

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers Conference Call

March 2, 2016

Attending the Meeting: Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Pete Palin, Hank Eberhardt, Rog McArt, Oscar Arslanian, Nyla Arslanian

Absent from the Meeting: Ken DeHaven, Ivar Jozus, Jim Baum, Hop Holmberg, Pete Bleyler, Maynard Wheeler, Mike Murphy, John Damon, Dave Prewitt, Tom Conger

Invited Guests: None

Denny Denniston, class president, called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

55th Reunion:

Since Jim Baum was unable to attend the conference call, Denny reported that Ron Boss had suggested that the "D" Director of Athletics and possibly also the "D" football coach speak to the class during one of its reunion functions, especially since Mike Gazzaniga had notified both the College and the class that, due to unforeseen circumstances, he was not going to be available to speak at or even attend our reunion. Those present on the call thought the suggestion was a good one, especially in light of the recent annual successes and upward trend of the primary as well as non-primary athletic teams at "D".

Once again, the framed Tanzi license plate will be either be auctioned off or raffled off during the reunion to five great classmates, each of whom will retain the framed license plate for a period of one year. Oscar Arslanian will chair the three man committee, along with Vic Rich and Gerry Kaminsky, who will determine how best to accomplish the aforementioned, via either auction or raffle. As in past years, all proceeds received will be donated to the ongoing Class of '61 Legacy for the Performing Arts.

Vic Rich reported on the status of the ongoing Class of 1961 Robert Frost Statue Art Contest, currently ongoing and open to all current "D" students in any one of the four designated areas of studio art. The contest is scheduled to end on April 18th and the panel of judges, chaired by Pete Bleyler and including both artist classmates and members of the studio arts faculty as well as (hopefully) the sculptor of the statue, George Lundeen, will select the winners in each category of studio art and the overall

winner by the end of April. In addition to the winners being announced and stipend awards and framed plaques presented in a ceremony to take place at the School at the end of April or in early May, the winning artistic entries will be placed on display at the Black Family Visual Arts Center through May and June 2016. If feasible, since the school will be between sessions during the period of our reunion, we will attempt to have one or more of the winners return to "D" for a portion of our 55th Reunion and attend the Robert Frost Statue Rededication program scheduled for early evening on Tuesday, June 14th, with the key speakers at the event being George W. Lundeen, sculptor of the Frost Statue at "D" and "D" President, Philip Hanlon '77.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF):

Hank Eberhardt, co-chair, reported on behalf of the '61 DCF Committee that we currently have received \$414k in cash and pledges against our class dollar goal of \$610k, or 68%. With respect to participation, we have achieved 210 donors against our class donor goal of 411, or 51%. Achieving 411 contributors out of a potential current class donor pool of 511 living classmates will enable our class to achieve our proposed reunion participation goal of 80%. Hank also reported that ALL class officers have now made a DCF contribution for fiscal year ending in June 2016. Because of changes within the Alumni Office, Sandy Swain-Bramwell and Pat Crim were now assigned to work with our class regarding DCF and related matters. Denny will be setting up a conference call for next week between the Alumni Office DCF personnel now assigned to our class and the 3-4 key DCF classmates involved with assuring that the class achieves its dollar goal and its participation goal.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS):

Pete Palin, co-chair, reported that there was currently no increase in the number of class BTS members during the current month, but that both he and John Damon (the other co-chair) were still confident that about reaching, and hopefully exceeding, the stated class goal of 55 BTS members by our 55th Reunion. According to Pete, two separate specialized letters have recently been mailed to selected classmates, one to '61 Arts Legacy donors who have given cumulatively over \$1,000 to the fund over the years and the other to the 100 largest cumulative classmate contributors to DFC. In addition, Pete stated that he and John were making personal telephone calls to prospective classmates who have indicated any interest in joining DCF. Pete also indicated that there will be a College reception honoring all BTS members on Tuesday afternoon of reunion.

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC):

Nyla Arslanian, chair, reported that she, Patti Rich and some other female members of her committee will be contacting wives of classmates who have signed up (or will sign up) to attend reunion and those widows who have indicated any interest in remaining involved with the class to let them know about what is specifically being planned for the women who attend the class reunion. Denny recommended that it was equally or even more important at this point in time for WIC to communicate, hopefully personally, with wives of classmates who have not confirmed that they are coming to reunion, concentrating primarily on those 175 wives who have responded to the committee and submitted contact info. Nyla also agreed to send an email or letter to all wives of all classmates.

Off-Campus Micro Mini-Reunions:

During the prior month's class officer conference call/meeting, Denny suggested that the class should attempt to hold a series of mini-reunions or micro mini-reunions off campus around the country prior to our 55th Reunion. These mini/micro mini-reunions should include a lunch or dinner for a few local area classmates, possibly with an event attached to it. Denny believed that this would be a good uncomplicated way to promote the upcoming 55th Reunion and encourage classmates to attend and would also look good in Annual Class Report. At least three class officers (Denny - NYC, Vic - Southeast FL, Oscar - LA) agreed to set up something within the near future. On Feb. 26th, Vic held a lunch and golf outing at the Boca Raton Hotel and Resort Club in Boca Raton, FL, which was attended by Vic, Dave Armstrong, Gerry Kaminsky and Larry Levy.

The next class officer meeting/conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

Denny adjourned the meeting at 1:40 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich '61, Class Secretary