

USHS Board Meeting Minutes

8.26.14

Present: Renata Parrino, Carolyn Shenmen, Sharmila Graefer, Pat Aylward, Lincoln Wachtel, Cheryl Ritenbaugh, John Laird, Lora Laird, Maria McConchie, Carol Lee, Dawn Meltzer, Phil Sorensen, Patricia Brady Walzer, Elizabeth Donihoo (last hour)

Excused Absence: Maxine Adelstein, Catherine Antunes, Kimberlee Bach, Donna Crews-Finney, Elizabeth Donihoo (first hour), Robert Jaffe.

Unexcused Absence: James Cotten

Next meeting: 9/23/2014 2pm-4pm PST

Call-in: (605) 475-4800 Pin: 271411#

Decisions:

- The minutes from 7/29/14 (one set) were approved with one correction (to name: Donna Crews Finney is correct spelling). Secretary to create web version of minutes.

Agenda:

- Carolyn Shenmen led a remembrance and visioning for a the future, with a round for each member to share their vision. She briefed the board on her meeting with Salima and Ibrahim regarding vision for future of University with image of an oasis for gnostic lovers of God. Detailed notes of the visions to be compiled and circulated by Secretary.
- Welcomed Renata Parrino as new secretary and Elizabeth Donahoo as the new student representative. Thanked outgoing secretary Kimberly Bach and student representative Ingridy Beltrao for their service.
- Action register reviewed.
- Carolyn Shenmen summarized co-presidents' report (sent out before meeting).
- Lincoln Wachtel summarized marketing enrollment report (sent out prior to meeting). Enrollment lower than we'd like, staff is working diligently with many marketing activities underway. We especially need to focus on filling Y1Fall, and not market Y1 Spring at the Farm Peace just yet to avoid diverting people. Y1F, only 1 enrolled, 3 applications, 14 strong interest, 9 strong prospects, 4 weak prospects; budgeted for 35. Y2, budgeted 26 , 18 enrolled. (Kamila Shenmen: 19, one more today.) Y3, 17 budgeted, 4 enrolled. Y4, no enrollment (or information from faculty) yet.
- Discussion on ways to support enrollment and asking each Board member for their own commitment from their heart. Those who wish to can send Secretary

(rparrino60@gmail.com) their commitment to be circulated among members to share ideas and support.

- Request for USHS leadership to address issue of people with severe mental illness who want to attend the university. Carolyn Shenmen responded that it is being addressed but will answer question later in meeting.
- Phil Sorensen presented the FOC report. No surprises. Its cash flow is for most recent FY, ending in July. Ended up very close to budget. Thanks to Carolyn and Salima for stepping into the whole presidency and taking active role in FOC.
 - Question arose for FOC, in last few months there has been a projected budget shortfall that seems to have disappeared with no additional income yet no catastrophic impact either.
 - FOC Chair discussed some difference between development's and administrative financial reporting systems; cash and accrual reports and various adjustments that have been made in the ongoing effort to make financial reporting more real-time and accurate. He welcomed anyone who wants to join the FOC.
- No Development Committee report.
- Pat Aylward: all should have gotten invitation to next Sufi Community Leader's Call on Sept 2, North and South America, Sidi will be coming to meeting and address us. If you didn't receive invite, contact Pat. 6pm pacific next Tues. sept 2nd.
- Cheryl Ritenbaugh, at next meeting will be seeking membership on committees, those who are new, this is your opportunity to decide which committees you will serve on.
- Carolyn Shenmen led Fatiha and remembrance for all to ask for guidance and vision for what we want toe USHS to look like in 5 years. Everyone please email her your response.