

Williamson Alumni Association meeting November 19, 2020

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 and September 17th 2020 meeting minutes were made available for distribution and both were approved. September's meeting minutes were approved with one exception that we amend and add the new hires that the school had to the minutes for September's meeting for the record. All agreed.

Our guest speaker was Laura Brown Director of Alumni Relations. She gave us a brief introduction of her duties.

Alumni/Student Mentoring program has been piloted this year with a small group of alumni and students who opted to participate. So far, the feedback has been positive. We will continue to assess the value of the program and hope to have it more broadly offered in the Fall 2021.

Class Representative Program is also being assessed and we have piloted a new format for outreach with some of the younger graduate classes. We will continue to assess the effectiveness of the changes to determine if it would be effective for new graduates.

Trade Talks is a new roundtable discussion series that will be launched in February. The purpose is for small groups of alumni to learn from an alumnus who has reached a significant level of success in their career. Students will also be able to participate. Registration will open in January.

Tradesmen Connect is Williamson's new alumni online directory, job board and networking platform. The tool is available to all alumni, free of charge. Members can search for and post jobs, message other alumni, and get and give career advice. Login info can be found at www.williamson.edu/alumni

Finally, the Advancement Office wanted to thank all the alumni that have supported the various alumni programs over the past few months. Alumni participation is key to the success of the programs.

School President's Report

COVID update – 5 active cases currently COVID not looking better anytime soon. Online after Thanksgiving – eliminated spring break and service week so student report back two weeks later – 1 Feb

Middle States Accreditation -still hope to complete by summer of 2023. Dr. Corbett is our new team lead – brought a school through the process and thinks we can still get it done by 2023.

Retroactive to Candidacy – Jan visit is now virtual with March meeting to determine

National Registry Slide through state approval, but NPS Approval delayed due to COVID – plan is for approval in June meeting

Run down of the fall events – all conducted within COVID protocols. Last remaining event was Thanksgiving Dinner tonight before releasing the students tomorrow and will return to campus to start second semester classes on Feb 1st

4th Annual Rowan Day Nov 10th – Dr. Paul Reid

Flu shot update – all received flu shots or doctor exemption by the end of October.

Update from September's meeting for an clarification of student count/numbers for each shop – They are as follows First number current and second number previously enrolled

Seniors (68/102) – 14/16 carp, 11/17 masonry, 12/16 hort, 14/18 machine, 3/17 paints and coatings, 14/18 power plant

Juniors (77/97) – 14/16 Carp, 11/17 Masonry, 9/11 Hort, 15/18 Machine, 13/16 paints and coatings, 15/19 Power Plant

Freshmen (98/100) - Carp 20/21, Power 23 /23), Brick 18/18, Machine 19/20, Hort 18/18

Device testing going on this year – will make a selection and then purchase devices for all students over the summer – generous ECMEC grant will cover this

ABC contract – marketing from Snider grant and an assistant in Admissions for this year

Flower Show changes – no summer hort- project on campus

Winter sport assessment once students back in Feb – unlikely

Plans for Wesley Student Activity Center and new Strine Dorm – both awarded to Cumby for construction. Project Managers for both are Williamson grads. Shovel in the ground by end of the summer and complete before the start of 2022 school year.

Special request from your President – plan for the new electrical program and the curriculum changes for the other 5 programs – present power point slides

If you would like a copy of the presentation Bill Goodworth will send them to you. Just send an email to bgoodworth@vanalt.com

Subject to your questions, this completes my report – Happy Thanksgiving!

Alumni President's Report

Mario Cetroni stated that this is the second time the association went to live streaming and we be getting better as time goes on. Mario said that President Rounds stated everything he wanted to say in his report. Mario also noted that the Board was working on trying to get graduates back to the school.

Treasurer Report

Phil Lock presented the following report. Life Membership Endowment is \$218,605. Down from April's statement (\$230,000). \$13,345 in checking and \$7,054 in CD's.

Old business

Decision regarding Awards – Decision was not to extend the 2020 awards and to go forward as per the bylaws.

Marty Jeffers and Stacey Starr asked if they could have their awards now. Mario said he would get them and hand it out to them. John Rex stated that Stacey's award should be presented to him during one of his teaching classes at the school. Mario said he would do that.

New Business

Handing out awards to 2020 recipients

Reaching out to parents of seniors to give a gift to their son a Lifetime Membership to the Alumni Association

Dave Corben will replace Glenn Thomlinson position going forward

Committees

Membership Chair – Kevin Hatch stated that he would like to not have annual fees so to put down the barrier from preventing young alumni from attending our meetings. Having online meetings hopefully would grow our attendance. Suggest was made from the floor to make a committee and he had a few people volunteers.

Golf Outing Chair - Marty Jeffers stated that the golf outing is still scheduled for June 7th 2021 and would like to present some type of recognition to Mr. Paction for his 50th anniversary of this event. Also stated that most people wanted their monies back from last year but Logan Fetterolf and his group donated their monies back to the association.

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

Fundraising – Due to the COVID 19 the association will have to come up with new ideas. One idea was to have raffle tickets to win a new truck/and or motorcycle. Bob McNabb suggested to have a committee formed to help expedite the process.

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 during chapel assembly was a great success.

Alumnus of the Year chair - - Marty & Stacey are reaching out to look for a new applicant

Distinguished Alumnus Chair – Ryan Myers said he will find out who the recipients from last year are and report that to Mario before the next meeting. He said he is continuing to look for new applicants.

Audit – Dan Flood was not in attendance for the report

Accrued Interest Monies Committee – Bob McNab stated that he was not sure how his name got on this committee but did say he will get with Dan to see how the monies for the pig roast will help out for this upcoming years activities.

There was no 50/50 this month.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21st, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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