

Meyerhoff Alumni Board Minutes  
Wednesday, October 28, 2008  
6:00 p.m.—Alumni House

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Ray Onley, Kellie McCants-Price, Kamili Jackson, Mawuli Dzirasa, Vondell Coleman (by phone), Stanyell Bruce, Earnestine Baker

- **Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.**
- Mawuli recommended adding reading of the minutes to future agendas.
- Mawuli also suggested changes to the minutes from the September meeting which will be made and submitted to the Board.
- **WEBSITE UPDATES**
  - The website will be unveiled in phases beginning in November.
  - A presentation about the website will be made at the next meeting.
  - Sandra Dzija has indicated that our feedback in the website redesign has been very helpful. Stanyell reiterated that our feedback will be implemented stepwise.
  - Questions/issues were raised about options for posted threads:
    - Should they be viewable by members only or by the general public?
    - Can the general public post to our boards?
    - Should the jobs section be public?
    - There should be a members-only section.
    - Should require a log-in for posting to the message boards.
  - Discussion is underway about the directory.
    - Vondell suggested that our directory entries should include: name, graduation year, major.
    - That information should be public by default with an option for alumni to change it to private.
    - Mrs. Baker asked how we can get the most up-to-date information for Dr. Hrabowski's reports.
- **CHARTER (see working charter document)**
  - Recall and Removal Procedures – Include Section A from sample provided by Stanyell.
  - Quorum – A motion was made to define quorum as 50%+1 of the voting members of the Advisory Board. The motion carried by a vote of 2 for, 2 against, and 1 abstention.
  - Proxy voting was discussed but rejected in favor of having alternate cohort representatives.
- Stanyell will provide a handout summarizing Roberts' Rules of Order for the next meeting.
- **2009 SERVICE PROJECT** – Discussion of the service project is tabled to the next meeting. Ray will enlist Bruk's help in planning the project.
- **GIVING CHALLENGE PLAQUE**
  - The plaque with a dedicated space for a photo was selected by general consent.
  - The plaque with the winning cohort's name will be displayed in the Meyerhoff Office for one year.
  - There was a discussion about whose picture to put in the plaque. It was suggested that a picture of Dr. Hrabowski and Mr. and Mrs. Meyerhoff be used if possible.

- It was also suggested that the inscription “To whom much is given much is required.” Be added to the plaque as well.
- **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**
  - It was suggested that a list of phone etiquette rules be developed for those who call in to the meetings.
  - It was also suggested that we discuss active versus inactive membership on the Board.
  - Kamili will investigate options for conference calls, e.g., WebX, Go To Meeting, etc.
- **NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be held the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>. Stanyell will provide possible dates.
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.**