

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, November 16, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present:

Matt Olphin President
Derrick McCutchen President Elect
Dave Shafer Treasurer
Jennifer Bertolet Member
Lauren Dinse Member
Conor Gilbert Member
Mark Phillips Member
Daniel Sidelnick Member
Carroll "Butch" Staub Member
Rebecca Tassone Member
Madison Whitcomb Member
Julia Cao Member
Amy Hoffman Member
Garland Thompson Member
Fred Kohm Member
Cheryl Youtz Member
Gracie Strawser Member
Quinn Benner Member
Shawn Mark Member
MaJuana Mayo Member
Eric McCracken Member

Voting Members Not Present:

Charece Collins Secretary
Jackson Houston Member
Lori Johnson Negron Member

Advisory Members and Guests Present:

- Victor Ramos, Vice President for Advancement
- Joshua Belice, Director of Alumni Engagement
- Anna Kate Clancy, Graduate Assistant for the Office of Alumni Engagement

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present and the members having been given adequate and proper notice of the meeting, Matt Olphin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Matt also gave kudos and thanks to all the board members for their hard work and time given.

ROLL CALL

Derrick McCutchen took attendance. All voting members were in attendance except those listed above under "Voting Members Not Present."

Action Items

Approval of Voice Votes. On a motion made by Dave Shafer and seconded by Amy Hoffman, it was resolved to approve the use of voice votes for all matters and decisions not financially related. Motion carried. (No negative votes)

Approval of Alumni Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. The Board reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on September 7, 2024. On a motion made by Mark Phillips and seconded by Julia Cao it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on September 7, 2024. Motion carried. (No negative votes)

Approval of Quarterly Financial Report. The Board reviewed the quarterly financial report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024. On a motion made by Jen Bertolet and seconded by Cheryl Youtz, it was resolved to approve the quarterly report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024. Dave Shafer explained most of the homecoming transactions wouldn't be reflected in this quarter's report. Also, correction was made moving \$2652 to commencement sales. After a roll call vote, the motion carried. (No negative votes)

Acceptance of Jordan Smith Porter resignation. On a motion made by Jen Bertolet and seconded by Butch Staub, it was resolved to accept the resignation of Jordan Smith Porter. Motion carried. (No negative votes)

University Report by Dr. Daniel Wubah, University President

- Victor Ramos will work with the President's office to provide a written report and provide it to the MUAA.

Advancement Report, provided by Victor Ramos, Vice President for Advancement and Josh Belice, Interim Director of Alumni Engagement

(Victor's report)

- Victor spoke about key donor events which included the Build Visionary Society.
- Spoke on hosting the Eckerd Philanthropic Philanthropy Awards. Sam Lombardo was honored.
- Thanks were given to members of MUAA (Dan, Dave, Mark, Butch, Connor)
- Spoke on the December 6th strategic plan listening event that members of MUAA are invited to.
- Discussed preparing for December 14th which is commencement day.
- Spoke on personnel hires.
- Gave kudos to Josh for stepping up and securing volunteers for homecoming.
- Spoke briefly about the executive training report and stated we are sitting at 1.9 million for the end of October.

- Discussed our alumni engagement goal for the year, which is 7500. Currently we sit at 3276.
- Spoke on plans for a new science building.
- Mentioned the one day give which is February 20, 2025.

(Josh's report)

- Josh spoke on homecoming...gave thanks to all who helped and participated.
- Goal was to try and make homecoming profitable. We weren't able to this year, but we are trending in that direction. 2023 we spent \$60,121.40. This year we only spent \$18,245.80.
- Next homecoming is scheduled for October 4th, 2025.
- Responses to homecoming were mostly favorable.
- Issue was brought up about folks buying alcohol without a wristband.
- Board gave praises and many thanks to Josh for his tireless work and going above and beyond to help make homecoming great.
- Josh spoke on Alumni Marching Band Day which was October 12 headed by Shawn.
- Salute to Service event took place November 13th.
- Glorious Sounds of the Season event taking place December 7. Dan will be dressed as Santa. Another Makers Market will take place as well.
- Requested volunteers for the events.
- Spoke on selling items at commencement.
- Josh discussed working with Wreaths across America on December 15 to do a wreath laying at the Civil War Monument.

Alumni Association Standing, Ad Hoc and Special Appointed Committee Highlights/ Reports

Finance – Conor Gilbert

- Discussed being in a great place financially.
- Gave Josh thanks for his efforts.
- Assets are above 2 million dollars.
- Josh spoke briefly about a new affinity partnership with Farmers Insurance.
- Spoke on meeting with the foundation and also examining the account with Counsel Trust.
- Connor discussed possibly giving to the new Lombardo school of business.

Alumni Engagement and Events – Amy Hoffman

- Amy sent out the E and E report for folks to read.
- Spoke briefly on "Ville on the Road" events
- Exploring ideas like a "Bridgerton" Ball or Gala or other outside the box ideas.

Communications and Technology – Madison Whitcomb

- Madison discussed the idea of handling the email onboarding for new members and has access to teams.
- Discussed reviewing the website.
- Spoke on what social media accounts are out there and being used.

Student Government Association Report – Andres Lanza

- Spoke on events held in the SMAC atrium lobby
- Student appreciation week during last week in October. Different member of SGA hosted an event each day.
- Events included chick fil a giveaway, self-care day
- Discussed questionnaire they sent out on the MU dining situation...received 200 responses.
- Spoke on the sustainability competition between the three main dorms.
- Andres discussed textbook grant they are doing. 200 responses of interest in this.
- Discussion was held about the questionnaire about the dining options.

Scholarships, Grants and Awards – Rebecca Tassone

- Spoke on reviewing the by-laws
- Gave thanks to Josh for all that he does.
- Discussed meeting dates and applications received for grants and awards.

Recent Grad Council (Ad Hoc) – Joseph Finn

- Joe was not available. His report is available in teams.
- Matt suggested maybe the recent grad council be folded into E & E.
- Amy welcomed the idea.

Membership Committee – Derrick McCutchen

- Discussed having our first meeting on November 6th. Apologized for the short notice as most of the committee were unable to attend.
- First meeting was pretty much timeline driven. Setting up dates for the upcoming elections.
- Spoke on uploaded the We Will statements in teams.
- Asked incumbents to notify us if they will be running again.
- Discussion on the deadline for incumbents to notify.

MU Foundation – Derrick McCutchen

- Foundation did meet on the November 12th.
- MUAA report was sent over to be presented at the Foundation meeting.
- Victor gave an update that assets managed by the Foundation now sits at 70.6 million dollars...its highest ever.

Old Business

- Butch led a discussion had on members continually missing meetings and not fulfilling the obligations of those four meetings.

New Business

- Matt presented proposal of by-laws changes involving board member resignation and leaving seat vacant until next election.
- Cheryl suggested we table the proposed changes.

- Jen spoke on changes could be problematic.
- Motion was made to make changes to the by-laws. So moved by Shawn Marks. Seconded by Fred Kohm
- Further discussions were had on filling a vacant seat due to a resignation or removal.
- Vote was taken but suggestion was made to do an individual roll call vote.
- Majority vote being Nay...motion does not carry.
- Dan suggested proposed changes be made individually.
- Proposal made by Matt to temporarily suspend the process in the bylaws to fill a vacant position until April 2025. So moved by Jen Bertolet. Seconded by Shawn Mark. Motion carried.
- Shawn asked about putting a proposal together for helping funds to replace a vehicle for the marching band. Matt gave instructions on how to do so.

Adjournment

- Matt stated he looks forward to seeing everyone at homecoming and to please volunteer if able.
- Next board meeting is February 15th.
- Motion made by Butch Staub and seconded by Dave Shafer. Motion carried unanimously. It was agreed that there was no further business for the Association to transact, and the meeting was adjourned.

Disclaimer

The above minutes should be used as a summary of the motions passed and issues discussed at the meeting by the members of the Association. This document shall not be considered a verbatim account of every word spoken at the meeting. Members have the opportunity to review and provide suggested corrections to the minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Derrick McCutchen

MUAA President - Elect