



**Thursday, October 1, 2020, 6 –8 p.m.
Salus University Virtual Alumni Association Board Meeting
Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions – Amanda M. Marchegiani, AuD '10
2. Alumni Association President's Updates – Amanda M. Marchegiani, AuD '10
 - a. Changes in board leadership
 - i. Alta Fried will be stepping down as Vice President and will continue on the board as a director
 - b. Fall Graduation: October 13, 2020 (virtual)
 - c. Virtual Learning Grants Formerly Student Travel Grants
 - i. Virtual learning grants are replacing travel grants for FY21 due to the University's travel restrictions
 - ii. Learning grants will cover registration costs ONLY for variety of learning opportunities for students
 - d. Alumni Board Directory
 - i. Submit your preferred contact information to Olivia via the google form emailed out to the board.
 - a. Committee Organization: See the below chart for updated committee placements. If you have NOT responded with your committee preferences, contact Olivia ASAP (215.789.1392)

Committee Name	Chair	Members
Awards	Kurt Moody	Caitlin Raymond, Karen Heaney
Bylaws	Bob Owens	Amanda Marchegiani, Andy Lau
Finance	Bob Owens	Blaine Littlefield, Jason Hales
Nominating	David Friess	Merle Silverbrook, John Dziadul
Reunion/Special Events	Seeking Chair	Nina Buckley-Ess, Bridget Turnbach, Zachary Saunders
Student Relations	Rita Chaiken	Bob Rosenberg, Caitlin Clompus Anderson, Dennis Lyons, John Collini, Mahsa Salehi

2. Approval of Minutes from 7/12/20 – Bob Owens, OD '80, FAAO
 - a. Motion to approve: Rita Chaiken
 - b. 2nd: Amanda Marchegiani
 - c. All in favor
3. Committee Updates

- a. Awards Committee
 - i. Virtual Awards Ceremony “video” on November 13, 2020. Amanda Marchegiani will be introducing awardees.
 - ii. Awardees:
 - 1. Brandi Burns, MMS ‘16, PA-C: Physician Assistant Alumna of the Year
 - 2. Andrew Gurwood, OD ‘89, FAAO, Resident ‘90: Albert Fitch Memorial Alumnus of the Year
 - 3. Faye Miller, O&M ‘14: Blindness and Low Vision Studies Alumna of the Year
 - 4. Kathryn Dowd, AuD ‘08: Audiology Alumna of the Year Award
 - 5. Alta R. Fried, MSOT ‘14: Occupational Therapy Alumna of the Year Award
 - 6. Vittorio Mena, OD ‘14: Public Service Award
 - 7. Bhawan K. Minhas, OD, FAAO, Resident ‘13: Distinguished Service Award
- b. Nominating Committee – No updates
- c. Finance Committee – Bob Owens, OD ‘80, FAAO
 - i. Treasurer’s Report – Bob Owens, OD ‘80, FAAO
 - 1. Balance as of August 31, 2020: \$62, 876.23
 - 2. Revenue
 - a. 3 gifts: \$2,850.00
 - b. Liberty Mutual alumni insurance program: \$1,089.39
 - i. QUESTION: Is this on trend with what we previously received/what was predicted to come from this partnership?
 - ii. We will look into the partnership details and report back at the next board meeting.
 - 3. Expenditure
 - a. 16 Travel grants approved and funded in FY20: \$4,074.99
 - b. 8 grants approved but not funded due to COVID totaling \$2,200.00
 - c. 1 Travel grant approved in FY19 but paid in FY20: \$275
 - 4. Upcoming Expenditure & Revenue not included in the report:
 - a. Incoming pledge: \$2,500 from Dr. Blaine Littlefield
 - b. Pledge payment: \$10,000 to Centennial Campaign
 - 5. Motion to approve: Rita Chaiken
 - a. 2nd: Jason Hales
 - b. All in favor
 - ii. Travel Grant Report
 - 1. Student Travel Grants pivoted to Virtual Learning Grants due to COVID
 - 2. 6 students applied for assistance to cover registration fees on virtual learning opportunities
 - 3. Total funding requested: \$729 – traditionally \$3,000 is distributed each session
 - iii. Motion to have rolling admissions and to carry over remaining funds to next session:
 - 1. Motion to approve: Rita Chaiken
 - 2. 2nd: Amanda Marchegiani
 - 3. All in favor
- d. Bylaws Committee – Amanda M. Marchegiani, AuD ‘10
 - i. Review of current bylaws & suggested amendments as pictured/stated below:

1. Removing *representatives to college advisory board* as this does not apply
 2. Adding that students will receive a pin in addition to a certificate at graduation
 3. Rename Section 10 and clarify class representatives
 - a. **Current:** Advisory Board of Class Representatives
 - b. **Proposed:** Change name to Student Representation at Alumni Board Meetings. One student representative from the each of the colleges appointed by the President of Student Council shall be invited to the Alumni Association meetings.
- e. Motion to approve revisions: Jason Hales
- i. 2nd: David Friess
 - ii. All in favor

Topic	Current	Proposed Change
Executive Committee (EC) Term Limits	The President is elected for a one (1) year term and may serve two (2) consecutive terms. The other officers are elected annually with no restrictions on the number of terms.	Each position is a one-year term. An individual must be a director for at least two years before joining the EC.
Executive Committee	President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.	President, President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Immediate Past President
Director Term Limits	Directors are elected to a one-year term and serving no more than 6 consecutive years.	Directors are elected to two-year term and serving no more than 8 years total.
Board Service	Attend or participate in at least 2 board meetings or association activities.	No change.
Number of Directors	15	21

- f. Special Events & Reunions– Amanda M. Marchegiani, AuD '10
- i. **Committee chair needed: Contact Olivia if interested**
 - ii. Purpose: This committee shall plan and implement the Annual Alumni Reunion, with assistance of the Office of Alumni Relations. It will also serve as an advisory committee with regard to other alumni events.
 - iii. Goal: Advise the alumni office on planning and implementation of reunion celebrations, alumni receptions and Annual Meeting.
- g. Student Relations – Rita R. Chaiken, AuD '03
- i. Student relations committee is working with Student Council to have more face time with students and to recruit student representatives to attend alumni board meetings
 - ii. Looking at ways to better showcase alumni benefits to students and alums throughout the year
- h. Student Relations – Jacquie Patterson

- i. OD Private Practice Symposium (virtual) to be held November 12th
 - ii. Audiology Mentor MatchUp program beginning to provide mentorship opportunities to audiology students
 - 4. University Update – Michael Mittelman, OD '80, MPH, MBA, FAAO, FACHE
 - a. Response to COVID-19
 - i. Summer
 - 1. Classes offered synchronously and asynchronously online, including clinical education through simulation (per accreditation guidelines)
 - 2. Limited in person laboratories and clinical education
 - 3. Make up of missed spring laboratory/clinical instruction
 - ii. Fall
 - 1. Alternative modalities continued with increased in-person instruction
 - a. 1st year classes
 - b. Labs
 - c. Clinics and clinical rotations
 - iii. Accrediting agencies – contacted by all programs during the transition to online learning
 - iv. Covid-19 testing through Jefferson Health's JeffConnect
 - v. White Coat & Fall Commencement ceremonies – Virtual
 - b. Current State of Play
 - i. Fall enrollment at 1,250
 - 1. Ahead of initial projections
 - ii. Actively following new cycle for admissions
 - c. New Hires
 - i. Dr. James Konopack – Dean of College of Health Sciences, Education and Rehabilitation
 - ii. Dr. Juliana Mosley – Special Assistant for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - d. Academics
 - i. College of Health Science, Education and Rehabilitation
 - 1. Hired the inaugural dean, Dr. James Konopack
 - ii. Biomedicine
 - 1. One student to graduate in October 2020
 - iii. Blindness & Low Vision Studies (BLVS)
 - 1. Received \$25,000 grant from Northeast Penna. Lions Service Foundation
 - iv. Occupational Therapy
 - 1. Developed inter-professional (OT & SLP) support program for local YMCAs
 - v. Physician Assistant
 - 1. Procurement of clinical sites – critical priority
 - vi. Post-Baccalaureate Program
 - 1. 12 out of 13 completed the inaugural program
 - vii. Speech-Language Pathology (SLP)
 - 1. Robert Serianni received ASHA award for Continuing Education
 - 2. Revised admission requirements for 2020-2021 cycle (see page 29 board book)
 - viii. Osborne College of Audiology
 - 1. AuD bridge program: Largest cohort @ 36 students for the fall of 2020
 - 2. Inaugural three year program
 - ix. Pennsylvania College of Optometry
 - 1. Third years – NBEO part III
 - x. Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

1. \$75K grant approved by EyeSafe – teaming with Dell Computer on blue light filtering screens
- xi. Department of International & Continuing Education
 1. Rangsit University (Thailand) signed 4-year agreement (Spring 2021)
 2. Hadassah College secured a grant to continue collaboration with Salus
 3. Virtual Grand rounds continue twice/month
- xii. Interprofessional Education
 1. Continued collaboration with LaSalle University, School of Nursing & Health Science
 2. Augmenting Real World Diabetes program with a virtual component
- xiii. MS in Orthotics & Prosthetics Update
 1. RACP application submitted
 2. Working on preliminary architectural plans
- xiv. MSCHE Accreditation Update
 1. Self-study pushed to Fall, 2021 from Spring, 2021
- e. Advocacy, Collaboration & Education
 - i. Optometric Scope of Practice bill passed in House Licensure committee
 - ii. Pennsylvania Legislature
 1. Continued lobbying for line item
 2. Work on optometric education loan forgiveness
 - a. Currently in-House Education Committee
 - iii. Continued work with Montgomery County IRT COVID response
 - iv. Partnership with Greater Philadelphia YMCA
 1. Looking Out for Kids
 2. Occupational Therapy
 - v. Exploring similar partnership with Bucks County YMCA
- f. PA Modernization Project: 4th Floor
- g. Dates to Remember
 - i. Virtual Fall Commencement: 13 October at 2PM
 - ii. Giving Week: 5 - 9 October
 - iii. Spring Commencement: 27 May 2021
5. IA Update – Jacquie Patterson
 - a. Centennial Campaign Update: We reached our goal- thank you!!
 - b. Thank you to the Alumni Association for their generous pledge!
6. Alumni Affairs Update – Olivia Sweger
 - a. Alumni Updates
 - i. In response to COVID19:
 1. Fall and Spring 2020 graduates received Alumni Association tote, mask, and pin
 2. Alumni website redesign: salus.edu/alumni
 - ii. Free/Discounted CE for alums
 1. 17 free continuing education opportunities added to CE calendar over the last 6 months with over 4,100 total participants
 - iii. Rebranding of Travel Grants to support students in their virtual learning ventures
 - b. Events – Olivia Sweger
 - i. Giving Week – October 5-9, 2020
 - ii. Fight Like a Goerl 5K – November 1, 2020
 1. Student-led virtual 5K supporting a 4th year OD student battling stage 4 lung cancer
 2. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fight-like-a-goerl>
 - iii. Virtual Awards Ceremony – November 13, 2020
 - iv. Giving Day – December 1, 2020

- v. LOFK – May 1, 2021
- vi. Spring Graduation – Thursday, May 27, 2021
- vii. Alumni Weekend - June 2021
 - 1. Annual Meeting - Elmwood Park Zoo
 - 2. Reunions 0s and 5s, 1s and 6s
- 7. Other Business?
 - a. None
- 8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm.
- 9. Next meeting: January 2021, TBA

Thank you for joining us!