

## **MEEOA Minutes- April 10, 2018**

### **Ice breaker**

**Budget-** Policy came in under budget!

### **Alumni- Michelle**

2-3 people interested in an alumni committee, There has been interest in sponsoring an alumni event. Maybe the first one can be at the January conference, maybe an alumni breakfast or reception

Make business cards that we can give alumni with the information to allow them to enter themselves into the database. We discussed having the MEEOA database with the national TRIO database on the other side. BUT does the national database have Gear Up as well as TRIO alumni. Michelle got contact info for those who do alumni networking for NEOA and COE. Sarah Flowers said she'd help design the business card. Maybe an alumni event tied to Hall of Flags?

Current database has 39 people. None of those are recent. Michelle has been working with Casey to make changes in the database and then will give more information

She will send the link to the list serve and to the executive committee so we can catch students before they graduate..

What issue/promise/carrot will connect alumni to the alumni network?

Kate sent her report on current membership\_

### **Public Relations- Tony**

Lots of photos at NEOA.

Great discussion with Michelle about alumni relations.

If there is an event that needs to be cycled through, let's send it to Tony. (example: MEEOA photos)

There are some SSS programs that run in the summer; maybe post flyers. (Jane) Maybe UB programs.

### **Public policy- Karen**

*Policy seminar failures*

The alumni must attend the training and attend the team meeting regardless of hotel placement.

The 3 hotels made things difficult, so we may want to stay in the same place next time. That may be difficult for those paying their own way.

We should have a virtual meeting before policy to discuss expectations (roles, dress code, behavior, stories, etc.)

The alumni must be willing to share their stories with us as well as with the senators and congressmen.

While at Policy, alumni are to be there to represent TRIO/GEAR UP and only TRIO/GEAR UP.

Provide a report back to those who nominated regarding strengths and weaknesses/challenges.

We want to adjust the selection criteria.-include an interview and a meeting.

Folks need to know that policy is fast paced, physically strenuous, busy.

Meetings should be set before we leave for DC next time.

The alumni treated the trip as a prize rather than an honor and obligation.

*Maybe we need a contract.*

### **Yearbook-Steve**

He already has someone who wants to work on the Yearbook with him. Sarah Flowers will help make some updates while learning about putting the Yearbook together.

### **David Macguire – not present**

We don't have updates, and we have not heard from him.

He contacted Andrew during the meeting. He says he wants to stay on, but we need him training someone.

### **Fair Share- Andrew**

Maine is 1441- in the black for individual totals. We are 104%. We are above where we scheduled to be.

Institutional memberships are all accounted for.

We are behind RI and NH (which is 173%)

Nationwide- 71% fair share

NEAO is 84% (73% at this time last year)

Andrew has used Google docs to update contacts made; Husson is the largest contribution so far.

Al called Andrew on TRIO day, and he received the items Andrew mailed.

Jane has to report out in Washington on the region

MELI- 6 people participated at Bowdoin, and it went really well.

**Dori-**

Hiccoughs at policy BUT:

The stories moved the senators and congressmen

Miles- also spoke at Hall of Flags. When he was interviewed by the media.

At Policy, we need to determine ahead of time and make clear what MEEEOA will pay for and how much will be reimbursed.

The Business Meeting

The business meeting is always at NEAO. They want elections at the same time.

Last year's minutes were lost in a laptop implosion. Perhaps Kate Walsh has the minutes somewhere so that we can approve them. (MK emailed)

Cote Theriault may have the minutes. Perhaps she reconstructed the minutes; she is at Thomas. (MK left a message)

**Grant opportunities/Professional Development-**

Maybe a leadership training for SSS students

Class Action Conference- up to 6 for a free conference, at Mt. Holyoke this year

Perhaps a professional development day on appreciative advising

Paradigm shift trainings(from a lunch meeting at NEOA)- maybe shared among some campuses to help with costs

First generation Day on November 8

Maybe similar branding for the whole association

Folks have been asked to share what they've done

We need a President Elect- ?????- Possibly Lisa Black, SSS at KVCC

Conference Chairs- UMaine will do it- SSS and UB- Andrew Henry and secret bestest friend

Reminder that chairs have free membership

Transition manuals- who has access to the Google Drive?? Casey??? Mystery???

*It turns out that Casey had the magic key. Stay tuned.*

Once we have candidates for all officer positions, even for those staying another year, a ballot has to go out which announces:

who the committee chairs are

Approve the minutes from last NEOA meeting

Approve the officers for the year starting September 1

New Volunteers:

Sarah Flowers- Yearbook

Eric Pratt- Govt Relations

Mary Sinclair- secretary