

Minutes

D'61 Class Officers /Executive Committee Teleconference

October 13, 2021

Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Vic Rich, Ron Wybranowski, Harris McKee, Dave Prewitt, Henry Eberhardt, Oscar Arslanian, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, David Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Patti Rich, Mort Lynn, Gim Burton, Hop Holmberg, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Don O'Neill, Pete Bleyler, Bill Collishaw, Al Rozycki, Art Kelton, Jim McElhinney, Tim Grumbacher

Invited Guests: Vince Wilson (attended); Amanda Addington (attended)

Maynard Wheeler, Class President, called the meeting to order at noon (EST).

Maynard requested the approval of the Minutes for the August 11, 2021 and September 8, 2021 class officers/executive committee virtual teleconference meetings, which Minutes were approved unanimously as submitted

Secretary's Report

Vic Rich, Class Secretary, reported that he was in the process of completing the '61 Minutes for the September 8, 2021 class officers/executive committee telecom. However, because of personal issues he has not yet been able to complete the Minutes for the '61 September 8th telecom.

Vic then confirmed that he had completed the plaque write-up for one future recipient of the *D'61 Special Classmate Award* and was in process of completing a second plaque write-up for a second award recipient.

Vic continues to further update the draft version for new *'61 Class and Classmate Awards and Recognitions Archive* booklet for revisions and additions of several new

awards and recognitions conferred upon the Class of 1961 and '61 individual classmates during the current "D" year, beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021.

Finally, Vic received communications from and communicated with several classmates, a few other class secretaries from other "D" classes and various members of the College's administration dealing with alumni matters in general and the Class of '61 in particular.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Wybranowski, Class Treasurer, submitted a written report stating, among other things, that the Class' current cash balances as of October 12, 2021 totaled \$44,984, including \$39,865 in the Class' general checking account and \$5,119 in the Class' 60th Reunion checking account, where invoices primarily from the College are still outstanding.

Ron stated that the first dues letter for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was sent to the Alumni Office in September and is scheduled to be mailed by the College to the members of our class in November 2021. The second dues notice is due to be sent to the College in January 2022, for mailing by the College to classmates in March 2022.

Class dues received to date for the current fiscal year amounted to \$305, all of which came from dues overpayments from the prior year.

Donations to date by the Class of 1961 for the current fiscal year has amounted to \$4,365, including \$2,500 to the Dartmouth athletics program, \$602 to the '61 endowed Performing Arts Legacy and \$1,263 to the more recent endowed Robert Frost Legacy.

Dartmouth College Fund (DCF) Class Report

Harris McKee, co-head agent (along with Henry Eberhardt and Rog McArt) of our Class' DCF efforts, presented the Class' DCF report for the four months of minimal DCF activity for the current fiscal year which began July 1, 2021:

1. As of the current date, neither a dollar goal nor a participation goal has been finalized for the Class' fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. However, a dollar goal of \$261,961 and a participation goal of 72% has been recommended and is being discussed with the '61 class agents, class officers, and class executive committee.

2. Amanda Addington, recently appointed as the '61 DCF liaison Class Manager, appears so far to be an effective DCF liaison. A telecom with her and several key '61s will follow this meeting to finalize the two goals (dollar and participation).

Finally, Henry recently has recommended that the Class consider the class DCF logo for this year to be <'61's 61st>; Vic recommends slightly revising it to <'61s for our 61st>.

D'61 On-Campus and Off-Campus Quarterly Virtual Mini-Reunion Report (Fall 2021)

Pete Bleyler, quarterly Hanover mini-reunion chair, was unable to attend, but Pete submitted a report stating that the mini-reunion will be held for one day on Saturday, November 6th, from 11:30AM – 3:30pm (EST) and will be entirely virtual, via Zoom.

As in the recent past, our upcoming Fall mini will focus on a panel of classmates, with the focus on their “roads travelled and less travelled”. The mini will include two classmate sessions, each with two classmates and a moderator for each session. Doug Zipes, Jerry Greenfield, Robert Tunnell and Chris Bosworth are the classmates scheduled to be speakers. Pete Bleyler and Maynard Wheeler are the moderators. There will also be a panel of two undergraduate students who received financial stipends under the Arts Initiative segment of the endowed Robert Frost class project. Finally, the event will also include a photograph exhibit by Sandy Wheeler, moderated by Ron Wybranowski. Harris reported that 54 classmates, spouses, and widows have already signed up for the mini, which again will be free to all classmates, spouses and widows.

Robert Frost Endowed Class Project

Pete Bleyler, committee chair, was not able to attend the teleconference but Maynard noted that there was nothing significant to report. The dual project, consisting of financial stipends provided to undergraduate students in accordance with the John Sloane Dickey Center/'61 Stephen Bosworth Award and the '61 Arts Legacy, appears to be running smoothly.

Digital Content Manager/Webmaster's Report

Harris McKee, Class Digital Content Manager/Webmaster, reported that he had generated 15 class website updates and 16 iModules emails since the prior telecon. Harris also reported that there had been at least two instances of spouses receiving class emails that their '61 classmate husbands did not receive. After some review,

apparently there were additional classmates who either had or could have similar problems in the future. Harris is exploring the problem with Hanover and seeking a class-wide solution to the problem. In the meantime, Harris has issued an email to all classmates describing how each individual classmate can access his profile in the Alumni Directory and, if necessary, correct the problem unilaterally.

Memorialist's Report

Harris McKee, Class Memorialist, reported that during the past month no additional classmates or spouses of classmates had passed away (at least not so far as he has been informed). However, the class only recently was informed that classmate Bill Kupinse and Gary Manchester had passed away in April and August, 2021 respectively.

Going forward, due to obit reporting changes by the College, Harris and Vic are dealing with the College administration to clarify that Harris is the person in our class to receive reports about deceased classmates.

In addition, Harris notifies the Class Treasurer of the passing of each classmate and classmate spouse so that \$100 can be contributed to the *'61 Performing Arts Legacy* to honor each such person.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Tom Conger, Newsletter Editor, reported that the initial edition of the '61 Class newsletter, *Wide Wide World*, for the current fiscal year was published and distributed to the class on-line on October 11th. As usual, the newsletter was a quality product.

Bartlett Tower Society (BTS) Report

Dave Armstrong, Class BTS co-chair with Al Rozycki, reported that the Class was up by one new BTS member for the current fiscal year and another four are close to or have begun the process of joining.

AL and Dave are still looking to achieve 100% participation from all members of the current class officer and executive committee members, but are still not there yet.

Dave emphasized that a testamentary gift to Dartmouth can be of any fixed dollar amount or fixed percentage of your estate (no minimum amount is required).

Women's Initiative Committee (WIC) Report

Nyla Arslanian and Patti Rich, WIC co-chairs, reported that they were continuing to communicate with the spouses, widows, and significant others of all classmates and the '61 women's sub-committee of 8-10 classmate spouses and widows are actively involved in increasing the level and pace of communication with other classmate spouses and widows. Classmate spouses and widows will be directly involved in promoting our upcoming Fall mini-reunion program.

D'61 Special Classmate Awards Committee Report

Dave Prewitt, chair, reported that the committee, also consisting of Harris McKee, Denny Denniston and Vic Rich, was preparing award plaques to be presented to two classmates during the upcoming Fall mini-reunion in November 2021. Vic is again preparing the inscription for each honoree's plaque.

Class and Classmate Alumni Awards Archive Report

Vic Rich, committee co-chair of this committee with Denny Denniston, reported that this multi-year project was being revised to include significant updated information arising on or after June 30, 2021 and through December 31, 2021, which will include any awards received by the Class of '61 during Dartmouth's VOX weekend in November. The updated and far more complete *'61 Class & Classmate Awards and Recognition Archive* will be included in a separate booklet of about 12 pages to be published and distributed to all classmates during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Alumni Council D'61 Representative Report

Don O'Neill, our class' current representative to the Alumni Council, was unable to attend today's monthly teleconference but submitted a report stating that, this year's semi-annual Alumni Council meeting was being held virtually over portions of several days in October, both before and subsequent to this '61 class officer and class executive committee telecom. Thus far, he has attended his first committee meeting, with the Admissions and Enrollment Committee, where Lee Coffin, the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid and the Vice-Provost of Enrollment, discussed the College's enrollment achievements for the prior fiscal year and areas of interest and concern for the current application year.

- 1- Big push for international students (record enrollment).
- 2- Record number of “first in family to attend college”.
- 3- Record acceptance of students from low-income families.
- 4- Record acceptance of minority applicants, with emphasis on increasing diversity.
- 5- Record total number of applications.
- 6- Brief review of pending effort to “boycott” the Ivy League and other top colleges to abolish (using an alumni donations boycott) any preference for legacies in the decision-making acceptance process. Dartmouth will pay attention to this debate and continue to study.
- 7- Finally, there have been current changes in the “D Plan”, with students no longer required to spend sophomore summer in Hanover.

As a prelude to the meeting, Don has been working on a series of questions and discussion points to address with other members of the Council and possibly also the administration, based primarily on emails and informal discussion among some '61 class officers and some members of the class executive committee, and then integrated into Don's own questionnaire and list of comments.

New Business

Vic again recommended that all of the class officers and members of the class executive committee should read the now readily available *Strategic Master Plan for Dartmouth College*, especially since the controversial and alleged *Strategic Master Plan* is to be referred to by the administration in the upcoming November/December issue of the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*. Vic's conclusion is that this Strategic Master Plan is neither “strategic” nor a “master plan”, for several reasons previously discussed.

The next class officers/executive committee teleconference will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Noon (EST).

Maynard adjourned the meeting at 12:50 PM (EST).

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary

