

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call

October 7, 2015

Attending the Meeting: Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ivar Jozus, Harris McKee, Robert Conn, Hank Eberhardt, Maynard Wheeler, Jim Baum, Pete Bleyler, Rog McArt, Pete Palin

Absent from the Meeting: Ken DeHaven, John Damon, Dave Prewitt, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian, Mike Murphy, Tom Conger

Invited Guests: None

President, Denny Denniston, called the meeting to order at 1:05PM.

Bob Conn Retirement:

Denny started the meeting by informing everyone that, because of personal issues, Bob Conn regretfully was retiring from the '61 Class Officers Executive Committee, after approximately 40-45 years of dedicated service to the Class of 1961 and to the College. Everyone on the conference call expressed their sincere regrets that Bob was resigning, stating that his contribution to the class over the decades helped to make our class what it has become, namely Class of the Year. All agreed that his input and his enthusiastic efforts will be missed.

Class Directory:

Denny and Harris volunteered to take over the completion of the updated class directory from Bob Conn, with assistance from Bob and other class officers as needed. Bob and Harris will complete the letter to go out to all classmates to update their personal location and contact data and send same to all classmates either by email and/or by regular mail, with a firm date by which to return such completed info to the College. It was hoped that Nyla Arslanian, not available for this conference call, would become involved in this effort by communicating with the '61 Women's Initiative Committee members to push their respective husbands to complete and submit the input data, including the data requested about the spouses.

Class of the Year Citation:

Harris advised that the full citation, already posted on the College website, will very soon be posted on our class website.

55th Reunion:

Jim Baum, 55th Reunion chair, reported that the schedule of activities for the reunion is nearly completed, less the locations and the timing of specific events and specific dollar costs. A letter of intent would be going out to all classmates by the end of October or early November outlining the reunion and requesting classmates to respond with their probable intent to attend. According to Jim, everything regarding the reunion scheduling and communications were proceeding in accordance with the Alumni Office's projected timeline. However, the loss of Jennifer Casey from the Office of Alumni Activities may have some impact going forward if a competent replacement is not selected very soon [Note: Jennifer's replacement has been selected and he has already started.]

Class Mini-Reunions:

Maynard Wheeler, On-Campus Mini-Reunion chair, reported that 42 people, including 25 classmates, attended the mid-October 2015 on-campus mini-reunion, culminating with a successful class dinner on Saturday evening, and that everyone had a great time. After some discussion, it was agreed that we would hold an on-campus mini-reunion during the Fall of 2016, continuing our annual tradition, but that we would not hold a multi-day off-campus mini-reunion during the next 12 months, so as not to dilute the effort required for our on-campus 55th Reunion or the attendance for that major event. However, after further discussion, it was again agreed that we should hold a series of off-campus dinner or luncheon mini-reunions at various locations around the country. This idea will be discussed further at the next conference call in November, with the goal of implementing several such events starting no later than January 2016.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS):

Pete Palin, BTS co-chair for our class, confirmed that he and John Damon, the other co-chair, feel confident that the class would at least achieve its original objective of 55 BTS members by the start of our 55th Reunion in mid-June of 2016. Pete confirmed that, including a few deceased classmate members, there were already 47 confirmed BTS members from our class. A letter from Pete and John had been completed and approved by the College to go out to all class members of our decent sized class executive committee, and that such letter would be mailed out by the Alumni Office within the next few weeks. Denny requested, and Pete agreed to submit prior to the November class officer conference call, a written plan with specific time frames for letters, emails, BTS brochures, etc. to be prepared and sent out to specific class groups and to all classmates in general, and for follow-up telephone calls to follow up on

anyone who has indicated or will indicate an interest in joining the BTS, but who have not followed through within certain specified periods of time.

Robert Frost Statue Renovation:

Vic Rich reported that he and Patti had visited the Frost statue site in September, during COW weekend, and were disappointed to see that none of the promised improvements to the area surrounding the statue had been completed, or even begun, by that date and that the area was not being maintained in an adequate manner. Mike Murphy, Frost statue renovation chair, was out of the country and unable to participate on the conference call, but Denny requested that Vic contact him to make him aware of the currently existing situation.

Frost Statue Art Contest:

Vic Rich, 55th Reunion Project chair along with Pete Bleyler, stated that he had recently been able to finally contact George Lundeen, the sculptor of the Robert Frost statue located on campus, and he agreed "to support" the Frost statue art contest. Vic said that, at George's request, he would send him an email or letter describing the art contest, the objectives to be achieved and potential areas where George could become involved actively or passively.

The next class officers conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

Denny adjourned the meeting at 1:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61, Class Secretary