School of Education Alumni Advisory Board
Minutes: Saturday, April 5, 2008


I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by President Jutta Fitzsimmons

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 20, 2007 meeting were reviewed.
The minutes were approved.

III. Treasurer’s Report – Rick Bates

The treasurer’s report was distributed and reviewed.
The report was approved.

IV. Advancement Report – Nancy Griffin

New Scholarship – for a Community Health Major from Neil and Marilyn Johnson
The Vernice Ives Church ’61 Scholarship will be awarded on May 6 at 4 p.m. in the Literacy Center
The Spring Phon-a-thon will all go to endowments.

V. Mary E. English Commons Update – Vicki Hayes

Vicki reported that the new Governing Board for the Commons has met. Vicki will be the Convener. $35,000 of the remaining funds is to be placed into an endowment. Money has been spent for sign repair, light bulbs, and brochures. The next meeting will be September 12, 2008.
Molly Amoriell commented that the Commons will need to be updated and the technology expanded.
Nancy Griffin noted that naming opportunities are still available.
Bill Cullen asked that Veterans from the college be considered for a display.

We paused for introductions around the table.

VI. School of Education Update – Bill Amoriell

Bill reported that of five recent faculty searches, one was hired. There was a lack of candidates.
The Ottawa program is ready to begin with two courses being offered per semester. Students will be able to complete the program as part-time students totally in Ottawa. The School of Education has 728 Masters Degree students.
VII. SUNY Potsdam Alumni Board – Molly Amoriell

Molly Amoriell is our representative to this Board and will take our concerns to them. Nancy Griffin will receive the award for honorary alumni.

VIII. Spring Tea – Sue Stacy

The Committee of Rena Caruso, Jutta Fitzsimmons, Vicki Hayes, and Molly Amoriell have everything prepared for the Tea on April 30. Elsie Christenson will be the speaker.

IX. St. Lawrence Academy Award Update – Rick Bates

Vernice Church will receive the award. Rick thanks all for a very smooth process and reports a strong pool of nominations.

X. Promising New Teacher Award Update – Rick Bates

The Committee met and selected Jessica Andrews for this award.

XI. Center of Excellence for the Teaching of Math – Peter Brouwer and Nancy Griffin

Nancy reported that this Center is a fund-raising priority. Peter reviewed the purposes and uses. This information is contained in a brochure.

XII. Vice President of Alumni Board

Due to several circumstances there was a need to elect the new Vice President prior to the July meeting. Mark Davey was nominated by Jutta Fitzsimmons. The nomination was seconded by Rena Caruso and approved by those present.

XIII. Future Goals or Agenda Items

Display case – Committee will meet in October. Rena Caruso asked what is done to prepare new teachers to teach about earth sustainability.

Who is the Special Projects Committee? Rick Bates, Sue Stacy, Rena Caruso, Bill Amoriell, Jutta Fitzsimmons, Michele Meyers, Vicki Hayes, Donna Ce’Cartel, Mary Rutley.

Membership on Alumni Board was discussed.

We all went to the third floor to visit The Center for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education for a demonstration and explanation of this new facility by Peter Brouwer.

Meeting adjourned.