

**Kenyon College Alumni Council Meeting
September 23-24, 2016**

Present: Andie Asimes '13, Jamion Berry '97, Manjul Bhusal Sharma '16, Susie Bloom Hudgins '89 P'18, Conor Dugan '15, Nancy Ellis '72, Frankie Gourrier Jr. '08, James Greenwood '02, David Hanson '87, Veronica Hauad '03, Jody Horak Tyrpak '91, Jack Killen '71, Christian Martinez-Canchola '12, Julie Miller Vick '73 P'12 H'97, Chris Mitchell '91, Melzetta Moody '05, Jen Neubauer '04, Win Sheffield '77, Rick Spinner '63, Cindy Thomas '84

Absent: Jim Carr '62

Staff: Scott R. Baker '94, Alex Compton, Heidi McCrory, Tristan Neviska '13, Jessica Stricker

Guests: Sean Decatur, President, Meredith Bonham '92, Vice President for Student Affairs, Samantha Hughes, Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator and Rebecca Leitman Veidlinger, JD, External Advisor

Friday, September 23

- President Jack Killen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed the group. Introductions followed. Killen gave an overview of the weekend schedule:
 - Alumni Council Goals of the Year
 - Discussion with President Decatur
 - Lunch/Combined Session with Kenyon Fund Executive Committee
 - Sexual Misconduct and Prevention with Meredith Bonham '92, Vice President for
 - Student Affairs, Samantha Hughes, Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator and Rebecca Leitman Veidlinger, JD, External Advisor
 - Nomination of Alumni Trustees
 - College Update with Sean Decatur
 - Committee Sessions
 - February Meeting Preparations
- Killen asked that the spring meeting minutes be amended to include the following:
 - The Alumni Council meeting on Thursday with President Sean Decatur re: Title IX.
 - The selection of new Alumni Council members.
 - The nomination by Frankie Gourrier from the floor for Christian as secretary.

- Conor Dugan made the motion for amendment. The motion was seconded by Susie Bloom Hudgins and approved unanimously by the Council.
- Expectations and requests of Council members:
 - Contribute and participate; be respectful
 - Various committee work
 - Cultivate leadership from the alumni body
 - Goal is 100 percent participation in the Kenyon Fund
- Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement updates
 - New Associate Director of Young Alumni Engagement, Tristan Neviska '13, will be a liaison to Greek Alumni Leadership Council, work with Switchboard, social media, tracking metrics, and young alumni programming.
 - K80s event, Same as it Ever Was 2 welcomed back about 200 alumni
 - Campaign consultant coming this fall to look at the Alumni and Parent Engagement Strategic Plan
 - Switchboard is in its second year
 - 1,600 members
 - Jobs and Housing are most popular categories
 - Goal this year is to get it engrained in student body
 - Recent Affinity Events
 - Adelante 30th Reunion
 - Football Reunion
 - Upcoming Regional Events
 - NYC LCF
 - Meet Sean Decatur in Connecticut
 - Kenyon Institute in NYC
 - Exeter-Kenyon Reunion in NYC
 - Hill to Hill: CSAD Event in Washington, D.C.
- Killen gave an overview of the Council Meeting Agenda
 - General goals for the year
 - Discussion with President Decatur
 - KFEC joint session
 - Discussion on Title IX
 - Alumni Trustee nominations
 - Committee sessions
 - Preparations for February meeting
- Discussion with President Decatur
 - Title IX
 - Audit review process: focus is on 15-16 school year
 - 275 colleges currently being investigated by the Office for Civil Rights for Title IX violations
 - OCR process is very slow

- We are in a good position because we are already gathering info for the purpose of the audit
- Students know it is an important issue
 - Online module this year that first-years had to take
 - Upperclassmen will have to take it before registering for Spring classes
- Construction
 - Middle Path
 - Buckeye Building
 - Phase I of Village Project
 - Black Box Theater
 - English Department: Sunset – preserve traditional feel, but give flexibility with technology. Not approved or funded (in flux), but important
 - Library
- New shuttle system: KAT purple line – free to faculty, staff and students
- New curricular grants
 - Creates pipeline for science students and early research experience (KEEP program)
- Mellon grant for digital storytelling
- Strengthening of spiritual and religious life on campus
- Alumni Trustee nominations
 - Advised on what is on the priorities list:
 - Overall composition of the Alumni Trustees should reflect the gender composition of the alumni
 - Both youth and experience are important
 - Diversity is a priority for board nominations
 - 5-6 names on a ranked list will be helpful
- Joint Meeting with Kenyon Fund Executive Committee. Discussions included:
 - Bell-a-thon
 - Alumni Survey
- Sexual Misconduct and Prevention with Meredith Bonham '92, Vice President for Student Affairs, Samantha Hughes, Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator and Rebecca Leitman Veidlinger, JD, External Advisor
 - Prevention and education
 - Challenge because student body is fluid
 - All parents received email regarding alcohol and making responsible choices; encouraging family discussion before students arrive on campus
 - Campus Clarity course module
 - Alcohol task force formation
 - Peer to peer education
 - All employees doing training as well
 - Audit update

- Rebecca Leitman Veidlinger has been on campus collecting feedback
- Review is covering one year of the new policy put in place
- Outcome will be observation and recommendation report to College
- Alumni Trustee Nominations
 - After discussion, Council nominated six candidates

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Saturday, September 24

- Killen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
 - Short recap of the prior day
- Committee Breakout Sessions
 - Targeted Focus
 - Students need to focus on post-grad plans sooner; focus needs to be broader in what the CDO can offer students
 - Possibility of making career focus be curricular
 - Would a CDO Advisory Committee be useful (including students, parents and alumni)
 - Make use of regional programming
 - How can the committee support the CDO
 - Goals
 - Determine what's going on in career realm
 - Establish regular opportunity for CDO to be in touch with alumni groups
 - Explore ways in which Kenyon experience can be a springboard to the future
 - Regional Activity
 - Holding four conference calls a year
 - Google shared drive for resources
 - Facebook page for communication
 - #kenyoninyourcity and introduction of a regional mascot
 - Three main categories for regional events
 - Continuing Education
 - Social
 - Career/Education panels
 - Increase presence: all major regions host four signature events throughout year:
 - Summer Sendoff Picnic
 - Bell-a-thon
 - Phling in February
 - Middle Path Day

- Communications
 - Deliverables:
 - Briefing Book for Alumni Council
 - Regional Association communication to and from Council
 - Communications portal between Alumni Council and alumni body
 - Be more specific in defining committee's overall plan
- Preparations for February meeting
 - Discussion of alumni awards
 - Prepare bios for senior dinner
 - Council would like more time with students, more time with KFEC
 - Next meeting would like to hear from:
 - President Decatur
 - Update on Title IX audit report
 - Meet with the faculty
 - ODEI
 - CDO

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.