

UNI Alumni Association Board of Directors

Executive Committee Conference Call

Executive Members Present: Drew Conrad, Michele Haupt, Beth Primrose

Board Members Present: Jerry Glazier, Eric Hackman, Jason Lau, Connie Peters, Kay Smith

Staff Present: Christy Danielsen, Ryan England, Rachel Greene (NISG student), Jim Jermier, Leslie Prideaux, Stacy Robinson, Amy Tagtow

Guest: Allyson Rafanello

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice Chair, Drew Conrad.

Guest Speaker:

- Allyson Rafanello, Dean of Students for UNI, spoke about the use of the student emergency fund in the year of COVID-19. Allyson noted the majority of the funds sent out this year were for rent and just under \$12,000 was given out since July 2020 for rent funds for students. Other students in need were able to receive help from financial aid. During the month of October, with the help of the UNI Foundation and Jeff Keen, they were able to raise \$27,000 and a donor matched those funds to raise over \$50,000 for the student emergency fund. Beth Primrose asked where to send a donation? Allyson responded that you can send your donations to the UNI Foundation. Kay Smith asked how often a student can receive aid and if the donation amount was capped? Allyson responded that as of right now, the amount is capped at \$500 and they can only receive help one time. Allyson also noted there are circumstances where the amount can change, depending on the situation. Drew Conrad asked how the numbers compared to the previous academic year? Allyson responded, with the help of Ryan England, that they awarded \$8,200 in the previous year.

Minutes:

- Michele Haupt made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Beth Primrose seconded. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

- Ryan England reported investments are up. Ryan England commented that compared to last year, we are sitting about \$100,000 higher, which is great and that total assets are up over \$1,000,000. Christy Danielsen reported she just finished negotiating our insurance contract for 4 years, for a total of \$80,000. Michele Haupt made a motion to approve the financials. Eric Hackman seconded. Unanimous approval.

Merger Update

- Leslie Prideaux met with Paula Goerder, non-profit expert attorney, who was put in touch with her by board member Coree Smith. Leslie Prideaux explained we were wanting to go down the disregarded entity route and Paula has worked with other institutions before and thought it really made sense. Paula Girder thought we didn't need an outside counsel and to use inside counsel to draft an asset transfer agreement and to draft new bylaws, essentially to show we are underneath the UNI foundation. Leslie Prideaux has reached out to Kyle Fogt and between him and Tim McKenna, they can guide us through the process. Drew Conrad asked about the timing of this process? Leslie Prideaux reported she hopes to get this done and finalized and to make the transition in summer 2021. We will need to have an official vote by our board and then will need to present to the Board of Trustees.

Staff Updates

- Christy Danielsen reported she will start working with her club leaders after the first of the year to discuss possible summer activities. Amy Tagtow reported she is working with the new executive team with the CATS and getting ideas for next semester for engagement. Jim Jermier reported things are going really well and that we are 46% of the way to our 250 million dollar working goal. Drew asked if the timeline for announcing the campaign to the public has changed? Jim Jermier reported yes, it has moved to the fall of 2022 because we want to be at least 60 percent of the way to our goal before going public.

Spring Board Meeting Date

- Following the voting of the board on the spring board meeting date, Leslie Prideaux announced the date of the spring board meeting will be Friday, April 9, 2021. We are hoping to meet in person, but will make the call at the February executive meeting. If the meeting is in person, a virtual option will be available.

Next Executive Committee Call

- The next call is scheduled for February 25, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Michele Haupt motioned to adjourn. Eric Hackman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.