



**MINUTES (corrected)**  
**Alumni Society Board of Governors**  
**May 10, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting**

Present:

Ademola Adeosun, Class of 2023  
Rik Austin, MD  
Austin Beason, MD  
Careyana Brenham, MD  
Erik Constance, MD  
Mary Jo Davies  
Nicole Florence, MD  
Jason Gillihan, MD  
Jacqueline Harris, MD  
Jesse Hsieh, MD  
Sean Hollonbeck, MD  
Robert Juranek, MD  
Jerry Kruse, MD, MSPH  
Joey Maiocco, Class of 2024  
Elizabeth Montgomery Collins, MD  
Breck Jones, MD

Kate Moore  
Madison Nelson, LSP Class of 2024  
Steve Raben, MD  
Susan Reeder, MD  
Julie Robbs, MA  
Rukmini Roy, Class of 2021  
Mark Schmelzel, MD  
David Skillrud, MD  
Hal Smith  
Stephen Soltys, MD  
Christine Todd, MD  
Elek Wellman, Class of 2022  
Tabatha Wells, MD  
Lisa Wichterman, MD  
Matt Winkleman, MD

Absent:

Wendi El-Amin, MD

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Winkleman opened the meeting by welcoming new members Dr. Stephen Soltys '80, Dr. Nicole Florence '96 and Lincoln Scholar Program student rep, Ms. Madelyn Nelson (Class of 2024).

**2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 virtual meeting were approved.

**3. DEAN'S UPDATE**

Dr. Kruse presented on the following:

- Kudos to all of the students for their work this year
- USMLE Step 2 – great performance this year and 31% higher than their MCAT scores; 100% pass

- Patient care doing very well but not quite at normal clinics yet
- Service to community – pandemic health working
- New Alton family medicine residency matched all 6 spots
- Expansion of SIU president office and various new programs/offices
- Proud of everyone’s collaboration and kindness during this pandemic
- PA program has a Doctor of Medical Science
- In central Illinois, 47% of population is vaccinated

#### **4. OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Dr. Constance provided the following update:

- Year 1 students got together as a whole group last week
- Year 2 students start clerkships on July 6
- Year 3 students are in their selective period to experience activities they didn’t see in clerkships
- Year 4 are close to May 22 outdoor graduation and can have up to four guests; will be on Facebook live

#### **5. ALUMNI ACTIVITIES & FEEDBACK ON EVENTS**

Ms. Robbs provided a brief written report with the agenda material and summarized the activities the alumni office has been involved with recently:

- Virtual events held as of May 2021 and future events planned, noting that a hybrid of virtual and in-person events will be planned for 2021/2022 pending the COVID-19 regulations. The alumni office will continue to work with the Wellness Committee, the Dean’s office, and the virtual event feedback for future planning;
- HOSTS report from the MS4s virtual residency interviews/connections with alumni this year;
- Class of ’76 in-person reunion October 1-2;
- Reunion 2022 dates are June 24-25;
- Carbondale area alumni/student lunches/dinners were held May 2-8, 2021;
- Constant student and alumni cultivation and engagement, especially during the pandemic;
- Quarterly e-newsletter and alumni updates for the triannual Aspects;
- Reunion packages distributed to seventeen 2020 & 2021 reunion classes, and student study snack bags from Alumni Society to boost morale;
- New SIU SOM webpage including revised alumni webpages providing easy accessibility, similar to an app;
- New alumni/donor database involving much conversion work;
- Alumni Board of Governors support;
- First year of the expanded alumni awards and working with Ace Signs on the Bohn/Nielsen lobby alumni award display;
- Ms. Fowler, the office manager, recently moved to another department and we will be hiring a replacement.

#### **6. STUDENT RESPONSES PERTAINING TO THEIR CLASS**

Dr. Winkleman asked the student class presidents/ reps to respond to “*What is one thing the alumni can do to better support and encourage the students of SIU SOM?*” for the meeting. How we currently serve students: <http://www.siumed.edu/alumni-affairs/how-we-serve-students.html> and <http://www.siumed.edu/alumni-affairs/hosts-program.html>

- Ms. Nelson appreciates that the alumni board is including the LSP students and hopes that will continue.

- Mr. Maiocco noted that more sharing of specialty talks are needed for the Carbondale students.
- Mr. Adeoshun suggested implementing a “welcome gift” to give MS1s transitioning to Springfield as MS2s which might be a good submission for the Student Resource Fund.
- Mr. Wellman inquired if interviews will be virtual or in-person for 2021/2022; Dr. Constance will keep students updated as we learn more. He also asked if a pathway could be set up for MS3/MS4s to be involved in interesting clinical cases, and also exploring alumni who might want to assist/provide expertise to students with case reports [Since this meeting, Ms. Robbs connected with Drs. Daniels, Constance, Winkleman and Austin per the student suggestions; Dr. Daniels has formed a group to see that this progresses with alumni, students and the Carbondale faculty.]
- Ms. Roy inquired if alumni might be interested in joining some of the marginalized student interest group events. Ms. Robbs noted that Dr. El-Amin’s office would need to let the alumni office know of these events in a timely fashion so that these events could be announced in the communication to the alumni in their newsletters. She will reach out to the Diversity office and ask that they provide notification.

## 7. STUDENT RESOURCE FUND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Wichterman, chair of the student resource fund committee, reported that the purpose of the Fund is to enhance the student experience by funding educational and social needs that cannot be met through other funding sources. She updated the Board on the status of the Fund including current balances and expenditures. The board recommended funding for the following requests:

YMCA - Membership for 1 year contract including family members in household (1/1/22 – 12/31/22) (prorated \$4068.75 from 2021 reduced fees due to COVID-19)	\$12,694.25
Subsidy for Student Winter Ball 2022	\$5,000.00
Class 2023 appreciation events for exam week of ERG unit	\$2,000.00
MS4 microsurgery elective equipment	\$1,938.00
MS1 sports equipment and volunteering activities to be maintained/checked out through Assistant Dean’s office in Cdale	\$580.29

Dr. Wichterman also noted that since the 2021 Winter Ball is canceled, there is the possibility to utilize part of the \$5000 allocated for the ball. The Board previously approved \$1500 emergency money for the committee to use at its discretion. The executive officers approved had approved \$1,035 to use for funding the “study snack bags” for all students (\$3.51 per student) to boost morale. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations as presented funding a total of \$22,212.54.**

## 8. PHYSICIAN WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Dr. Wichterman shared the virtual events that have occurred this year along with the feedback which assists in further planning. Plans are to continue the student/alumni dinners in Springfield and Carbondale next year. She also noted that she and Ms. Robbs traveled to Quincy area for Dr. Daniels’ student elective "Professional and Personal Development Made Ridiculously Easy" with fourth year students in April. She found it valuable for the students and an experience that they will never forget and carry lessons throughout life. Alumni may enjoy participating in portions of this experience and the committee may discuss how to expand this in Springfield.

## 9. ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Dr. Austin reported that Dr. Winkelman as board president was included on a letter to the Illinois General Assembly with the other 11 Illinois public universities for support for IL higher education in February. Dr. Austin noted that we have been slow to get this off the ground as we need to establish

rules and regulations that must be abided by in conjunction with the SIU System. It was suggested to add an 'advocacy corner' on our alumni webpage and also an advocacy listserv and ask our alumni if they would like to be included as an affinity group. The objective is to be able to reach out to interested alumni who would be willing to advocate.

#### **10. FOUNDATION UPDATE Q & A**

Mr. Smith thanked board members for their support and reported on the items included in the Foundation packet (attached to minutes):

- The AAMC 2018 report revealed that schools of medicine (public/state) across the country give at 8%; he would like to increase that number with SIU SOM donors.
- Philanthropy across the board is down but there have been significant gifts; large donation to Alzheimer's; \$1M endowed gift from alumni; \$800K trust for treatment of osteoporosis & arthritis research; \$450K nurse/family partnership; \$250K named visiting professorship for division of dermatology.
- SIU-C is at 72% of goal of \$21,000,000 for Forever Forward SIU campaign.
- Provided current and future goals, one of which is to focus on smaller gifts as every donation counts. He asked members that if anyone would like to write a letter to his/her class, he would be happy to work with the member. Drs. Winkleman (for '02), Florence & Montgomery Collins (for '96) offered to work with Mr. Smith for their classes.

#### **11. RECOGNITION**

In recognition for Ms. Roy's service on the board as the 2021 class president, Dr. Winkleman thanked her and virtually presented soon-to-be Dr. Roy with a certificate for her commitment to the board.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.