

**Glenville State University Alumni Association
Regular Meeting – February 10, 2024
Hall of Fame Room, Waco Center**

Alumni Association President Doug Patterson called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM

Roll Call

Doug Patterson, Quentin Murphy, Dustin Crutchfield, Clyde Stepp, Mary Bland Strickland, Robin Chaney, and Maureen Gildein with Kandas Queen, Leesa Holder, Julie Yearego, Gary Gillespie, Mackenzie Smith, Marlon Henry, Tim Moore, Fred Smith, and Brianna McClain joining via conference phone.

David Hutchison, Vada Woodford, and Dr. Mark Manchin were also in attendance.

Maureen Gildein moved to approve the minutes from the most recent meeting (September 30, 2023); Clyde Stepp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome and Opening Remarks – President Doug Patterson

President Patterson welcomed everyone and made comments regarding events of the day (Winter Homecoming, LKC Night of Champions).

University Report – President Dr. Mark Manchin

President Manchin gave general updates about future plans, operational status, and events. He notes that his main priority is the health and safety of students and visitors; to that end GSU will be utilizing \$2.1 million in Congressionally Directed Spending to upgrade cameras, outdoor lighting, and door locks. A campus nurse will also be hired.

He discussed the new College of Health Science, which is under the guidance of Dean Kevin Evans. Rural healthcare is a major focus of the College and there are discussions taking place related to the feasibility of a Physician's Assistant program at GSU; Thomas Moore and Mike Boehke will oversee some of these.

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program is in the process of approval with the goal of offering it in the fall of 2025 in addition to expanding online programs.

Manchin also touted the highest enrollment since fall 2017 and noted that CFO Tim Henline has completed a financial analysis. He also discussed several upcoming projects covered by the deferred maintenance funding provided via WVHEPC.

President Patterson asked if there was a difference between the campus safety upgrades and the deferred maintenance projects. There is; Congressionally Directed Spending is funding the campus safety upgrades and monies provided via WVHEPC will be used to cover a list of deferred maintenance projects. Vice President Hutchison noted that a detailed report outlining both can be provided.

Robin Chaney asked if a PA would be considered for the campus nurse. President Manchin said yes and added that Minnie Hamilton Health Systems had been helping.

Advancement/Foundation Report – Vice President David Hutchison

Vice President Hutchison noted that the GSU Foundation has over \$900,000 in scholarship funds and has several new scholarships that have been launched this year. He announced that the Advancement Office would be restarting its planned giving website to assist donors.

The institution has received several grants including a USDA Grant and funding from the McGee Foundation for scholarships (\$100,000), the Mayer Foundation (\$150,000), and EQT for Land Resources programs.

He discussed renovations to the Alumni Center, noting that work to the front porch decking and railings was complete and that windows would be ordered. He also mentioned a \$1.7 million estate gift from Mary Conser and her husband Russel.

As part of the Advancement update, Director of Fundraising Vada Woodford provided Council with an overview of the annual Day of Giving. She encouraged Council members to share out the link for donations once the fundraising site was active.

Alumni Report – Dustin Crutchfield

Upcoming Events

Winter Homecoming; Reception for Alumni, Friends, and Legislators (Charleston, WV); GSU Day at the Capitol; Founders Day of Giving; Mardi Gras Gala; WVMEA Reception; MEC Basketball Championship Hospitality; Alumni Awards Banquet; Senior Recognition; and 50 Year Grads

Past Events

Teays Valley event, MOV Christmas Dinner

National Society of Leadership and Success – GSU Alumni Chapter

NSLS is an organization that provides a leadership program that helps students achieve personal growth, career success, and empowers them to have a positive impact in their communities. Glenville State has had a student chapter since 2022 with nearly 100 members already.

We provide them a list of alumni and mailing addresses, they mail an invitation on our behalf that is GSU branded. There is no obligation to join (one-time fee of \$95).

Committees

The Awards Committee met in January to discuss nominees for alumni awards. Dustin provided a list of suggestions from the committee for Council to review.

Alumni Center

Window replacement project is still on hold awaiting payment of the first half deposit. Since they are not included in that project, we are hoping to fundraise to pay for repairs on the three leaded glass windows in the house during Day of Giving.

Work on the front porch has been completed.

Furnace (third floor) was repaired by campus maintenance staff.

Plaster on the walls and ceiling (third floor) still need to be repaired.

Financial Report – Dustin Crutchfield

Financial Report (as of January 1, 2024)

- Alumni Association: \$16,946.92
- Alumni Expense (FY24): \$2,336.86 of \$10,000.00
- Debbie Nagy Fund: \$1,002.92
- Alumni House Repairs: \$10,120.65
- Alumni Student Hardship Fund: \$47,015.38 (\$20,000.00 permanently restricted, \$27,015.38 temporarily restricted)

Committee Report

Alumni Awards

Discussion took place regarding the slate of alumni award recommendations. Robin said that the awards process should be spelled out in the bylaws, including how long nominations are carried forward to the next year if that person is not selected for an award.

Quentin Murphy made a motion to approve the slate of alumni award recommendations as presented; Clyde Stepp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Alumni Association Bylaws

Robin provided several notes regarding changes or clarifications she thought should be made to the bylaws. Other members reviewed printed copies of the bylaws and discussion ensued that covered topics throughout the bylaws.

Any proposed edits to the bylaws should be submitted to Dustin via email so he can keep track of them in a redlined document.

As part of the bylaws discussion, it was noted that the Nominating Committee should have brought forward a slate of nominees to the February meeting. The Committee has not met. Dustin reminded Council that very few members have start dates on file that he has been able to locate in old meeting minutes, therefore making it difficult to determine who has an expiring term, is eligible for a second term, etc. Vice President Hutchison recommended establishing baseline start dates for everyone on council in order to move forward.

Maureen Gildein made a motion for the Nominating Committee to hold a special meeting and prepare a slate of officers before the April 27 meeting (the Annual Business Meeting held before the Alumni Awards Banquet); Kandas Queen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clyde Stepp. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.