School of Education Alumni Advisory Board
Minutes: Saturday, July 14, 2007


I. The chair convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves individually.

II. The minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2007, were approved.

III. Copies of the Treasurer’s report, prepared by R. Bates, were distributed. The report showed a balance on hand as of July 14, 2007, of $1,797.24. The report was approved.

IV. Reporting for N. Griffin, Liaison for the College Advancement Office to the School of Education and Professional Studies, W. Amoriell distributed copies of Ms. Griffin’s report. The report listed four new scholarships for 2006-07: Susan Holly Dierks ’75 Scholarship for Early Childhood Education; Evelyn Perley Schmidt ’35 for an Early Childhood Scholarship; Susan Portugal Scholarship in Business Administration; The Pinard Scholarship to be awarded a student studying abroad. Ms. Griffin’s also referred to a gift of $50,000 in the name of Elaine Lucas ’30 to The Center for Mathematics and Science Education, and the total amount pledged to date to the Mary E. English Commons of $147,361. The report concluded by listing several of the “naming opportunities” that remain in the Commons to be subsidized with gifts. These possibilities range from $2500 to $5000 and include technology stations, panels, the carillon, and others.

V. A. Amoriell gave an update of the Mary E. English Commons project. She announced with clear relief, “It’s done!” She requested that the Alumni Board discharge the Commons committee from its duties. She suggested to the Board that an empty, unused case remaining from the Commons construction be adapted to displaying SOE and Board information.

R. Sipher moved to accept the offer of the display case and form an ad hoc committee to plan and organize displays and other acceptable uses for the case. The suggestion was made by the chair to schedule meetings of this
committee and others prior to the regular meetings of the whole Alumni Board. The motion passed.

VI. Dean Amoriell brought the Board up-to-date on SOE activities. He announced that a visit by an NCATE team is scheduled on October 13-17, 2007. He reported that "of the sixteen programs that submitted Specialized Professional Association Reports seeking recognition as part of the NCATE visit and evaluation, thirteen achieved national recognition. The Dean also complimented the Community Health Department (CHD) which hosted a visiting team reviewing the program of the CHD. This team praised the faculty of the CHD for the quality of its students and its programs.

The Dean also reported that enrollments at the graduate level that had been declining in recent years are now increasing.

He also reported that on June 11, 2007, he received official authorization from the Provincial Minister of Education in Ontario for the SOE to offer a part-time primary junior division program in Ottawa, beginning in the Fall '08 semester.

Other international graduate programs are doing well. In the fall of '07, the School expects 21 new Korean students and 17 Chinese students to enter graduate programs offered by the SOE & PS.

Lastly, the Dean announced receipt of $50,000, a gift to be applied to the creation of a new Center of Excellence for the Teaching of Mathematics and Science. This gift is being made by Mr. John E. Shattuck in memory of his wife, Ms. Susan Holly Dierks ’75, who recently passed away.

VII. A. Amoriell reported that a current project proposal of the College Alumni Board is to establish an Alumni House to serve as a center of alumni activities for the whole college.

VIII. The Dean raised the question of whether the SOE Alumni Board would like to contribute money in memory of Genevieve Baxter and William Davis. The Board agreed to contribute $50.00 in memory of each (total $100.00), to come from the Treasury of the Board.

The Dean next raised the question of whose responsibility was the supervision of the Mary English Commons area, noting that while it is a college-wide center of interest and activity, it is “architecturally” part of Satterlee Hall for which the Dean of SOE is assigned supervision. A suggestion was made that the Dean confer with the president of the college to discuss the question of
administration of the facility. A. Amoriell suggested that a “President’s Advisory Board” be appointed to administer the Commons.

The Dean also announced that The Spring Tea will continue under the chairmanship of Sue Stacy. Suggested themes included Mohawk Indian and Canadian (English) teas, as well as repeating the themes of previous teas.

Lastly, the Dean suggested that the procedures for recruiting nominees for The St. Lawrence Academy Medal still need improvement and publicizing. Some discussion followed among the members of the Board in regard to obtaining nominations and how to construct forms that would not discourage nominations. N. Johnson said that nominees should be announced by the month of February.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Cullen, Sec’y.