

Dartmouth Alumni COUNCIL



Members of the Class of 1968,

Last month, I attended the Dartmouth Alumni Council's 215th Meeting in Hanover. I wanted to share what I learned and to invite your feedback and questions.

- We were among the first to visit the newly rededicated **Moosilauke Ravine Lodge**. It's spectacular and while we were there, [Professor Don Pease showed up to read *Green Eggs and Ham*](#).
- The Council nominated two **trustee candidates** for alumni-nominated vacancies on Dartmouth's Board of Trustees. They are Jeff Crowe '78 P'08, '10, '15 and Elizabeth (Liz) Cahill Lempres '83, Th '84, and P'11. [Read more.](#)
- President Hanlon recently convened an Enrollment Task Force to explore **increasing the size of the undergraduate student body** by 10 to 25 percent. President Hanlon stressed that no decision has been made. You can [read more](#) and share your comments with enrollment.taskforce@dartmouth.edu or with me.
- President Hanlon and his leadership team outlined a strategic vision based on what makes Dartmouth distinctive – the fusion of a best-in-class undergraduate college and a dynamic research university. With emphasis on liberal arts, the



Video: ["Green Eggs and Ham" and Professor Donald Pease](#)

teacher-scholar model, the sense of place associated with our unique location, and the adventuresome spirit embodied by students and alumni, the strategic plan outlined a path that prepares Dartmouth and its graduates to play a larger role in improving the human condition globally. We learned about communications and fundraising plans to mobilize the community around the vision and plan in 2018. Look for more details this spring.

- The Council feted this year's **Alumni Awards** recipients for their contributions to Dartmouth. Sherri C. Oberg '82, Tu'86 and Arthur M. Kelton '61 were awarded the Alumni Award, and the Young Alumni Distinguished Service Award was given to Kevin C. Hudak '07 and Heiyab F. Tessema '04, Th'05, Th'06. [Read more.](#)
- The Alumni Liaison Committee has recently released its annual report to the Board of Trustees for 2016-2017. The report, which you can [download here](#), details feedback received by the Council over the last year.
- During the meeting, we also discussed progress made on [Moving Dartmouth Forward](#), and learned the College's position on [DACA](#). We were informed of the [investigation of three professors](#) for alleged sexual misconduct. And President Hanlon assured us that although the College is considering the future of the Hanover Country Club, it will continue to fully support its golf program and has no plans to sell the land where the golf course currently sits.

If you'd like more details on any of the above, the full meeting minutes are [available here](#) and you can view photos – including of the new Moosilauke Ravine Lodge [here](#).

Finally, a few additional thoughts:

--What has been done at Moosilauke is truly fabulous. The Lodge is ground-up construction—not a remodel or renovation—and is a wonderful combination of old and new. In addition to looking at the photos, try and visit. It's uniquely Dartmouth.

--The issue of expanding the undergraduate student body pervaded the weekend. As noted above, President Hanlon (and other participating members of the administration and faculty) stressed that the evaluation of the proposition was just beginning and that no decision has been made at this time. I believe this to be correct. However, I sensed a pervasive sentiment from those commenting on the issue that expansion would be a good idea IF all of the logistical and other issues can be dealt with in acceptable matters. In other words, it appears to me that the analysis is not focusing where it should begin—i.e., on “whether,” -- but rather is assuming the answer to that question and is instead focusing on “how.” I personally feel that there may be good reasons for some degree of expansion, but I think that that issue needs to be addressed and resolved before focusing on methodology. This is a huge issue. Make sure you weigh in with your thoughts.

--I've been asked to moderate a panel discussion at our reunion in June on the topic “Diversity of Speech and Thought at Dartmouth in 2018.” Dean Rebecca Biron

and Professor Charlie Wheelan have agreed to be panelists. Although we will structure the panel to allow time for questions, it would be helpful to me if you would send me thoughts and questions you might have in advance so that I can work them into the program.

All the best for the holidays.

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The [Dartmouth Alumni Council](#) is a group of 125 alumni representing the various constituencies within the alumni body (classes, clubs, regions, affiliated groups, et cetera). We serve as a two-way liaison between the College and alumni, carrying your feedback to Dartmouth's leadership and reporting back to you, our constituents, about Dartmouth news and initiatives.

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