# Stevens Alumni Association Minutes of the Executive Committee Wesley J. Howe Center February 17, 2015

## In Attendance:

Officers:

### Alumni in attendance:

Natalia Bilchuk '10, Enrique L. Blanco '72, George Blazeski '10, G. B. Boylan '63, Keith B. Cassidy '09, Leo F. Collins '59, Richard A. Cornell '73, Joseph G. DiPompeo '98, Mary A. Doddy '80, Edward Eichhorn '69, William J. Feuss '03, Joseph J. Garvey '71, George W. Johnston '72, Herbert L. Kimmich '57, Richard S. Magee '63, Dave S. Manhas '88, John B. McDonnell '72, Imran Z. Merali '07, Donald N. Merino '60, Thomas J. Moschello '63, Emil C. Neu '55, Edward A. Sandve '82, A. J. Schneider '46, Richard R. Steiner '97, Marty P. Valerio '68, David Velasco '07, Victoria Velasco '04, Jim N. Wallin '73, Joseph T. Weber '64, David J. Zimmerman '90

### *Staff:* Brodie Remmington, Melissa Fuest, Priya Vin, Neddie Ramadan

Executive Committee Meeting – February 17, 2015

# **Call to Order**

SAA President Thomas A. Moschello '63 called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

6:20 – 6:55 p.m. Tom Moschello introduced Brodie Remington, vice president of Development. Brodie in particular commended Tom Moschello '63, Ed Eichhorn '69 and Melissa Fuest for their efforts. Brodie presented a campaign update which centered on three items: (1) Why Stevens, (2) Why a Campaign, and (3) Why Now.

(1) He stressed that: everything we do at Stevens must be done in a student-centric way; technology is at the very center of everything we do; we have a phenomenal record of success; we have strong and responsible management; we are determined.

(2) Stevens is ready to move to the next level; growing alumni interest and pride; strategic plan and vision; a compelling case for why Stevens is a great investment; resources will make a fundamental difference: quality and impact.

(3) The time is now! It will be a five-year effort. We are in the first year now. It starts in January 2016 through January 2019. The goal is \$150 million right now. We anticipate \$70 million by December 2015; we are over \$51 million right now with a nice pipeline. Everything counts.

Larry Babbio '66 and Sean Hanlon '80 are the co-chairs.

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order.

# **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the December 8, 2014, meeting of the Council and Executive Committee were approved.

<u>Motion: Approval of</u> <u>November 10, 2014,</u> <u>minutes. Motion made and</u> <u>seconded; motion carried.</u>

MINUTES: MOTION: MARY DODDY / SECOND: ENRIQUE

# **President's Report:**

Stevens Pride; Alumni Office Management; Update on MOU; SAA Consultant; Trustee Update; Update on Campus Master Plan.

### **Reports of the Committees**

Search Committee

Joe DiPompeo '98, first vice president, chair. A search committee has been formed and is about 95% complete. It consists of all the SAA officers, trustees and incoming officers; as well as Brodie Remington, VP of Development; Beth McGrath, Chief of Staff; Marissa Moses Brock '99, Associate Director, Undergraduate Admissions; Russ Rogers, Director of Athletics; and a faculty representative. The committee is progressing along a time line and has developed a draft job description with some assistance from Mike Smullen.

Two search firms have been interviewed, and it is hoped that the first meeting will occur in early March. It is anticipated that someone will be in place over the summer.

#### Treasurer's Report

Wayne Monsees '71, on vacation; Tom Moschello reported. The SAA funds, approximately \$172,942, are now at Vanguard (moved from Merrill Lynch). The Alumni Office budget, as of February 17, 2015, is \$201,330.

Benefits

Ken DeGraw '57 is chair and was not in attendance. Melissa Fuest reported. List the existing SAA benefits and the anticipated ones, including lifetime e-mail, etc.

### Clubs

John McDonnell '72 reported on some recent activities, like the Cricket Brewery Tasting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also mentioned upcoming signature events: March 25, 2015 is the Healthcare Seminar and Networking Event and the SURE House event down the shore on April 18, 2015.

Keith Cassidy '09 reported on affinity clubs.

#### Communications

Charlie Perruzzi '63, on vacation; Melissa reported?? In middle to late March a survey will go out to alumni.

#### Nominating

Marty Valerio '68, chair, reported. Committee members were George Johnston '72, Tom Moschello '63, Dave Manhas '88, and John McDonnell '72. Marty presented the slate for the term beginning July 1, 2015.

Officers: Joe DiPompeo '98, president; Vicky Velasco '04, first vice president; Dave Manhas '88, second vice president; Wayne Monsees '71, treasurer.

Decade Representatives: Charlie Perruzzi '63, George Johnston '72, Ed Sandve '82, Jeff Capone '91, Andy Kaplan '09, Tori O'Connor '11. Old Guard Representative: Leo Collins '59. Graduate School Representative: Richard Steiner, M.Eng. '97.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the slate as presented. MOTION: DICK / SECOND JOE WEBER

Motion: Approval of Officers and Decade Representatives. Motion made and seconded; motion carried. Student Alumni Engagement

Vicky Velasco '04 reported. She reported that there are two upcoming events to note: RedOUT event on 2/21/15 and 4/8/15 Meet and Greet with Student Leaders

Stevens Awards Gala – Joe Garvey '71 listed the awardees and gave a brief summary of their accomplishments. The Gala is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015, at The Plaza in New York City. (You have the list.)

# **Interim Executive Director's Report**

Melissa Fuest (Alumni Weekend is June 5 – 7, 2015; Annual Giving; Phil, the Duck; etc. You know what you said!)

Fishing Club – Dick Magee '63 reported that two trips have been scheduled which are May  $2^{nd}$  and May  $7^{th}$  2015.

# Adjourn

Motion: Motion to adjourn, seconded; motion carried.

Move to adjourn by Joe Weber '64. Motion seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Monday, April 6, 2015

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Fuest Executive Secretary (?) 3/31/2015 (?)