



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
STUDENT ALUMNAE COMMITTEE (SAC)**

**Thursday, September 15, 2011  
11:30 - 1:45 p.m.  
Welsh Parlor – Haggar Student Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Annette Isom (Chair), Angeline Johnson (Vice Chair), Barb Wolfston Urrutia, Kathy Gibboney, Dawn Parker Santamaria, Karen McNamara Weaver, Sarah Brown, Kimberly Roland, Chelsea Young

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Monica Stallworth Kolimas, Katie Lay '12 (student), Cailin Crowe '13 (student)

**INVITED GUESTS:** Jessica Stuijbergen, Assistant Director of Alumnae Relations

**COMMITTEE PURPOSE:** The Student Alumnae Committee will foster interaction between students, alumnae and support graduates as they make the transition from students to alumnae.

**MINUTES**

- I. Fall Welcome
- II. Review of the 2011-12 Goals and Focus
  - a. Consider incorporating goals to support Alumnae Relation's Strategic Plan.
  - b. Goal #3: Include future SA Club in this goal.

**SAC GOALS 2011-12**

- 1. Engage each member of the Student Alumnae Committee in executing the newly revised standard operating procedures for the committee.

2. Serve as a connection between alumnae and prospective alumnae (students) by creating opportunities to (socially) interact prior to graduation. Develop a bridge between student and alumnae.
3. Support the Success After Saint Mary's, Student Affinity, One Book One Saint Mary's, Welcome Home and Service & Spirituality Task Forces.
4. Provide a forum for communication between the Alumnae Association, Alumnae Office, student body and student organizations.

### III. Fall Initiatives

1. Candlelight Dinner (Results & Feedback)
  - a. Next Year use identifier so students will know where Board members are sitting.
  - b. Set up Alumnae club contact map in DH for all student focused events
2. Student Affinity Groups (Results & Feedback)
  - a. Friends with Sisters (Dawn)
    - i. Strategize on how students from affinity groups may engage as alumnae/ How do we facilitate the SMC spirit of Service beyond graduation?
  - b. CAT Scholars (Angeline)
    - i. Spread the work on these affinity groups to engage alumnae with similar interests
  - c. Our affinity groups overlap with our Spiritual and Service Task Force
    - i. Advent- will focus on campus activities
    - ii. Lent- will profile students' and sisters' service work
  - d. Angeline to create a basic outline on how to host an affinity group meeting
  - e. Provide name tags for students
  - f. Distribute printouts of AB bios and pictures
    - i. May want to include personal contact information
3. Success After Saint Mary's (SAS)
  - a. 95 RSVPs received
  - b. Tri-Fold advertisement was great!
4. Stall News (2) – Results & Feedback on 1<sup>st</sup> Edition (Kimberly)
  - a. 200 flyers were posted around campus
  - b. Kimberly may produce 2 more issues this term
5. Other

### IV. Spring Initiatives

1. Student Affinity Groups
  - a. May ask Karen Johnson for suggestions again
  - b. Attend spring sporting event or intramural
  - c. Consider revisiting past groups after a few years
2. Success After Saint Mary's (SAS): Defeat is not an option
  - a. Continue working with CCO, invite Juniors and Seniors

- b. Topics: How to deal with rejection, Communication etiquette, Blogs, Twitter, Social Media, Office Basics, Generational difference, Diversity, Managing your own career, Networking for Life
  - c. Invite alumnae outside of Board, Jill has past AB applications
  - d. Annette to put together a proposal for SAS to CCO
- 3. Senior Week Activities/ Sr. Brunch
  - a. Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - Senior Brunch
    - i. Invite nearby alumnae and club presidents to attend
  - b. Consider a “Closing of the Circle” ceremony to complement the freshman orientation event
- 4. Consider providing seniors with a Post Card to update their contact information with the college (Could drop off at Senior Brunch)
- 5. Stall News (2)
  - a. Will discuss further at another time
- 6. Others
  - a. Host Spring Bake Off to complement Fall Chili Cook Off
    - i. Have alumnae submit their favorite recipes
    - ii. Could serve in DH and have students vote for their favorite
  - b. CCO prefers Thursday night SAS
  - c. Affinity Group meeting: TBD based on sporting events schedule
  - d. Candlelight dinner: date undecided

## V. Future

- 1. On Campus/Community Activities
  - a. Focus on campus events alumnae could participate in
    - i. Junior Moms (April 13-15)
      - 1. Dawn to submit program proposal to Annette
      - 2. Work with student committee to have this approved
    - ii. Sophomore Parents (Feb 10-12)
      - 1. Brainstorm for future plans
    - iii. Legacy events lend themselves to further programming
      - 1. Host networking event
  - b. Welcome Home: Move In weekend
- 2. Student Alumnae Club
  - a. Consider Alumnae and Student chairing club
    - i. Student members of Alumnae Board committees could become the club’s steering committee.
  - b. Could support alumnae efforts or create their own events
  - c. Club could complement SA Committee’s work
  - d. Alumnae Relations proposed a Reunion Year 0 party for senior week, but students did not accept offer
  - e. Alumnae Clubs could announce their activities to students such as Pittsburgh tailgates
  - f. Club could serve as liaison to alumnae to announce student events
- 3. Homework: Are our plans supporting the Alumnae Relation’s Strategic Plan?