

**Minutes of the Knox College Alumni Council Meeting  
October 13-14, 2016**

**Thursday, October 13, 2016**

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – **Mock Interviews and Networking Reception**

Alumni Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Met with students in 30-minute intervals to interview and offer resume review and/or general career advice.

**Friday, October 14, 2016**

Noon to 1:30 p.m. – **Alumni Council working lunch**

The Kensington Garden Room

311 East Simmons Street

Committees discussed progress towards goals, actively shared future ideas/contact information with purpose of reporting back during afternoon Council Meeting

**Friday, October 14, 2016**

1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – **General Meeting**

Alumni Room, Old Main

**Members Present:**

Bill Baker, Elizabeth Bazan, Tom Bazan, Valerie Blevins, Carol Brown, Scott Calhoun, Mary Fasbender, Marty Glickman, Maurice Harris, John Heyer, Emily Jensen, Eric Langston, Karen MacKenzie, Joe Moore, Gary Moses, Diane Newell, Ann Perille, Jacob Plummer, Paul Raya, Letitia Schactner, John Straus, Steve Walton, Cindy Wilson, Chris Winick

**Staff Present:**

Amanda Chavaro

Jennifer Gallas

Eric Johnson

**Student Representatives:**

Mads Bruce

**Welcome by John Straus '73, Alumni Council Chair**

Thanked Gary Moses for his years of service on Council, and congratulated Jake Plummer on his Knox Alumni Service Award

**Approval of Minutes of April Meeting**

John Heyer moved and Karen MacKenzie seconded – passed unanimously

**Old Business – Committee Reports & Senior Outreach Project**

~ **Nominating Committee:** Val Blevins reported that the Committee recruited three at-large Council members, and three selection committee members who will start terms January 2017. She asked that current members provide names for future appointments. New at-large members will meet with the Nominating Committee for orientation at our spring meeting.

~ **Career Development Committee:** Karen MacKenzie reported that Eric Johnson provided contact lists to committee members and asked for referrals from these lists to help match more alumni to the students who have most recently enrolled in the KAMP program.

~ **Social Ambassador Committee:** Emily Jensen reported that the committee discussed the value of an “alumni spotlight” as a way to increase alumni engagement, fundraising, and student recruitment. Their action item is to talk to Knox friends and ask for recommendations of alumni who are deserving of this kind of recognition. The committee also discussed webinars featuring Knox faculty, and eventually alumni experts.

~ **Alumni Engagement Committee:** Ann Perille reported that their committee also discussed an “alumni spotlight,” and the live streaming of a faculty lecture. The group talked about affinity connections: sports, Greeks. Continue to encourage ways for teams to get together. They wondered about opportunities to get involved with Admission - helping with college fairs, college days at local schools, the recommend a student

program. And talked about the need to promote ways for alumni to be involved, a checklist of opportunities (mock interviews, mentoring, add Knox to your classroom, tell your Knox story in 3 minutes, etc.).

~ **Senior Outreach Project:** Discussion of Council persons emailing seniors included both positive and negative feedback. Suggestions included a template format for all emails, a “heads up” to seniors from Knox staff to overcome the challenge of cold contacts, timing of first email, and turning it around whereby we send out our bios first to students and let them express interest in follow up. John asked Ann and Emily to develop some best practices and report back at our Spring Meeting. Carol suggested taking a vote via email on continuing the project as is or reversing it and letting seniors reach out.

#### **Update on Title IX by Kim Schrader, Title IX Coordinator**

~ Kim talked Council through the legal aspects of Title IX  
~ her role and that of team members  
~ shared Knox aggregate data from 2016  
~ explained the appeals process and the distinctions between Knox process and police action which is contingent upon the student filing a separate claim. It does not run parallel with Knox's due process. However, the police/courts can and do request that Knox provide information discovered throughout a case(s).

#### **Presentation on new Programming by Lisa Stewart, Director of Spiritual Life**

~ Lisa has recently been appointed to this new position. She believes in defining spirituality broadly, as finding meaning, making sense of ourselves, via systems and stories, asking 'who am I, what is my role in the world, etc.' She sees herself as another resource for students.  
~ Her role includes the following key areas: Education, Service Learning & Reflective work.  
~ She has started meeting with students, making connections with representatives of some Knox groups.  
~ added a weekly contemplation session  
~ hopes to take students to interfaith leadership conference

#### **Summer Internship at Central Caribbean Marine Institute with Melissa Jaffe '17**

~ Melissa shared the benefits of her coral reef study, using beautiful slides of her experiences.  
~ She learned that several factors contribute to the health of the coral reef such as: erosion, fish habitat, and filters.  
~ She and her team transplanted “coral nurseries” made of PVC pipes on the ocean floor in various locations, calibrating the coral's growth through photos and depth of water readings.  
~ Melissa learned to dive at a very early age with her parents and she hopes to continue on a career path in Marine Biology.

#### **Alumni Engagement Platforms with Eric Johnson, Assoc. Dir. Of Alumni Engagement**

~ Eric joined our Knox team within the past few months, but has hit the ground running.  
~ The Knox Mentoring Program (KAMP) has, in its initial year, grown from 22 to 70+ students with each interested student being paired through Eric's office with an alum who can mentor, help sort out options, provide key contacts, shadow and internship opportunities.  
~ He shared his efforts in exploring mobile app methods of connecting Knox grads and students online via the creation of a mobile alumni directory and mapping tool.  
~ have narrowed it down to Graduway and Evertrue  
~ Within the coming months a decision will be made as to which platform best suits the needs of our students and alumni. Launch is hoped for in the spring or early summer---exciting new ground.  
~ council members were encouraged to send feedback to Eric

Call to adjourn at 4:03 p.m. Tom Bazan moved and Karen MacKenzie seconded.

Mary Myers Fasbender '71  
Alumni Council Secretary