

**SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
**Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 5, 2010**

**Attendees:** Tom Brennan, John Donovan, Dennis Halverson, Bill Nash, Mike Oltersdorf, Bob Parsons, Gene Pawlik, Shawn Rowley, Traci Ruiz, Bruce Sokolove, Paul Sparks, Mike Thompson, Bill Wilson

**Additional Attendees:** Candy Curtis, Ed McGarrell, Merry Morash, Mary Lee VanderMoere

**Absent:** Marlon Lynch, Doreen Olko

**Meeting called to order** by President Bruce Sokolove at 1:15 p.m.

**Roundtable Introductions:**

Sokolove: Marlon Lynch had a death in his family and would not be able to attend. Sokolove sent condolences on behalf of the Board.

**Presentation:** of gifts of appreciation to President Sokolove, as he retires as President of the Criminal Justice Alumni Association Board of Directors. The Board thanked him for his leadership and high standards and expressed great appreciation of his efforts.

**Director's Search:**

*Merry Morash*

Morash: Will be chair of the Search Committee which is a facilitative group (not decision-making) representing all levels of faculty. Please call or email her with questions.

The Search Committee will review applications and forward to the Dean the School's recommendations for candidates to interview. The Search Committee has met with the Dean who wants: 1) strong scholar with nationally recognized capabilities (strong record of publishing and important works, grants, and ties to Agencies; 2) the capacity to do and develop in inter-disciplinary areas; and 3) the pool needs to be diverse. The Search Committee is in the process of meeting with Assistant, Associate, Full, Outreach, and staff to find out what they think a new Director needs to do over the next 5 years. The position is so much more than people even know. The School would encourage the Board to have a sub-group that would meet with the Director to learn what the job entails.

The position advertisement is in process of being approved and we will review applications starting on December 1 and will continue until position is filled. The hope is to bring candidates to campus for interviews in early spring semester. The School would appreciate it if Alumni representatives would attend a meal with each candidate and fill out an evaluation form. Applicants will meet with individual faculty, students, other Chairs/Directors in the College and the Dean.

Pawlik: Asked where the advertisements would be?

Morash: There will be an advertisement with ACJS, American Society of Criminology, Chronicle of Higher Education, divisions of major organizations that have listservs for women and minorities. If the Board knew of people who would be interested and qualified, the School can send them information directly.

Pawlik: Asked what happens if there are two people that can't be decided between?

Morash: We will send a list to Dean with rankings and pros and cons.

Donovan: Commented that the Dean had eliminated field experience from her priorities. He expressed some concern about that.

Morash: Assured the Board that the advertisement had a much broader set of qualifications. If a candidate only had field experience they probably wouldn't be qualified. We are not screening out people; we are bringing people here to be screened out.

Sokolove: What has the involvement of Alumni been in previous searches?

Morash: Responded that there had been no involvement.

McGarrell: had a meal with Gordon Kettler about his alumni experience. He also feels that field experience should be considered. The ad will be shared with the Board when approved.

Morash: Asked the Board to spend some time determining where they would like to be involved and to give her the name of a contact person.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Thompson: moved and Oltersdorf seconded to approve the April 17, 2010 minutes as distributed.

**Motion Carried.**

**Financial Report:**

Thompson: moved and Sparks seconded to approve the Financial Report as distributed. **Motion Carried.**

Sokolove: Wants the Board to commit to bring in at least two new members each into the MSUAA to raise revenue.

**Director's Report:**

*Ed McGarrell*

McGarrell: Thanked Sokolove for his service on the Board. He couldn't imagine anyone putting more time and effort into a volunteer position. He also thanked Paul Sparks for hosting a reception for CJ alumni in the DC-area.

He is completing his 10<sup>th</sup> year (two 5 year terms) as Director and has decided to step-down from the position. He will be returning to the faculty and remains fully committed

to the School and the University.

Brennan: Asked if McGarrell could continue to serve as interim Director if no one was hired by next year.

McGarrell: Responded that he was planning on taking a sabbatical and was not entertaining ideas that there wouldn't be somebody hired at the end of this search.

McGarrell: Read an email from Major Justin Reese, an on-line LEIA masters student from Afghanistan.

Sokolove: Would like to explore the possibility of doing a PSA about Major Reese's e-mail. Candy and he will work with MSUAA to see they couldn't make an opportunity to share this kind of thing in a PSA.

### **Diamond Jubilee 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

*Candy Curtis*

Curtis: Reported on the different activities that had occurred during the year: Tailgates were hosted on home football Saturdays by Doctoral students. There was an alumni reception in DC and they are exploring a South-east Michigan reception. Kevin Flurry is the keynote speaker at Wall of Fame; he was on the MSU Homecoming court and is a RA. Four of our undergrads will be volunteering and working at the Wall of Fame event. Scott Westerman, MSUAA Executive Director is MC'ing the event. Scott will be bringing a Videographer to do a Spartan Saga with this year's inductees. The School will host a Dae Chang scholar in the spring and a symposium April 15 at the Henry Center. Jack Greene has confirmed he will be a keynote speaker. On-line registration is available. There will be a poster session with our students.

McGarrell: Some other activities included nominating and having Bill Livingood recognized at the Grand Awards by the MSUAA. McGarrell will be in San Francisco in the spring and will meet with Bay area alumni (not just academics). For the Symposium they have asked Eve Buzawa and Jack Greene to talk about the impact the school has had, and how it should position itself for the future. There will be small group Break-out sessions. There will be professionals on the panel to lead the discussion. The Poster session gives our students an opportunity for interaction with alumni. McGarrell encouraged Board members to come back. A letter "save the date" will be sent out to Alumni. A more detailed agenda will be mailed out to registered participants closer to the date.

Curtis: Called attention to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary endowment/enrichment fund brochure in each Board folder.

McGarrell: Will use registration funds to help subsidize student participation in the symposium. He's exploring having our alumni teach a course in the DC-area coupled with an internship experience to get a full experience.

### DC Alumni Area Reception:

*Paul Sparks*

Sparks: Thanked McGarrell, Curtis, VanderMoere, Sarah Blom, and Vicki Essenmacher of the Dean's office. They sent out about 200 invites via mail. About 10 days before the event, they sent e-mail reminders and then called those that they hadn't heard from. There were about 35-40 who RSVP'd and he hosted about 25-30 people at his house in Falls Church. He discussed the memorial (an attendee provided a check right there). McGarrell gave a welcome. He has received many calls/letters/emails of thanks.

### Public Safety Officer Memorial

Sokolove: He was in Minnesota, developing a relationship with Target Blue. This year Target Blue encumbered \$1.2 million for law enforcement in DC. Last week he got a call from Sherriff Bud Olsen, a representative at these meetings. Target has guaranteed \$5,000-\$10,000 if we apply. There was one week to apply. He talked to Sarah Blom; she had some concerns because certain things had not been done on the CJ end. He wanted to be a risk-taker. By the end of the conversation she agreed for him to call the Sheriff and have him complete application. When Sherriff contacted her the next day, she said no there couldn't be an application. Blom said the University expects when funding an initiative that at least 70% of a campus project be funded by one primary source. Development wants to see 70% of the funds be raised by one source. 30% must be raised for maintenance. Sarah says that this project has not been cleared by the University. Sokolove asked her what we needed to do to push it through expeditiously. Target will let us apply in March of 2011.

Thompson: thinks that he and Bill Nash should continue to work on this since they are local. He will initiate a conversation with Sarah to resolve this.

Sparks: Volunteered to reach out to other agencies for support. He will seek Sarah's advice before doing this.

Ruiz: Suggested manufactures of body armour or Glock pistols as people to go after.

McGarrell: Thought that it was more there needs to be 70% raised before the university will back the fundraising for it. That can be clarified with Blom.

### Rescheduling Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony:

*Candy Curtis*

Curtis: Having the Ceremony on a football weekend is making it almost impossible to find rooms for inductees and guests. She is recommending that the 2011 Ceremony be held on September 30, 2011.

Sparks: moved and Nash seconded to conduct the 2011 Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony, September 30, 2011. There would be a Board meeting in the afternoon, prior to the ceremony. **Motion Carried.**

**New Business:**

**Letter to the Dean:**

*Paul Sparks*

Sparks: Thanked Morash for reaching out to the Board but he didn't think it went far enough. He proposed the Board endorse a letter he had drafted for the Dean, asking for full partnership and involvement in the interview process that included votes on hiring. He thought the shift was too much towards theoretical as opposed to practical. He wants to bring it back more to the middle. He would like Board endorsement to send to the Dean before this process actually begins. He suggested that we not be just advisory but full partner. Draft of letter was distributed for Board review and approval.

After considerable discussion and editing of the letter, Sokolove made a motion to accept the letter as edited and have Mike Thompson sign on behalf of the Board. Pawlik seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

**Election of new officers**

Sparks: moved and Oltersdorf seconded to approve reappointment of Gene Pawlik, Paul Sparks and Mike Thompson for another term. **Motion Carried.**

Oltersdorf: moved to appoint Steven Brett and John Toney as new Board members. Thompson seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Nash: recommended Mike Thompson for President and Paul Sparks for Vice President. Brennan seconded. **Motion Carried.**

**The next Board meeting will be Saturday, April 16.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Lee VanderMoere  
Recording Secretary