UNIAA Virtual Spring Board Meeting April 9, 2021

Board Members Present Virtually: Renae Billings, Debora Blume, Courtney Chabot-Dreyer, Drew Conrad, Victoria Crouse, Jerry Glazier, Elizabeth Hackbarth, Eric Hackman, Ben Hammes, Jerry Harris, Michele Haupt, Steve Jackson, Dylan Keller, Jason Lau, Kevin Mote, Joe Murphy, Connie Peters, Emily Neumann, Beth Primrose, Kevin Saville, Kay Smith, Bryant Wallace, Hugh Zehr

Staff Members Present: Christy Danielsen, Ryan England, Jim Jermier, Amy Mohr, Leslie Prideaux, Stacy Robinson, Amy Tagtow

Spring meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by UNIAA Board Chair, Kevin Mote.

Presentations by President Nook, Jim Jermier, & Terri Crumley

Fall 2020 Meeting Minutes:
Kevin Mote asked if there were any questions or corrections to the October 2020 meeting minutes.

Joe Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from the October 2020 meeting. Debora Blume seconded. Unanimous approval.

February Financial Review:

Ryan England presented the financials. Most of the revenue in the last few months came from the AIA Revenue and outreach revenue from cookie orders provided by UNI catering. Debora Blume asked how things will change due to COVID? Leslie Prideaux explained we have had great virtual engagement over this time. Further, she said now the team is devising a plan on how to prioritize and manage these virtual events. Amy Mohr added we are budgeting for “normal” times for the 2021-22 year.

Kevin Mote asked for a motion to approve the financials. Drew Conrad made a motion. Beth Primrose seconded. Unanimous approval.

Staff Reports:

Leslie Prideaux acknowledged Christy Danielsen executed Homecoming at Home activities for Spring Homecoming week including virtual bingo, classroom coloring contests, etc. Leslie Prideaux has focused her time on virtual engagement with Tuesday Talks and Five Question Fridays. Amy Mohr has focused her time on metrics and how other schools manage their data. Amy Tagtow has taken over student engagement and philanthropy and navigated those processes during the pandemic. Christy Danielsen reported we have signed another insurance contract for four years at $22,000/year. It will be reviewed in four years when bidding out another supplier.
Jerry Harris made a comment that there are some opportunities to continue and keep virtual engagement as there are tons of ways to engage, as he sees from residents at Western Home Communities. Relationships have been renewed because of virtual opportunities during this time.

Drew Conrad posed a question about the Golden Graduate Reunion and how that is evolving? Amy Mohr answered that some people enjoyed the virtual option because they didn’t have to travel. We will look into hosting virtual events and keeping the experience alive for upcoming events.

Beth Primrose asked a question about Panther Caravan. Leslie Prideaux responded we are tentatively planning to host in August, while watching COVID numbers.

**Merge Update**

Leslie Prideaux discussed the efficiencies if we merged with UNI Foundation. The disregarded entity option was the best way to move forward after meeting with an attorney. This allows the UNIAA to be its own legal entity, under the UNI Foundation as an LLC and reduces the need for separate tax pieces, insurance, etc. The university’s legal staff do not have the expertise, but recommended someone local who is part of a larger network. Stacy Robinson and Leslie Prideaux met with Angela Fogt who will serve as the legal counsel guiding the dissolution of the UNIAA and the creation of the new UNIAA LLC. We will utilize the ad hoc committee and host a special meeting this May to go through all of the information. We hope to have this completed by June 30, as long as everyone is comfortable. Stacy Robinson noted the service agreement will lay out everything that is needed and a lot of the audit and 990 expenses will go away.

Jerry Glazier questioned how would this impact our investment strategies with money? Leslie Prideaux responded that our investments would come over to the UNI Foundation, similar to a Dean’s Fund, and we would still have ownership and oversight of the UNIAA investments.

**Wrap Up:**

Our Fall Board meeting will take place on October 1, 2021. In-person or virtual is yet to be determined.

Beth Primrose made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Lau seconded. Unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.