

**Glenville State University Alumni Association
Regular Meeting – September 30, 2023
Hall of Fame Room, Waco Center**

Alumni Association President Doug Patterson called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

Roll Call

Doug Patterson, Mary Bland Strickland, Yvonne King, Dustin Crutchfield, David Hutchison, Bill Deel, Martha Deel, Gary Gillespie, Janet Bailey, Maureen Gildein, Kandas Queen, Bob Marshall, and John Hoover with Brianna McClain, Marlon Henry, and Julie Yearego joining via conference phone.

Martha Deel moved to approve the minutes from the most recent meeting (July 12, 2023); Janet Bailey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome and Opening Remarks – President Doug Patterson

President Patterson welcomed those in attendance, noted that he would need to leave the meeting early, and conducted a brief review of old business.

Committee Reports

None.

Council did discuss committee membership and the need to fill a few vacancies on some committees. Gary Gillespie thought it would be helpful if everyone reviewed the current Council Bylaws as this process took place. The group also expressed interest in seeing the Bylaws posted to the Alumni and Friends section of the GSU website once they're updated. Dustin Crutchfield will send the Bylaws to the members for their review and post them to the website once updated.

President Patterson left the meeting at 10:41 AM.

Alumni Report – Dustin Crutchfield

Homecoming 2023

Council members are asked to help encourage their fellow alumni to attend homecoming events. This year we are honoring members of the 1973 and 1993 football teams as the special guests. Greek groups will be having reunions as usual and the Department of Fine Arts is coordinating the Alumni Band again.

There was also discussion about Alumni Council members volunteering at the Alumni Tent and riding in the parade. Dustin will follow up with the group to determine interest in both.

Council

Dustin mentioned that current Council member terms were unclear and most members do not have a start date on file. We need to get back on track noting start dates in order to keep compliant with our bylaws.

Committees

Dustin shared a list outlining the Alumni Council committee structure and asked the group to review and note any errors. No errors were noted but there are some vacancies that need to be filled.

Alumni Center

- Received an estimate from Window World for replacing all the windows in the Alumni Center with vinyl windows. We hope to cover this replacement using deferred maintenance funds being provided by the state. It will take several weeks to produce the windows once we are able to order them, so realistically this project will extend into the spring. This project would not include the leaded glass windows in the house, but a glass shop in Charleston has been contacted for a quote on having those repaired.
 - John Hoover had some concern about the replacement windows considering the historic nature of the Alumni Center and it being on the National Historic Register. David Hutchison and Dustin will check with the state historic commission for their thoughts.
- Work to replace the front porch decking and repair the ramp is underway and expected to be complete by Homecoming.
- Window blinds have been ordered for the Cox and Rollyson Rooms and are scheduled to be installed.
- Work is continuing (by our campus maintenance workers) on patching the walls/ceiling on the third floor.
- Bathroom and bed linens have been updated and smart TVs and bedside phone charging hubs have been added to all three bedrooms.

Financial Report – Dustin Crutchfield

Financial Report (as of September 15, 2023)

- Alumni Association: \$18,216.27
- Alumni Expense (FY24): \$9,962.23 of \$10,000.00
- Debbie Nagy Fund: \$993.32
- Alumni House Repairs: \$10,171.33
- Alumni Hardship Fund: \$43,756.88 (\$20,000.00 permanently restricted, \$23,756.88 temporarily restricted)

New Business

Alumni Student Hardship Fund

Dustin presented a draft document containing guidelines for awarding the Fund to eligible students and additional information for those seeking to apply.

A motion to update the Alumni Student Hardship Fund guidelines as presented, excluding the language related to maximum disbursement amounts, was made by Julie Yearego and seconded by Bill Deel. Motion carried unanimously.

Advancement/Foundation and University Report - Dave Hutchison

- Enrollment numbers are up 3% overall, headcount up 2% (32+ students over last year)
- MBA program added to graduate program offerings
- College of Health Sciences
 - Nursing simulations have begun, partnerships, marketing, PE Building location/refresh of the space, exploring PA program and rural health
- Advancement staff
 - Hired Stephen Dye to focus on Athletic Fundraising which frees up Vada Woodford to focus on academic fundraising
- Deferred maintenance
 - Met the week prior with Governor's Office and WVHEPC
 - GSU stands to receive \$12 million, which is less than was requested but still a substantial amount that will be impactful
 - Projects include: swimming pool repair, Alumni Center repairs, demolition of the old section of Louis Bennett Hall and Wagner Wing of Pickens Hall, amphitheater expansion, Clark Hall roof repair, technology upgrades, and energy savings initiatives
 - There was discussion among Council about the two demolition projects. If those do move forward, there is a hope for building tours and/or brick sales beforehand since those are both important and memorable areas of campus for hundreds of students.
- Growing the Alumni Expense Fund to allow more flexibility for Council initiatives
- Just under \$5 million raised in FY23
- Presidents Circle focused on Clocktower upgrades/repair, among other projects
- Scholarship funds are growing

David also asked Bob Marshall, who sits on the GSU Board of Governors, for an update from the Board of Governors. Bob said the Board appreciates the time devoted from Alumni Council members and that they're doing good things. He also noted an optimistic outlook and that the University is moving away from needing to borrow money from the Foundation like they were having to do before. Administrators were able to anticipate and adjust for challenges that were coming and are now here. He echoed David's comments about increased scholarship funds now available to students.

- Janet Bailey noted she had reviewed endowment numbers; seeing an increase of over 35% during the past several years.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kandas Queen, seconded by Janet Bailey. Meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.