

**Alumni Relations Update**- Jo Ann Winn

- Jo Ann introduced the student ambassadors who attended the meeting and took photos: Justin Starnes, Michael Eichner, Diane Gersten and Lindsay DeFalco.
- 2013 Reunions Reports. Jo Ann reported on the class of '87 & '88 reunions the night before. Great attendance. She asked the class reps to announce their class reunion plans later.

**Next Meeting NOV 9, 2013 CVM HOMECOMING WEEKEND**

- Alumni Gatherings and visits. Jo Ann is going to travel more and get out to visit with alumni council members, go to VMA meetings, and meet new grads. Looking for alumni council members to host gator get together events.
- Save the Date Events. Planning an alumni reception at the Georgia VMA conference in June 2013.
- Alumni class photos on website. Jo Ann noted that the class photos were posted on the web.

## **Alumni Council Chair Report – Julia Conway**

### **Old Business**

- Class Facebook pages. Contact Jo Ann if you have a class Facebook page
- Class Alumni Council reps photos on the web. Student Ambassadors took photos at the meeting to be posted on the web.
- Road Sign (give status report) See website:  
<http://www.facilities.ufl.edu/planning/cmp/mp0515/MasterPlan%20Brochure.pdf>
- Mentorship Program Update. Trying to reach out to new grads to offer alumni mentors in different states. Used the recent graduate survey by OSI and asked if a mentor was requested.

### **New Business**

- Dean's Search announcement. Conway advised the offer was made to Dr. Jim Lloyd of Michigan. We are awaiting his response.
- Recognize Glen Hoffsis. Conway presented Dean Hoffsis with an award for his service to from alumni council
- Distinguished Awards Conway announced the winners for 2013: Alumni Achievement, Dana Zimmer, '95; Distinguished Service, Lisa and Vince Centonze, '03; Special Service, Gail Kunkle; and Outstanding Young Alumni, Dani McVety, '09 and Destiny Prezzano, '05. She encouraged everyone to nominate colleagues.
- Change distinguished awards criteria: change wording from "human welfare to animal health."
- ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
  - Nominees must be a graduate of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine (DVM, MS, PhD). The recipient of this award has demonstrated outstanding personal or professional contributions, and has provided a positive example of UF-CVM alumni, in one or more of the following ways:
    - Professional achievements in veterinary science or one of its branches;
    - Service to the community and the advancement of human welfare animal health; and or
    - Outstanding service to the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine

A motion was made and seconded. The wording was passed as presented.

- Florida Innovation Hub at UF – Conway presented the Florida Innovation Hub at UF as the newest space for technology start up programs. see [www.floridainnovationhub.ufl.edu](http://www.floridainnovationhub.ufl.edu)

### **Class Reps Ideas, Suggestions, and Feedback – tell us what your classmates are doing**

- Lisa Centonze, '03, class reunion planned for September
- Kelly Berisha, '08, class reunion planned for May
- Dena Baker, '00, commented she appreciated the greater focus on alumni affairs
- Julio Ibanez, '80, expressed his appreciation to Dean Hoffsis for his leadership these past years.
- Larry Murphy, '82, making plans for a 40<sup>th</sup> reunion.
- Rich Kane, '84, expressed his appreciation to Dean Hoffsis for his leadership and new focus on pet wellness

### **Announcements**

- Patricia Wlasuk announced the "Ackerman Challenge" display by radiology

**Next Meeting** - November 9, 2013, time TBA

**Adjournment** – Julia Conway adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM

ACTION ITEM	ASSIGNED TO	ACTION
Suggestion for individual class year facebook pages, other classes have set-up individual pages to maintain contact with classmates.	All Members	Received from 1985, 1996, 1997, and 2003. OPEN
Alumni Council reps photos on the web. Ambassadors took photos today to be posted on the alumni council web site	All Members	Only 4 people have sent photos. OPEN
Plans are behind schedule and will ask facilities rep to attend a meeting in 2014.	Conway	OPEN
Mentorship Program Update	Conway	CLOSED
Dr. James Lloyd appointment Dr. Lloyd was appointed May 1	Conway	OPEN CLOSED

ALL DEPARTMENT REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE,

<http://givingandalumni.vetmed.ufl.edu/alumni/alumni-council/>

A REVISED COPY OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE.

**Distinguished Awards:**

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