Meeting Minutes submitted by Ken Traft

**In attendance** were, Priscilla MacDougall, Patrick Robinson, Claire Stucky, Ken Traft, and Dan Haugen.

**Visiting Alumni** attending the meeting, Latonya Rainwater and Elizabeth Rainwater.

**Check in, joining, and other items:** Patrick announced that the Graduate School 101 class was happening on Saturday, 8/11.

Dan mentioned that the Adler Graduate School is looking at ways to help the student’s succeed. The school has engaged the group Smart Thinking to help with writing skills. Earl will be spending 50% of his time working with students helping them with writing. There will also be 10 hours a week dedicated to student’s helping students.

It was discussed that it would be important to ensure that we get current information from the graduating students. There was also some discussion that because the Adler Graduate schools tracking database isn’t very accurate that it would probably not hurt for the Alumni Association to maintain their own list. A concern was voiced that this would duplicate efforts and probably put a strain on the limited committee members we have at this time.

Dan has asked the Alumni committee to consider working more closely with the Student association for planning events. It would make sense to collaborate on such ideas of a Weekend of the masters. There could be open classrooms with various alumni holding presentations. It would also be possible to have a Key Note Speaker for the event.

Dan also asked the question was how we wanted to think about Alumni members. Do we ask them if they want to be involved in things like mailing or other things or do we just consider them in the group and push things out as we need. Dan believes that the latter approach would be sound and that it would probably not be seen as an imposition.

**Defining objectives for the 2012-2013 goals for the Alumni Association:** Patrick had not submitted the goals. He has asked for the committee to review the goals again and identify metrics showing numerical quantities to help with measuring. Dan Haugen will do a review and submit what he can find. He also commented that as we review these again that it may be that not all goals will have a numerical value. The goal is to get something to Patrick as soon as possible (target Monday, 8/6).

**Priscilla gave an update on the Mentoring program.**
  - Priscilla received feedback from each mentor with inclusion of the Drop-in mentoring effort she found that 25 students have participated within the program to date
  - Dan asked what kinds of things we mentors were doing with the mentees. We talked about some of our experiences.
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- The last Drop-in Mentor sessions had one person stopped by on Monday, but the Tuesday & Thursday sessions had no attendees.
- It was suggested that it would be helpful if the faculty would promote the Alumni Mentoring program. We could provide flyers for the faculty mailbox. Dan said to talk with Chris on the idea of the faculty promoting the Mentor program.
- We talked about class attendance being low during the summer. Highest attendance would be in the Fall.
- The Drop-in Mentor sessions will begin again in September. Monday’s class Schedule (8/20 – 9/24), Tuesday’s class schedule (8/21-9/22), and Thursday’s class schedule (8/23-9/20). Recommend that we not hold them all in the same week this time.

The Free Workshops: John Reardon’s workshop was quite a success and he was happy with the results. 57 registered online, 39 actual attendees, and 20 workshop survey respondents.

There are not workshops currently scheduled at this time.

John suggested that Patrick talk with Jeff Lupient about his desire present "Private Practice" once every month and charge a small fee to participants for fund raising effort. There was some concern within the committee that charging is not something we want to do at this time.

Campaign to enlist additional committee members: Patrick completed his list, but found many of the phone numbers were invalid. He left messages at some numbers, but has not had responses.

Claire has made progress on her list. She plans to keep going. She too experienced quite a few wrong numbers.

Based on the efforts, the Alumni Committee has 2 visitors (Latonya & Elizabeth) who came to check things out. They found the meeting informative. They had not been aware of the Alumni Association previous to the call. At this point they do not feel they can make a commitment at this time, but would like to stop by again as their schedules allow and would like to be kept informed of happenings in case they can contribute some time.

Discussion on draft of the Alumni recognition criteria: The committee has provided feedback and we discussed the final draft from Patrick. It was decided that the statement “The recipient of the Alumni Award cannot be a current sitting member of the Alumni Association Committee.” The majority consensus is now that Committee members can be included in nominations, but nominees cannot sit on the judging committee.

Updates to the Alumni Web Page: Updates discussed at the last meeting have been completed. There is nothing to talk about at this time.
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Next Alumni Meetings:
   Friday: 9/21/2012 - AGSAA Committee Meeting (6PM-8PM)
   Thursday, 11/15/2012 – AGSAA Committee Meeting (5PM-8PM)