

## Minutes

### D'61 Special Class Officers/Executive Committee Virtual Teleconference

**April 5, 2022**

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Attending the Meeting: Maynard Wheeler, Denny Denniston, Don O'Neill, Vic Rich, Harris McKee, Tom Conger, Rog McArt, Patti Rich, Al Rozycki, Gim Burton, Glen Gemelli, Jon Sperling, Hop Holmberg

Absent from Meeting: Gerry Kaminsky, Ron Wybranowski, Pete Bleyler, Dave Prewitt, Oscar Arslanian, Henry Eberhardt, Bill Collishaw, Dave Armstrong, Nyla Arslanian, Art Kelton, Mort Lynn, Jim McElhinney

Invited Guests: Amanda Addington (attended); Vince Wilson (unable to attend)

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Maynard Wheeler, Class President, called the meeting to order at 3PM (EDT).

Maynard then reiterated that the purpose of this special virtual meeting was to obtain an update from Don O'Neill and Vic Rich, the two members designated as the '61 liaisons to the Dartmouth Presidential Search Committee, as to what transpired at the two virtual Zoom listening/discussion sessions held to date between the two designated representatives from each of the alumni/ae classes with the two Dartmouth trustee leaders of the Presidential Search Committee and then to discuss what thoughts the '61 class officers and executive committee members had with respect to the process, the content, and the end result of what was expected from the search committee by June 30, 2022, the end of the College's current fiscal year and the effective date of current President Hanlon's resignation.

Vic and Don reported that the meetings, each lasting approximately one hour or so, were moderated by Cheryl Bascomb, Dartmouth's Vice-President for Alumni Affairs. The content of the meetings was based less on the currently existing situation at Dartmouth and what we alumni/ae from the different classes view matters from its perspective and more on the goals and objectives that the that the presidential search committee should be concerned with in seeking a new president for Dartmouth College by June 30, 2023, the date of President Hanlon announced resignation date.

Unfortunately, approximately only 40-43 alumni participated in the second and most recent alumni session with two trustee members of the search committee (Ellie Loughlin '89 and Jeff Crowe '78) and the sole non-trustee alumni member of the search committee (Hilary Johnson '15). The session was congenial, and the panelists appeared willing to listen to the alumni/ae attending the sessions.

Two significant questions brought up by the search committee members attending the March 9<sup>th</sup> session with the alumni attending the session were as follows:

- What are the challenges and opportunities for a new president of Dartmouth?
- What should the search committee look for in a new president of Dartmouth?

Responses to the aforementioned or anything else relating to the work of the search committee should be sent to < [presidential.search@dartmouth.edu](mailto:presidential.search@dartmouth.edu) >

Maynard noted that the two designated alumni from each class will merely be advisory and will not be part of the actual 18-person search committee comprised of Dartmouth trustees, faculty, administrators, some undergraduate and graduate students at Dartmouth, and some alumni (mostly from the existing Board of Trustees).

(Vic noted subsequently that the presidential search committee consists of 18 members: 7 alumni trustee members, 7 members of the faculty from both the undergraduate and graduate schools, 1 non-trustee alumni member, 1 member from the administration, 1 undergraduate school member, 1 graduate/professional school member.)

Attached to this report and an integral part thereof is the *Proposed Selection Criteria for a New President of Dartmouth College (Draft #2)*, which was drafted initially by Vic and Don and subsequently revised and amended based on additions and revisions recommended during the discussions of the special class officers/executive committee virtual teleconference held on April 5, 2022.

Maynard adjourned the meeting at 4 PM (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,  
Vic Rich, '61 Class Secretary

(Enclosure sent separately by Vic is appended below.)

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DRAFT #2

# PROPOSED SELECTION CRITERIA FOR A NEW PRESIDENT OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

## I. "D" ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### A. DEFINE D'S PERCEIVED STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES, BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM:

1. LOCATION

2. SIZE

3. ENVIRONMENT

4. ACADEMIC

5. SOCIOLOGICAL (DORMS, CLUBS, FRATERNITIES/SORORITIES, ETC.)

6. ATHLETIC (INTER-COLLEGIATE AND CLUB)

7. STUDENT/STUDENT INTERACTION

8. STUDENT/FACULTY INTERACTION

9. COLLEGE SPIRIT AND LOYALTY OF D ALUMNI

10. ETC.??

B- DEFINE D'S PERCEIVED PROBLEM AREAS AND PROBLEMS, BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM:

1. LOCATION?

2. SIZE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE?

(D HAS BECOME THE SMALLEST OF THE IVY LEAGUE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS AND IS GETTING PROPORTIONATELY SMALLER EACH YEAR AS THE OTHER IVIES' UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO GROW LARGER EACH YEAR.)

3. LACK OF ADEQUATE STUDENT HOUSING (ESPEC. ON OR VERY NEAR TO CAMPUS).

4. UNCLEAR DEFINITION OF WHAT "D" CURRENTLY "IS" VERSUS WHAT IT "SHOULD BE" IDEALLY (ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL).

5. APPARENT INABILITY TO SELECT THE RIGHT KEY ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AND TO OVERSEE THEIR PERFORMANCE IN ALL APPROPRIATE AREAS.

6. APPARENT INABILITY TO REGULARLY REVIEW THE SUPPORTING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ON A TIMELY BASIS AND TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR POOR DECISIONS AND/OR POOR IMPLEMENTATION

7. ETC.??

II. WHAT ATTRIBUTES SHOULD BE LOOKED FOR IN A NEW "D" PRESIDENT :

1. ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE REVIEWED AND, IF NECESSARY, ADDRESSED ON A TIMELY BASIS.
2. ABILITY TO THINK LONG-TERM AND ACT ACCORDINGLY, INCLUDING FINALLY CREATING A "STRETAGIC MASTER PLAN", WITH INPUT AND PARTICIPATION FROM ALL CONCERNED GROUPS ("D" FACULTY, STUDENTS, ADMINISTATIVE STAFF, ALUMNI) AND REVIEWED BY ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING THE TOWN OF HANOVER) FOR REVIEW BEFORE FINAL RELEASE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
3. ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY AND ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH THE D FACULTY, STUDENTS, ADMINISTRATION, AND ALUMNI.
4. DURING THE SEARCH FOR A NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT, THE SEARCH COMMITTEE SHOULD CONSIDER ASKING ASSORTED QUESTIONS OF EACH APPLICANT, CERTAINLY DURING THE EARLY SEGMENTS OF EACH SEARCH.

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DON O'NEILL,'61 CLASS REPRESENTATIVE TO ALUMNICOUNCIL \*

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