

AAGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Buchner Hall

MINUTES

1:30 pm Welcome, Introductions - Jay Gilman '09, Vice President

- Jay Gilman led the introductions.
- Two handouts – incoming class 2022 and the class of 2018 - great information about each class, statistics, speaking points, etc. Sheet includes information regarding current student enrollment, Goucher history, and timeline of alumnae/i by the numbers as of June 2018.
- Casey is in the need of some job shadow volunteers. This is when students on winter break can spend a few hours with you at your workplace. Consists of first year students to seniors. Please talk to Casey or go online if you are interested.
- Jen and Kara have carved out a seat on the President's Council on Racial Equity. We now have a voice on the committee and a vacant seat that's appointed by the AAGC. If you are interested in serving or know someone who is not formally on the AAGC please let Jay or Jen know. Nicole Johnson, Assistant Dean of Students for Race, Equity, and Identity, is the staff driver of this committee.

Presidential Updates – President Jose Bowen

- The entering class is 42% students of color, more local students, and a record year enrollment.
- We had three record years of enrollment. The bad news is retention is not at the pace it should be. Some of it is due to construction.
- The curriculum change, and C.P.E.'s (Center Pair Exploration Class) is a huge success. One of the main changes on campus.
- Trying to build community with new buildings and new dining hall. Made dorm rooms smaller and the lobbies bigger in order to get the students out of their dorm rooms.
- Dining hall protests over use of meal swipes and that breakfast doesn't open until 8 am. There are 50% more meals than last year being served. Some students don't want to eat with others. Students are eating more meals together. More faculty and staff are eating in Mary Fisher. Clamshells are no longer available. Students can get carry out downstairs.
- Science building will cost \$50M and is a big focus of the campaign. They will break ground in June 2019. This construction will be much less disruptive due to location.
- Will take down Stimson eventually. Will cost \$1M to take down and will be ideally replaced by townhouses for seniors or upper class students.
- One in three applicants for dance actually come to Goucher. One in 20 applicants for science come to Goucher. Which is why we need the new science building.
- Giving more aid to students making Goucher cheaper which means less money coming in.
- Too many courses – inequities in faculty and students. Which is why we needed program prioritization.
- Fewer maintenance staff 56 to 43. More space and fewer people. Can't cut anymore.
- There will be some new replacement programs. We will let AAGC know when this will be announced ahead of time in order for them to be prepared.
- Goucher is staying a liberal arts college. There is still ability to take classes at other colleges
- We will invite Communications staff to a future meeting to learn more about their process and protocol.

Ruth Lenrow '74

- Time is of the essence for the search for the next president or interim president to start by July 1, 2019.
- Campaign is priority and we are half way there.
- Science is the next big project. Existing facility is old.
- One of the best pre-med programs in the country. Goucher has quality.
- Look for more partnership with the AAGC group.

AAGC Trustee Report – Kim Van Newkirk Shaffir '83, P'15

- BOT will begin a process of forming a search committee for a new president in the next few weeks. The search for the new provost will be put on hold so that the new president can hire the new provost.
- First Year Village and Mary Fisher Dining Hall are a great success. Some students do not want to eat together. Grab and go is available downstairs.
- Gateway project still being worked on and developers continue to work with Goucher to move ahead, but due to some changes in the market and developments in Towson they are rethinking the project as to what would best go there. The project is still going forward.
- Will begin tennis courts in March of 2019. Should be done within three months.
- Graduate program growing and expanded with more programs over the next several years. Masters of Digital Arts and Masters of Education can now be done entirely on-line.
- Over the summer faculty were offered the opportunity to take a Voluntary Separation Incentive Program.
- Undaunted campaign at \$47M. Is almost at 50% of goal.

Undaunted Campaign and GGF – Alison Schiller, Carol Roth '70, Hannah Woodson '17

- As of now ten people from the board contributed over \$4K. This time last year 13 people contributed for about this amount. Board is urged to donate. Participation is important not the amount donated.
- Money going to the GGF is being used as soon as it comes in to support students and faculty efforts.
- Six donation priorities are scholarships, facilities, academics, student life, faculty and staff, and social responsibilities.
- Sixty percent of GGF donations are under \$100, fifty percent of gifts are used for scholarships. Next biggest "bucket" is for faculty and staff support.
- Two week micro campaign "Naming Rights For The Rest of Us" – this is an opportunity to put your name on various things on campus such as the volleyball net, pizza flavor, whiteboard, etc. Trying to do different things.
- Goucher Challenge will take place in the spring of 2019.

Admission Liaison - Kimberley Gordy

- 2022 - 432 enrolled students is the third largest enrolled class. The class of 2021 had 420.
- MD enrollment is up 11% from two years ago.
- There are 148 student athletes enrolled in the class of 2022. This is about a third of the class.
- There are 42% students of color, up from 37% last year.
- Sixty percent of all students who attended an admitted student day event enrolled.
- Seventy percent of all students who enrolled attended.

Goucher Student Government – Sam Anderson '21, Noah Block '21

- New GSG leadership is working to rebuild, rebrand, and relaunch student government.
- Wanted to rebuild the constitution to a point where it is functional but not entirely built out due to space and time.

- Last semester starting asking themselves what students need and found that student government needs to be a space that is welcoming and where people feel comfortable.
- Revitalization process - Didn't feel like there was communication and transparency between Senior Staff and students. Felt that the student government was not consulted and would like to try and move toward a more productive solution.
- Try to own the mistakes that student government made.
- GSG is focused on a multitude of student challenges. Bon Appetit treatment of workers that students have seen evolved because of student interest in organizing meal plans, dining access, and the new features and functions of the new dining hall.
- There is a campus-wide committee dedicated to exploring the history of the Goucher lands and the enslaved people who lived and worked the land.
- Feel that it is important that people seek out student opinion and value it.
- Students are looking for transparency and communication with revitalization group and student involvement in decision making.

4:15 pm Wrap Up/Action Items

Jay Gilman '09, Vice President, AAGC

- Nominating Committee is in the process of looking through a list of potential nominees to be a member for the alumnae/i trustee position on the Board of Trustees.

Reminder

Saturday, March 2, 2019, AAGC Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2019, AAGC Annual Meeting (during Alumnae/i Weekend)