

## October 3, 2014

### Westchester Administrative Staff Council Meeting

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The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M.

#### **Guest Speaker: Jennifer Bernstein, VP Development and Alumni Relations**

The fundraising campaign for Pleasantville is demonstrating early success. Historically, Pleasantville did not have dedicated fundraising initiatives in place. This year the department launched a campaign to target Pleasantville fundraising by bringing the alumni community into the mix. In addition to alumni, our current parents have also become an integral part of building alumni relations thanks to the efforts of Carol Turco.

- Anne Bishop has been hired as the dedicated PLV Major Gift Officer, she comes to us from Teatown Lake Preservation
- The President's Council, Westchester has been established. Robert Tucker, Law School alumnus, is chairing the committee.

#### Fundraising Progress to Date:

- 5 Alumni Hall Rooms
- 1 Classroom

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Gift</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Mr. James Fernandez '78	\$541,440	Kessel Dining Hall
Mr. Donald Boudreau '70*	\$250,000	Kessel Student Lounge
Mrs. Peter X. Finnerty	\$100,000	Finnerty Baseball Field
Mr. Harvey Stein	\$100,000	Multipurpose Classroom, Alumni Hall
Other Gifts including Alumni Hall	\$343,359	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,334,799</b>	

<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	<b>\$1,584,799</b>	
*Verbal commitment only		

Pleasantville Alumni Relations Activities:

- **Athletics Groundbreaking Ceremony:** Thursday October 9, 10:30am
- **Westchester Homecoming:** Thursday October 9- Saturday October 11
- **Second Annual Faces of Pace Dinner:** Saturday, October 11 at 6:00pm
- **Pleasantville Reunion:** Thursday, April 23- Saturday April 25

In an effort to offer distinct experiences for the Pleasantville community we will have Joe Ianniello, COO of CBS, a Pace athletics' alumnus, on campus November 12 to meet with students. *Q: How often are fundraising materials sent out?* There are a few campaigns over the course of the year, including the Staff/Faculty Campaign and the Pace Race. If you do not want to receive any requests, let DEVAR know.

**Guest Speaker: Bill Link, University Director Physical Plant**

Other than the Master Plan, major investments are being made in academic spaces:

- CHP Simulation Labs in Lienhard Hall
- Upgraded the Electronic Classrooms in Mortola Library
- New Sound Studio for Media Arts and Communications in Willcox Hall
- Renovated the Art Barn to move the sculpture studio to the building from Paton House
- Moving Media Arts and Communication to the third floor of Willcox Hall
- Building a new 150 seat lecture hall with adjoining multipurpose space
- Converting Miller Lecture Hall to 3 general purpose classrooms
- Ongoing restroom renovation program

Project Updates:

- Space has been dedicated in Mortola Library for a Student Enterprise Pace Mart
- A general purpose classroom in Paton House has been completed
- Choate Pond renovations
- Alumni Hall Foundation
- Hawk Barn – Environmental Center Complex

Phase 1A Components

- New Student Housing – Building A&B
- Kessel Student Center Expansion and Renovation – East Side
- New Field House (groundbreaking – October 9, 2014) and Fields
- Relocation of Environmental Center
- Central Campus Roadways and Infrastructure

These elements allow for the transition from Briarcliff. Just this week there was some interest in the Briarcliff property.

Q. *What happened to the wildlife in the pond?* Wildlife was protected.

Q. *There was an article in the local paper stating that the size of the new field house was being reduced, is this so?* Yes, we came in over budget, so we reduced the size; however, the building will be addition ready, so that we can expand down the line. The old field house will remain; the new field house will be behind Choate House on the lower level.

Q. *Has office space for Briarcliff offices been arranged?* Cannot comment to Briarcliff relocations at this time.

#### **Guest Speaker: Cara Cea, Associate Director Media Relations**

The 2015 Strategic Plan Committee is comprised of the President, Provost, Vice Presidents, Deans and representatives from faculty and staff councils. There will be monthly meetings throughout the academic year. Cara will update us at our WASC meetings.

The committee has met once, in September. An outside consultant guided the meeting and facilitated the group to work on clarity and surfacing achievable goals for the plan.

There is an internal public Blackboard site: *2015 Strategic Plan*, for you to access, if you are interested in the tracking the progress. The plan is targeted to be completed by the end of the academic year.

If you have any questions, please contact Cara at [ccea@pace.edu](mailto:ccea@pace.edu) <sup>[1]</sup>

#### **Jonah Safris, Chair - Service Committee**

If there are any interests or ideas for service projects please contact Jonah at [jsafris@pace.edu](mailto:jsafris@pace.edu) <sup>[2]</sup>

Goal for this semester: food and toy drives.

Ideas from the floor:

- Student Development and Student Activities - Pace Makes a Difference Day
- P4K
- Successful Learning Center: Organization dedicated to give a college experience to developmentally disabled adults. There is a dance on November 7, 2014, if anyone is interested in volunteering or attending.
- Center for Community Outreach
- Community Food Banks
- University Relay for Life
- Pace Cares Fund for students in financial crisis
- Midnight Runs

Q. *Are there any guidelines for projects?* No, all initiatives must be service oriented.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- May 2014 meeting minutes will be ready by the end of the month
- Treasurer's Report: Beginning budget: \$ 5,800. \$292.60 has been allocated for monthly coffee & tea. Balance: \$5507.40, this amount is dedicated to the staff picnic.
- Faculty Council representative, we will have a report next month
- Annual Staff Picnic: Happily, Anna Fishman will Chair the 2015 Staff Picnic Committee. The date is Wednesday, June 10, 2015. An idea surfaced from the post 2014 picnic meeting to improve WASC meeting attendance we will provide an extra raffle ticket to meeting attendees. Please e-mail Anna at [afishman@pace.edu](mailto:afishman@pace.edu) <sup>[3]</sup> if you have any ideas or questions.

#### **Announcements:**

- President and Provost Welcome Back Reception: Thursday, October 9, 3:25 P.M. in Willcox Gym, RSVP to [specialevents@pace.edu](mailto:specialevents@pace.edu) [4]

### **New Business:**

Rosemary Mulry - Lee National Denim Day: Fundraiser created to support the American Cancer Society and their breast cancer programs and services. We surpassed our goals from last year.

### Employee Award/Service Recognition Ceremonies

- November 6, - Law School
- November 13, - New York City Campus
- November 20, - Briarcliff Campus

Kathi Reczek- Flu Shot... please sign up ASAP, free for Cigna participants, \$20. for non-Cigna participants

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa M. Faillace

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