

ACAGE Board Meeting Minutes [Teleconference]

January 17, 2013

Attending: Jorge Garcia [President], Conrad Keyes [Membership Co-Chair], Carey French [Secretary], Peter Martin [CE Dept. Head], Kevin Eades, Debra Hicks [President-elect].

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Agenda accepted.
3. Approved minutes of November 2, 2012 teleconference.
4. Monthly meeting/conference call schedule:
For the current semester the schedule is set for the fourth Thursday of the month, at 1:30 PM Mountain Time. Next meeting will be Thursday, February 28, 2013.
5. Committee assignments:
Faculty Affairs Committee – Individuals have volunteered for such and President Garcia accepted all members as indicated.

Need one board member for every ACAGE task force and French is the one for the Membership Committee and is therefore its Co-Chair. French also serves as Secretary since that position is very involved with the Initiates selection process.

Keyes reported that new members have been added to the Membership Committee.

6. Potential 2013 and 2014 Initiates:

Keyes has a list of at least 20-30 possible initiates, excluding carryovers. Some carryovers are being extended to future years, due to being out of the country.

Keyes is currently looking for associate members that graduated less than twenty years ago.

Some sixty to seventy unknown graduates / their locations are now on LinkedIn (IN) or on Facebook (FB). Keyes' efforts with social sites are making great progress and finding a number of "lost" and/or influential NMSU CAGE or CE graduates.

7. ACE 1988 and 1989 Invites:

There are a total of 11 that were ACE initiates, about 6-7 may be coming for Homecoming 2013. Bill Fiske is the only honorary member on the list.

Suggestions for consideration for initiation:

Do all activities on campus, not at a hotel, to get to know the Department better.

Perhaps have Department activities and tours – chances to get acquainted.

Perhaps have an open house at Homecoming.

Perhaps have dinner downstairs, nicely presented? Catered?

Initiate's dinner to be free, but they pay for family attending?

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Is there sufficient space at the Department?

Would expect a crowd similar to last year (maybe 60-70) and next year might be a little smaller.

For 1989 – Keyes has started working on the ACE initiatives and it might be about 6-8.

8. Scholarship Funding:

[This topic to be included on the February meeting agenda.]

Keyes asked if ACAGE has some funds for scholarships.

It is several years since a scholarship has been given by ACAGE.

There are initiation and annual fees and some years a portion could be used for a scholarship.

Is CE Excellence Endowment Fund another source of funds? How are those dollars used? Are they available?

The new ACAGE Silver Anniversary Fund has \$1700 in it. How long has it been there? What is the rate of growth/income?

Several years ago, information was requested from the Dean's office on the status of CE scholarship accounts, how much is in them?, when scholarships were given? The Dean's office considers these to be their programs and did not respond. Money should be used, not sit in an account. Martin will contact the Dean's office, with the authority of the Board, and request information.

About Endowments:

There must be a corpus [\$15K in an endowment] to be self sustaining and funds can't be spent until this happens.

In the end, only interest can be spent.

There are about 25 scholarships and would like to share information with donors.

9. Social media activity:

Keyes getting others involved to help in contacts.

Potentially, if 2013 initiatives are not involved in social media, they may not be see all the information during the process.

Several have sent communications and some are already approved.

10. Other Issues:

A letter on new Department head is going out next week.

Martin mentioned that the Hernandez Hall courtyard is currently wasted space and resembles a prison yard. Dan Robelar, a former student, is designing a Chi Epsilon symbol, landscaping, and shade structure to make the area an appealing gathering

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space. There is interest in building a model and fund raising for the project. If weather at Homecoming was good, the area could be used for functions.

CE Department is working on a proposal for a USDOT / University Transportation Center. If funded [will know this summer], will need advisory board and will be looking to ACAGE to help form a board.

11. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carey French