



Board of Directors Minutes February 5, 2009

Members Present: Walt Merritt (President), Mike English (Past President), Anita Raby (President Elect), Lisa Payne (Staff Rep.), Laura Leigh Laxson (SGA Vice President) Robin Clem, JJ Donahue, Chad Easterling, Don Entrekin, Ann Greer, Tressie McLemore, Jim Miner, Betty Ruth-Oliver, Deborah Schaus, Janet Smith, Tony Smith, Louise Steele, Vicki Stevenson

Members not present: Margaret Kaucher, Kent Bevil, John McLain, Kay Kelly, Janice Owen and Mignon Bowers

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dr. Bob Glenn (University President) and Rick Mould (Director)

Also in Attendance: Tena Bullington (Coordinator), Tricia Di Lullo (Alumni Secretary) and Ann Entrekin (Alumni Member)

1. Welcome- Walt Merritt called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. He introduced Laura Leigh Laxson to the Board.
2. Dr. Glenn- Dr. Glenn spoke on recent visits and correspondence with past graduates. The University is working to manage proration. An increase in tuition has been requested and the Chancellor seems supportive. The University is still pursuing a Masters program although it may be through a collaboration. Three new bachelors degree programs are in the works: Procurement, Enterprise Resource Planning and Logistics.
3. Inauguration- Rick requested \$2000 to assist with the Inauguration based on the proposed budget. Dr. Glenn would like the Inauguration to focus on the University not his presidency. Details regarding the event were discussed. There was a motion by Anita to have the Alumni Association support the Inauguration by donating \$2000. Janet seconded. M/S/P
4. Minutes- Janet made a motion to accept the minutes from November 20, 2008. Chad seconded. M/S/P
5. Financial Report- Jim went over the Financial Report, 2009 Budget and Scholarship investments. JJ moved to accept the Financial Report. Mike seconded. M/S/P
6. Fall Graduation- Anita and Kay manned a table at the graduation reception. They obtained three new memberships. Each new membership received an Alumni insulated mug and pack of note cards. Dr. Glenn would like to keep all graduations on campus or in Athens. Local church sanctuaries may be used. Laura

- Leigh commented on student's objections about the absence of a December graduation.
7. Awards Banquet- Betty Ruth recognized her committee members. The reception will be on Friday, April 3, 2009 at The Clubhouse on the east side of the square at 6:30 p.m. Everyone planning to attend will be expected to RSVP. The banquet will be Saturday, April 4, 2009 in the Ballroom. The College of Arts and Sciences will receive special recognition. The College of Business will be recognized next year and so on. An Archives display will be set-up in the Annex.
 8. 50 Year Club- Dr. Glenn Conner was suggested as a guest speaker. Louise is open to suggestions to increase attendance.
 9. Golf Classic Report- The Golf Classic will be Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Canebrake with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m and lunch at 11:30 a.m. The Presidential tent will be used for registration, lunch, etc. Fees will stay the same and there will not be door prizes. Corporate and hole sponsorships will be aggressively pursued. JJ will sponsor the hole-in-one insurance again. Flyers and forms will be available in the Alumni office shortly and/or can be mailed out. Trish and Tena will cover registration. Chad and Don will oversee beverages. Betty Ruth will take care of the lunch. Canebrake will man the beer carts. JJ will follow-up on a rain date. Corporate sponsors will only pay greens fees. Walt would like us to use a different, less expensive sign company.
 10. Membership Status- Robin presented the Board with the proposed wording for the Emeritus and Associate memberships to amend the Bylaws. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Associate membership. Mike motioned to table the discussion on Associate memberships. Betty Ruth seconded. (M/S/P) JJ motioned to approve the Emeritus membership as written. Betty Ruth seconded. (M/S/P) The Board would like to obtain approval of the Associate membership before the April 4, 2008 Membership Meeting.
 11. Introduction of the New President- Walt thanked the Board for their service during his tenure. He then passed the gavel to Anita Raby.
 12. Adjourn- Anita began her presidency with the second agenda.