

**Williamson Alumni Association meeting September 17, 2020 – Amended from November’s meeting and are highlighted in yellow**

The meeting was called to order by President Mario Cetroni via live streaming. Conducted were the Pledge to the flag and words of remembrance for our recently deceased alumni.

Minutes of the January 23rd, 2020 meeting were made available for distribution but were unreadable due to technical difficulty and are set to be brought up at November’s meeting for approval.

Guest speaker - None

**School President’s Report**

President Rounds stated that a lot of things have been happening differently because of COVID19:

They are proud of how the COVID transition had worked out. No problems with students and the wearing of masks.

Graduation for 2W0 – no Commencement

Completed Comprehensive Trade & Curriculum Assessment – results point to 2022

Worked off many deferred maintenance items – including new Windows In Rowan Hall - \$640K, phone, IT, security

Campus Master Plan completed by Speizle – why important – next strategic plan and next campaign to resource it

No summer horticulture, no FYE, extensive planning for the upcoming school year. Briefed the Board in July – hired a Dr. Fauci consultant – Town Hall meeting in August on reopening plan

Told Trustees – big challenge but we have the right team & students to make it work

**Note from November’s meeting- makeup of the new freshman class that the numbers include the number of total applicants to the program and the number of qualified applicants (passed the ASVFAB, completed the interviews and all of the required paperwork).**

Class of 2W3 - Carp (21=+5) 129/88 – Power (23=+5) 78/64 – Brick (18=+1) 81/49 – Machine (20=+2) 33/27 – Hort (18=+2)21/11 Total = 100 (now 99)

Education –device testing and fielding plan (ECMC and Suburban Development Council grants) and the details of the trade program assessment and the plan for the curriculum to include the agreement with Rowan University. Very exciting developments!

Student Life – changes to the schedule, meals, chapel, on campus all week, 3 extra hours of shop at night each week,

Currently there are:

Seniors (70) – 14 carp, 12 masonry, 12 hort, 14 machine, 3 paints and coatings, 15 power plant

Juniors (81) – 14 Carp, 12, Masonry, 10 Hort, 16 Machine, 14 paints and coatings, 15 Power Plant

This fall semester looks very different

- Signing the Pledge – all students, staff and faculty member has signed
- Enforcing the rules – masks everywhere - not like cell phones!
- no students leave between Sunday screening and Friday afternoon
- No fall athletics
- No campus admissions tours
- Virtual Homecoming and no Commencement for 2W0, Convocation, etc
- limited visitors – focus on the basics to get through the fall safely
- COVID tests and Sunday screenings – updated status daily on web site
- Admissions – no on campus testing and tours

**Moving Forward:**

Strategic Plan – ready for board approval by the end of this school year

- 2 years from right now – Strine Dorm, Wesley Center, 120 freshmen, 1<sup>st</sup> year of electrical program and new curriculum in others
- Middle States – canceled visit in March – rescheduled in Jan – candidacy in March - should still complete by 2023
- Flower show in June outside – will take a year break and do on campus project
- Safety – nothing more important – COVID & emergency action plan

Rowan Univ - Rowan Day Speaker – last Nov- Dr. Ali Houshmand – new curriculum in building trades starting in 2022 – Const Management – 4 classes to get BA at Rowan starting with the class of 2W5

**Per Bob McNabb’s request of President Rounds from November’s meeting for the complete listing of new hires for the Fall of 2020 school year**

**New Staff:** Nahfees Akbar, Admissions Associate (funded by a grant from Snider Foundation); Ericka Raskay, Research and Assessment Associate (funded by a grant from the Suburban Council) LeeAnne Cassidy, Grant and Research Associate (new position); Kaci Chandler, Receptionist (replaces Cass Leslie); William Coldren, Security Guard Part-Time; Kimberly Glass, Business/Adjunct; Stephen Hartley, Director Construction Technology (replaces Richard Dunbar); Sean Howat, Assistant to the Chaplain (replaced Jeremy Stolfus – repurposed position back to Chaplain Asst); Kevin Ratigan, Business and Finance Instructor (replaces Dennis Johnson); Chelsea Silveri-Somers, Security Guard Part-Time; Michelle Williams, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer (replaces Sam Wrightson).

**New Shop Instructors/Instructors:** Michael Lynch, 1W1, Paint Coatings Technology Instructor (replaces Stephen Atchison who became Director – replacing Glenn Tomlinson); Thomas Nelson, Horticulture Landscaping Turf Management Instructor (replaces Chuck Feld).

**Alumni President’s Report**

Mario Cetroni stated that this is the first time the association went to live streaming and it seemed to work just fine except with a few hiccups which we will correct as we continue forward. January’s meeting minutes were too small for most to read so it was decided to review them at our November meeting. All agreed.

**Treasurer Report**

Phil Lock presented the following report. Life Membership Endowment is \$222,000. Down from April’s statement (\$230,000)

**Old business**

Nothing to Report

**New Business**

Handing out of the IVW books to incoming freshman will be done on October 1<sup>st</sup> chapel assembly by Mario and John Rex.

Voted to extend Thursday’s night Alumni Meeting going forward, all agreed.

Decision to be made about this past year awards that would have been handed out at the Alumni Banquet to be voted on to extend giving out those awards until 2021 banquet.

**Committees**

**Membership Chair** – Kevin Hatch will be working on ideas to grow the current attendees. Having the meetings online he said would help those that are not close to the school to be able to attend the meetings via online.

**Golf Outing Chair** - Marty Jeffers was not in attendance.

Athletics- Mario stated the fall sports are cancelled until further notice.

Fundraising – Due to the COVID 19 the association will have to come up with new ideas to be able to raise money so that we can help offset costs associated with school functions and activities.

Student Academic Achievement Awards 2021 – Kevin Hatch suggested that having the Award banquet at the school this year as not knowing how COVID might affect that ceremony.

Student Academic Achievement Awards 2020 - John Rex said handing out of April's Junior Achievement Award to be done on October 19th chapel assembly. By John Rex and Mario

Alumnus of the Year chair - - Dave Churchman was not in attendance

Distinguished Alumnus Chair – Ryan Myers was not in attendance

Audit – Dan Flood was not in attendance

Accrued Interest Monies Committee – Bob McNab stated that he will have to get with Dan Flood for planning with this year's interest monies. Phil Lock stated that the Association had lost monies so there will be nothing to extend for this coming year activities.

There was no 50/50 this month.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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