

President's Report – February 2017

We had a flurry of activities all December into January. Several holiday teas continued well into January. President Hillman and Vice – President of OIA were at all if not most of the teas. It gave many of the alumnae in various parts of the nation an opportunity to meet them up close and personal.

We finished 2016 with two events focused on students -the **Winter Graduate celebration** and **Finals snacks**. Since our last meeting I have focused a lot of my time on planning for the Board Retreat and setting up the stage for the completion of the operating principles for the Compact.

Retreat for the Board of Governors: We have researched several venues and finally settled in on a place and dates. Having served and currently serving on numerous Boards I have found this time together to be valuable for team and community building. Our Board meetings do not afford us enough time for such activities nor for strategic planning and goal setting. If I have been passionate about it please know that it comes from board experiences of various kinds.

Compact: Jeff Jackanicz and I have decided that in order for the operating principles to be in place for the May Board meeting we need to work together on it every other week. We worked together to compose a committee with broad representation from the BOG, AAMC, and the College. The BOG and the AAMC will be represented by Lucy Do, Dawn Cunningham, Karlin Sorenson, Marina Simenstad, Viji Nakka- Cammauf and Lynette Castile Hall. Lynette was instrumental in convening the preliminary two meetings of the AAMC committee, and had to step off given her other responsibilities. The College committee is represented by Jeff Jackanicz, Nikole Adams, Mark Jones (Director of Legacy Giving), Maria Cammarata (VP for Finance & Admin/Treasurer) and Kim Baker (Executive Assistant to Jeff) as our recording secretary.

The AAMC committee has identified the following areas of focus for our partnership agreement.

Funding and Fundraising

- Agreement on the ability and parameters of the AAMC to fundraise
 - More flexibility on the ability of the AAMC to fundraise explicitly
- Clarity on how AAMC and College fund events
- Revised protocol and process for how checks written to Alumnae or AAMC, etc. are being handled.
 - i.e. All checks to Alumnae or AAMC sent to AAMC for deposit
 - AAMC can then provide funds to College
- Provide reporting on donations (shared with alumnae, college, etc.)

Volunteer Management

- Agreement / commitment of AAMC to support volunteer participation

Communications between AAMC and College

- Development / Commitment to improving communications between the College and AAMC, so there's mutual understanding of key initiatives, focus areas, etc.

Reinhardt Alumnae House

- Per the compact, Reinhardt House is a shared resource between the college and AAMC
- Clarify the agreement / understanding on AAMC's occupancy and usage and building maintenance
- See additional documentation on Reinhardt House Recommendations (ad hoc AAMC

Committee)

Support links to existing students

- Continue to enhance linkage of Alums to existing students
- Leverage college resources in partnership to improving linkages, enhance existing programs, etc.

Support links to alums, welcoming community

- Continue to enhance linkage of Alums to College
- Leverage college resources in partnership to improve connections, through reunion, etc.
- Renegotiate AAMC's input into Quarterly, more space, etc.

Agreement is a living document

- Develop this agreement as a living agreement that is expected to be reviewed, modified, etc. to enhance the principles set out in the compact

Both committees met for the first time on Friday February 3rd for an introductory session to get acquainted and look through each other's list and to prioritize the focus areas. For the next meeting we will be working on Funding and Fundraising and Volunteer management. It was a good meeting with both sides agreeing on what our next steps should be and understanding the importance of partnership.

I am very grateful to the each one of the AAMC/BOG members of the committee for their commitment of time and contribution of ideas. In addition to the every other Friday meeting they also meet the following week after the joint session to debrief and work on next steps. The Committee maintains succinct yet meticulous notes which I will share as we progress.