

Dartmouth Class of 1968 Executive Committee

Minutes from meeting of August 10, 2019

Dartmouth Alumni Center, Hanover, NH

In attendance in person: Roger Witten, Roger Lenke, Bill Rich, David Walden, Parker Beverage, Mark Waterhouse.

Attending through Zoom: David Peck, Dick Olson, Tom Stonecipher, Peter Hofman, Joe Nathan, Cedric Kam, Robert Ross, Peter Fahey.

- 1 Vice President Roger Witten opened the meeting.
2. Minutes of the May 25 meeting were approved.
3. President Dave Peck, attending through ZOOM, said he has requested that our class be considered for Class of the Year. Peck listed upcoming events including the Tracks concert later that evening (August 10), Homecoming Yale weekend, and the November 9 football game at Yankee Stadium. Bill Rich said there will be a ski reunion in Okemo, Vermont, January 27 to 31, and a western ski reunion in Mammoth (California) February 29 to March 7. Peck said that besides organizing a dinner at Dowds on August 10, John Engelman was also organizing a Dowds dinner after the October 12 meeting.
4. The College is holding its first-ever Volunteer Officer experience (VOX) Conference combining the class officers meeting with club, and group volunteer leaders September 20-21. Our class is allowed 6 participants. So far Parker Beverage, Dave Peck, Roger Witten, and Dave Walden (?) plan to attend leaving two open slots. In addition, Roger Linke will attend. Because of the enlarged size, there is no space for spouses this year for the dinner. We discussed asking Tom Stonecipher, our alumni council representative, to inquire about bringing spouses for other activities.
5. Dave Peck reported the College has settled the sexual assault case.
6. Community Services Project is rolling out alpha and beta testing. They will ask about 60 people to make entries before it is rolled out to the whole class.
7. We discussed Jen Sargent's writing project need for textbooks but decided not to make a decision about funding.
8. David Walden suggested the class draw up a will to express our wishes for any money left over in our treasury. He said class expenditures must have college-related benefits and needs to redound to students. Roger Witten suggested we develop a strategy to spend it down instead, Peter Hofman asked if the class has a mission statement. President Peck said the class mission statement was last updated in 1998 and his goal is to update it. He also said that Article 17 specifies that any remaining money in the class treasury would go to Dartmouth College.

9. The class is spending about 10 to 12 grand a year on expenses but bringing in 24 to 25 thousand dollars in dues and earnings on investments. We discussed whether the class should adjust dues downward (currently \$75 a year) to break even.

10. We discussed Roger Anderson's proposal to fund a bust of Frederick Douglass which he would pay for, but which will be given to the college on behalf of our class. President Peck noted that every potential gift has to be vetted with the college. Walden said the Hood Museum has already signed onto the Douglass bust proposal. The sculptor is waiving his normal fee of \$50,000 to \$75,000. Tom Stonecipher suggested we solicit ideas from classmates about potential projects. Bill Rich said we should consider whether gifts to the college should be funded through the class treasury or by individual gifts. Peter Fahey said we shouldn't get involved in fundraising that competes with official college fundraising. A motion expressing preliminary interest in spending \$10,000 on this project carried.

Motion to adjourn.