

PROPOSED MINUTES; DARTMOUTH CLASS OF 1968 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,  
OCTOBER 9, 2021; BLUNT ALUMNI CENTER, HANOVER, NH

Call to order, 10:05 AM

Attending:

In person: David Peck, President; Roger Witten, Vice-President/GAR Chair; Jack Hopke, Secretary; Jim Lawrie, Treasurer/Webmaster; Norm Silverman, Mini-reunion Chair; Parker Beverage, Head Agent; Ed Heald, Gift Planning Chair; Mark Waterhouse, Newsletter Editor; Ron Weiss; Dick Olson; Peter Wonson; Cedric Kam; Jim Frey; David Walden; Joe Nathan Wright; Linc Eldridge

Via Zoom: Tom Stonecipher, Alumni Council Representative; Roger Anderson; Gerry Bell; Peter Hofman

1. Open: (Skip to agenda item 4a) Freshman trips. Koz (Paul Teppelt) joins from College staff to address Class support. He discusses COVID-environment online student group experiences and in-person day-trips based out of Hanover that replicated elements of the traditional freshman trip. He believes the experiences were successful in meeting goals of having “students (get) to know each other...in small-group, new settings with some shared experiences and some guided facilitation.” Over 92% of incoming students participated. He talks about COVID testing and response practices. Our class gift brings the cost of the program down from \$270-290 per person to \$210 and represents the single largest contributing factor outside of student fees to the budget. It is “incredibly important to our program.” The staff is looking into how to re-create the “lodge experience” for the Class of 2024, and sophomore trips are a consideration. They’re also trying to get more athletes involved.
2. Minutes of July 11, 2021 meeting are approved.
3. Committee/club officer reports
  - A. GAR Awards: Peter W. mentions number of recipient attendees for tonight’s dinner. Roger W. solicits nominations for 2022. Nominations close December 31.
  - B. Head Agent: Parker B. notes that leadership team recommends setting 50% participation goal for Alumni Fund. We exceeded that goal by five donors this year.
  - C. Alumni Council Representative: Tom S. says the alumni affairs committee (which now will have a new name) has put together a “tremendous” website for learning at Dartmouth called “Lifelong Learning.” He has received some comments of concern from class members about the teaching of critical race theory, and has passed them along to the Council. The next meeting will be Tom’s last as Council representative, and we need to come up with someone for the next three years.
  - D. Treasurer/Webmaster: Jim L. states account balances. Blacks at Dartmouth Project=\$5600; Ledyard Bank account=\$21,600 (will move some of this to investment account as dues come in); total investment accounts=\$245,000. Jim reviews expenses and investment income. Website: 500 users in last 90 days, up 37%, due perhaps to online seminars, although bulk is attributed to CSP. The Committee approves a motion to reimburse Jim for roughly \$600 in expenses he’s personally covered involved with website hosting. A motion is approved to increase Class contribution to Dartmouth Athletic Sponsors from \$1000 to \$1200. David P. reminds us that we’re still looking for someone to fill assistant position in Jim’s responsibilities.

E. Newsletter: Mark W. reports that there'll soon be a change in the paper we use, due to supply chain issues. He will no longer include green cards in Newsletter. He encourages electronic receipt of publication.

F. Secretary: Jack H. discusses sending out solicitations for Class Notes content. Jim L. reminds Jack to forward minutes to him for inclusion on website. Jack discusses Hurricane Ida experience.

G. Mini-reunions: Norm Silverman notes how ambitious our reunion plans are and mentions golf on West Coast, ski trips on both coasts. Seven couples are signed up for Hawaii. We were turned down for a collaboration on a Broadway visit. Norm has spoken with Dave Stanley about organizing a West Coast reunion in northern California.

Other: Roger A. has commissioned a cello composition, "The Vox Concerto," that will be performed by the assistant principal cellist of the San Francisco Symphony with the Pioneer Valley Symphony at Smith College on March 19. Ron Weiss will play violin.

#### 4. Class projects:

A. Seminars: David P. reviews Jennifer Sargeant: coming up are Tom Couser, Clark Wadlow, post-World Series baseball entry.

B. Blacks at Dartmouth: David W. mentions specific elements of Rauner exhibit (posters, display cases, etc.) and probable time of Douglass bust dedication. He solicits submission of names of prospective invitees.

C. Community Service Project: Peter W. cites new feature on website that allows participants to update their entries. Entries have increased from 76 to 85 in last two months; there are 29 classmates and spouses who have agreed to do an entry; and another 8 are considering. There are 26 classmates with "viewer only" status.

D. Fanfare commissioning: Cedric K. says the College hired a brass quintet to provide commencement music, and it will cost us an additional \$1000 to score the music for that ensemble.. The piece will be entitled "Academic Fanfare & Processional," so as not to limit its appeal strictly to Dartmouth. (The second line of the title will read something like "Commissioned by the Dartmouth College Class of 1968 for the Class of 1879 trumpeters at Commencement.") With changes to commencement, our other fanfare commissionings are questionable. Cedric suggests the remaining funds go to the support of student music activities. A motion is carried to remove our funding of further fanfare commissioning and spend the money for another music-related purpose.

E. Additional projects: David P. solicits suggestions for other projects the class might initiate. He suggests the committee start thinking about planning for the Class's 55<sup>th</sup> reunion.

F. State of the College: David P. mentions hearing a report about Dartmouth getting out of oil. David W. mentions the College president's program of taking a student for a walk.

5. Next meeting set for January 29, 2022, 10 AM EST

6. Meeting is adjourned at 11:45 AM.