**St. Joseph’s University**

**National Alumni Board-Spring 2011 Meeting**

April 9, 2011

**Attendance**: Tom Monaghan and staff (Megan Famular, Patty Newby, Ken Glenn, Laura Brunette), Maria Beazley’85, Barry Boran ’80, Rich Brennan’81, Jason Brennan’98, Deb Coughlin’75, Mike Daniels’00 (by phone), Dave Dorsey’54, Eileen Dougherty’76, Bobby Gallagher’98, Anita Gallagher Kelly’77, Cy Gambler’59, Loren Heywood’06, Tom Jones’90, Blair Kindlick’07, Mike Lomax’73, Gina Mazzulla’91, Jim McLaughlin’70, Bill Moran’88, Bill Muller’06, Mary Ellen Nardi’81, Hollyanne Pronko’09, Sean Quinn’01, Joe Rafter’98, Josh Reda’07, Jim Steinruck’74, T.J. Voell’93, Frank Wellock’61, Wendell Young’60.

**Location**: Campion Lounge & President’s Lounge

**Note**: Packages containing all meeting materials were provided.

* Our meeting opened with a prayer offered by Tom Monaghan. Tom then reviewed the Agenda for the day and the structure for the committee breakout sessions.
* Gina introduced our newest members who were warmly welcomed. Gina discussed the NAB gift to Fr. Lannon, to the James & Eileen Lannon Scholarship Fund.
* Fr. William Byron’51 spoke about the Principles of Ignatian Leadership. Father made several suggestions to the NAB and also discussed his recent book aimed at developing leaders for the future in their 20s and 30s.
* Father Lannon visited with us and Gina presented him with our gift to the scholarship fund named for his parents. Father praised and thanked the NAB for their loyalty to SJU.
* Dr. Springs Steele discussed our university mission, opportunities and challenges ahead. There was an interactive discussion with suggestions from the NAB to Dr. Steele on how the alumni might interact with his office..
* Alumni Relations Update from Megan and Laura covering handouts showing the results of the alumni survey & statistics on event participation. National Community Service Day was also discussed.
* Working Lunch -discussions included Hawktoberfest and the upcoming Alumni Elections later this year. Tom described the process and a handout was given to all present.
* Committee Breakout Sessions
* Photos (group + individual)
* Committee Reports to the Board
  + The Technology & Communications Committees have merged. Everyone acknowledged Deb Coughlin’s commitment to the Technology Committee. Bobbie discussed the ongoing efforts in the social media arena and the development of a facebook identity for the alumni.

This group is working closely with Networking.

* + Networking- Joe Rafter reported on the growth of the regional chapters and roles that will be developed within each chapter, incorporating alumni and recent grads with students transitioning into roles in the chapters post graduation.
  + Young Alumni- Blair reported on the Student Alumni Assoc and the development of a fall calendar of events. An upcoming welcoming party is scheduled for graduating seniors who will transition to alumni status.
  + Programs-Mike Lomax reported that his group is working closely with the Networking Committee on the Hawk Ambassadors Program for SJU recruitment. In addition the group continues their work on a mentoring program.
  + Governance- Eileen reported that the group is working on some proposed changes to the SJU Alumni Constitution and the filling of upcoming vacancies on the NAB Board.

Open discussion period-

* Rich Brennan gave an update on the Dragon Boat Races and solicited volunteers.
* Anita Gallagher gave an update on the Barbelin Society and a handout was in our folder.
* Hollyanne Pronko& Megan Famular gave an update, with statistics on National Community Service Day (350 Alums/320 Students/50 locations/30 cities) Share the Love!
* Tom advised that on 5/11/11 there will be a welcome from the Alumni to the seniors 5:30 -8:00 and Gina will address the group on behalf of the alumni.
* On 8/20/11 it will be Soar To The Shore time again at LaCosta in Sea Isle City, NJ. Join Bobbie Gallagher and your fellow alums for good times.
* Gina addressed the group about the search for a new President. A survey will be circulated for individual comments from NAB and the feedback will be given to Gina.
* Our next meeting will be Saturday, September 10 or 17, 2011. Details to follow.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Dougherty’76