Alumni Association Annual Meeting
May 22, 2010, 10:30 a.m.
Minutes

Frances Richey, President, welcomed everyone to the alumni association annual meeting.

Carolyn Thompson Smith, Chaplain, opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Special Presentation: Gate of Opportunity Scholarship Program and Student Run Enterprises**
Presented by: Rufus Massey, Assistant Vice President for Student Enterprise Development

**Gate of Opportunity Scholarship Program**

*The Program:*

Combines: 1) academics and work, 2) character building and career enhancing, and 3) debt-free graduation.

*Funding:*

The scholarship funding is a three way partnership between:
1) The student and their family – work in the student work program and a family contribution amount,
2) Berry, and
3) A benefactor.

*Eligibility:*

1) Commitment to work and community service
2) Family EFC less than $15,000
3) Maintain a GPA of 2.5 the first year and 3.0 thereafter

How alumni can become involved, as a group or individual:
1) Make an expendable gift
2) Make an endowed gift

**Student Run Enterprises**

- Operated by student teams and a staff/faculty co-manager
- Businesses remain with Berry
- The businesses work with campus offices – public relations, business and finance, Campbell School of Business, etc...
- Examples of businesses that are currently up and running:
  - Cottages at Berry
  - Berry Alumni Collection
Business Session

Approval of 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes
Frances presented the minutes from the 2009 annual meeting to the body for approval. There was a motion to approve the minutes as distributed, it had a second, and the minutes were approved without opposition.

Recognition of 2009-2010 Council Members
Frances thanked the council and executive committee members for their hard work over the last year.

Summary of 2009-2010 Council Projects
- Annual fund support
- Berry Trails update
- Improved Golden Guard Gala
- Work Week

New Programs – Chris Watters, Director of Alumni Relations
- Firsthand4You – student philanthropy program
- Young Alumni Program with a Young Alumni Advisory Board
  - Goals are to connect, engage, and support
- Alumni Interest Groups – current groups include: weaving, high school/academy breakfast club, Berry Investment Group (Atlanta), just to name a few
  - Services that the alumni relations office can offer to groups – one time communications, webpage listing, and event announcements in various Berry communications
- Free Berry Email for Life

Approval of Constitution Amendments
The following changes were proposed by Bart Cox, Parliamentarian, on behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee:
- Constitution, Article Five, Section Two, Number Two—Change that if the President of a recognized affiliate organization cannot attend they can designate another officer to attend without voting privileges (previously read member)
- Constitution, Article Five, Section Two, Number Three – Delete “In addition, twenty Alumni to will be elected…”, and delete the comma after “…Council for terms of two years, and may be reelected”
- Constitution, Article Five, Section Two, Number Four – Add “The” to the beginning of the second sentence
- Constitution, Article Five, Section Two, Number Five – Remove “the president of the student Alumni Association” because it no longer exists. In the second sentence add “a” after “…members will have”
• Constitution, Article Five, Section Two, Number Six – Delete “through 2007” and add “by the current president” after invited
• Constitution, Article Five, Section Two, Number Seven – delete the comma after Executive Committee

There was a motion to accept these changes as proposed, it was seconded, and passed without opposition.

Installation of New Officers – Bart Cox
The following people were installed as members of the executive committee:
Mrs. Barbara Pickle McCollum (79C) – President
Mrs. Frances Richey (83A, 87C) – Immediate Past President
Ms. Allyson G. Chambers (80C, 84G) – Vice President of Heritage
Mr. Haron W. Wise (57H) – Vice President of Alumni Events
Mr. Jeffery D. Palmer (09C) – Vice President of Young Alumni & Student Relations
Dr. J. David Fite (51H) – Chaplain

The following people were installed as members of the council:
Mr. Kevin D. Allen (96C)
Dr. David F. Slade (97C)
Mrs. Rebecca Browning Christopher (61C)
Mr. Mathew I. Warren (08C)
Mrs. Sandra Midkiff Cooper (60C)
Dr. J. Franklin Adams (54H, 58C)
Mr. Jim Lewis Hamrick (59H, 63C)
Mr. Larry D. Arrington (93C)*
Ms. Francy Jessup Geiger (78C)
Mr. John A. Shahan (64H, 69C)*
Mr. Robert H. Williams (62H)
*Not present

Barbara McCollum said a few words about the upcoming year and her term as president of the Alumni Association. She also thanked her husband for his support.

Recognition of Outgoing Council Members
Frances and Chris recognized the following members for their service on the council:
Ms. Patty Etchison (77C)            Mrs. Mary Camp Patrick (69C)
Mr. J. Ronald Thornton (61C)       Ms. Heather Henderson (03C)
Carolyn Thompson Smith (53C)       Mrs. Frances Richey (83A, 87C)

The following members were recognized but not present at the meeting:
Mr. Robert T. Aiken II (82A)       Miss Amber Hawter (10C)
Miss Jacque Smith (10C)            Miss Samantha Knight (11c)
Chris gave a small presentation thanking Frances for her work as president.

Frances also thanked Chris for all of her hard work in helping her during her presidency.

**Recognition of 2010 Alumni Award Winners**
Clara McRae, Vice President of Alumni Awards, recognized the following people who were awarded the 2010 Alumni Association Awards at a special dinner the evening before:

*Distinguished Achievement* – Mrs. Karen Holley Horrell (74C)
*Distinguished Service Award* – Dr. Harlan L. Chapman (58C)
*Distinguished Service Award* – Mrs. Ruth K. Martin (65C)
*Entrepreneurial Spirit Award* – Mr. Dennis J. DaSilva (74A, 78C)
*Outstanding Young Alumni Award* – Mr. Michael D. Williams (03C)

**Recognition of 2010 Honorary Alumnus**
Clara McRae recognized Dr. Martin Goldberg, Berry College Veterinarian and Animal Science Senior Lecturer, as the 2010 honorary alumnus.

**Class Reunion Awards**
Barbara McCollum announced the winnings of the following class reunion awards:

*Reunion Cup* – 1960H/Mount Berry School for Boys, Ron Pierce
*Viking Cup* – 1950C, Ouida Dickey
*Ford Cup* – 1960C, Charlie Powell
*Martha Cup* – 1950C, Ouida Dickey
*Heritage Cup* – 1979C, Barbara McCollum

**Class Reunion Gift Presentation**
Charlie Powell, representing the 1960 college class, and Ron Pierce, representing the Mount Berry School for Boys high school class of 1960, presented a check for $325,199.96 to Karen Horrell and Barbara McCollum.

Frances thanked everyone who has agreed to serve on the council next year.

The alumni choir sang “We Stand On Their Shoulders” by Mr. Jim Way (52C) dedicated to past, present, and future Berry students. The choir was led by Ross Magoulas (FFS). They also led the singing of the alma mater.

David Fite (51H) gave the benediction.

After the benediction the meeting was adjourned.