

Neosho County Community College

Alumni Association

Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2023

Members Present: Sarah Cadwallader (Z), Melissa Churning (Z), Emma Hole (Z), Dr. Alexander Mih (Z), Craig Reaves, Sharon Reaves, and Alexandria Moerlien (Administrative Assistant to the Director of Development & Alumni Relations) (Z) = Joined via ZOOM

Members Absent: None

Guest: Sandi Solander (Interim Director of Development & Alumni Relations)

Call to Order

The quarterly meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. by President Melissa Churning by Zoon in Room 213 of the NCCC Student Union, Chanute Campus.

Approval of Agenda

Passed over.

Minutes

Melissa Churning gave a quick summary of the regular quarterly meeting held on November 5, 2022 and the special meeting held December 5, 2022. Sarah Cadwallader moved and Dr. Alexander Mih seconded that the minutes from the November 5, 2022 and December 5, 2022 be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. **2023 Heritage Family – Hole Family**

- A. the Board discussed and consulted the Panther basketball schedule to find a date to hold the ceremony to honor the Hole Family as the 2023 Panther Heritage Family. Emma Hole moved and Dr. Alexander Mih seconded that the ceremony to honor the Hole Family as the 2023 Panther Heritage Family be February 18, 2023 at the NCCC vs. Allen County Community College. Motion carried. The ceremony will be during the halftime of the women's game. The Hole Family will also be celebrated before the ceremony by having a meal at 1:00 p.m. at the Panther Club before the games.
- B. Alexandria Moerlien will order the 2023 Panther Heritage award and flowers.
- C. Alexandria Moerlien will ensure a photographer is on hand for the Panther Heritage Family ceremony.

Finance Report

The finance report was inadvertently skipped so was reported at this time during the meeting and then the meeting continued with Old Business. Sarah Cadwallader went over the expenditures since the last meeting. Dr. Alexander Mih moved and Emma Hole seconded that the finance report be approved. Motion Carried.

2. **2023 Distinguished Alumni – Dr. Joseph Casey**

Dr. Joseph Casey has been sent a letter about being selected the 2023 Distinguished Alumni, but a reply confirming his acceptance of the honor has not been received at this time. If Dr. Joseph Casey accepts the honor Dr. Brian Inbody will also award an honorary degree from Neosho County Community College to Dr. Joseph Casey as he attended NCCC but did not graduate. Graduation from NCCC is normally a prerequisite to be named the

Distinguished Alumni but everyone felt he was such an outstanding candidate otherwise that an exception should be made.

A. NCCC commencement is scheduled for May 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

B. Plaques honoring the Distinguished Alumni will be ordered when acceptance of the award is confirmed.

New Business

1. **Foundation Board Meeting February 8, 2023**

A. Members to present on the Alumni Association's budget in order to operate

The Board discussed who might go to the Foundation Board meeting and what they would present to the Foundation Board. Some discussion of the past concerns about how the Alumni Association is currently funded and how it was previously funded was discussed. Members of the Board were either unable to be physically present for the Foundation Board meeting or were disinclined to go. Some members were willing to present by Zoom if that was an option. After discussion it was decided to wait until the May Alumni Association meeting when more information may be available and the situation clearer and then maybe present something at the May Foundation Board meeting.

2. **Luggage Tags for Graduation**

Dr. Alexander Mih moved and Emma Hole seconded that the Alumni Association buy luggage tags for graduates. Motion Carried. Alexander Moerlien will email the Board when the luggage tags are purchased and the cost.

3. **Emma Hole – Idea for promoting NCCC and fundraising ideas**

Emma Hole shared with the Board some ideas to promote the college. One suggestion to promote the college and act as a fundraiser for the Alumni Association was to sell some type of Panther statue similar to the Gorilla that Pittsburg State University has and businesses and individuals could buy and display them to show their pride in NCCC.

Another idea given was to do activities during homecoming similar to Pittsburg State's "Paint the Town Red" activities and do them downtown to get the community involved.

Upcoming

1. The All Alumni Class Reunion will be Friday, September 29, 2023

Sharon Reaves moved and Craig Reaves seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting will be May 6, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Reaves, Secretary