SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 18, 2002

ATTENDEES: Mary Beth Bartlett, David Beaty, James Botting, Joseph Jaksa, Gordon Kettler, Kent Maurer, Michael Oltersdorf, Eugene Pawlik, James Peacock, Charles Rinkevich, Frank Schehr, Mark Smith, David Westrate


CALL TO ORDER: President Bartlett called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS: Round table introductions were conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Rinkevich and seconded by Maurer to approve the October 12, 2001 Board minutes as printed and distributed. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bockes: Reported that the ending balance on the report looks healthy, but there are bills pending Wall of Fame and the MSU Grand Awards Ceremony) that will affect it. Motion to accept as printed made by Peacock, and seconded by Pawlick. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

McGarrell: Thanked the Board for their support. He informed the Board that Gordon Kettler had just received the Distinguished Alumni award from the University.


McGarrell: Gave an overview of MSU’s Capital Campaign that kicked off in September.

E-Mentoring

McGarrell: Introduced the concept of mentoring via e-mail as something the University is trying. This will link a student on campus to alumni and they will communicate through e-mail. If anyone on the Board is interested in participating with a CJ student, please let us know.

Smith and Rinkevich will chair the Advisory Board’s Committee on E-mentoring and will work with Martini and Candy Curtis to get it up and running as soon as possible.

McGarrell: Thanked Jim Peacock for going out of his way to work with our students; David Westrate for coordinating our DC alumni; Mary Beth Bartlett for her leadership as president and for coordinating the California event; and Charlie Rinkevich for working on partnerships with ASIC and other initiatives. He expressed appreciation because faculty and staff commitment is extremely high. One of the people who exemplify that is Bev Bockes, he wanted to recognize her service to the school.
MSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATE:
David Brown

Brown: gave an update on MSU Alumni Association activities.

Student Representatives Report:

American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA)
Brandon Kooi, Advisor,
Gwen DeGraaf, President

Alpha Phi Sigma
Elizabeth Pratt, President

DeGraaf: Membership is currently at 42. National dues are $50 and Chapter dues are $20. Kent Maurer was a speaker this year. Future plans include holding an Interview and Interrogation Seminar with John Reid. Extra funds generated from the seminar and membership dues will be applied to the Career Fair and other social events. Their membership consists of juniors and seniors who are primarily interested in federal law enforcement, juvenile justice and corrections.

Discussion followed on ways ACJA could recruit members.

Kooi: ACJA members have been involved in Lansing Police Department cable shows. Members have been actors. Kooi thanked the board for being speakers during the year.

Pratt: Alpha Phi Sigma is the Criminal Justice honor society. Each member must be of junior or senior status with a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.2 GPA in CJ. Membership is about 45. They meet once a month. She thanked Jim Peacock for sponsoring two members this year and the Board for supporting their reception this past spring.

Bartlett: Led a discussion about the Board’s financial contribution to the Career Fair.

Pawlik: Suggested making it as an “as needed” basis. We should assess where we can contribute to student groups.

Rinkevich: Suggested as a Board expressing our support to these Boards and our willingness to entertain requests for our support in the future, based on need.

Bartlett: Told DeGraaf and Pratt that the Board is available for requests from their organizations. She complimented them on how things were handled last year, and indicated the Board would be interested in continuing potential support.

She went on to say that the Board was willing to participate in an e-mail mentoring program for CJ students. They will work with the Director to do this.

Peacock: volunteered to pay the dues for 1 male and female student who couldn’t afford to.
McGarrell: Suggested if the Board were able to construct an “outline” on pursuing career opportunities, he would be willing to work with our academic advisors, career advisor and the instructors of our introductory courses to make this opportunity real.

Bartlett, Westrate and Pawlick will be participating on this panel.

PRESENTATION OF TARGET GRANT:

Nathan Watson: Assets Protection Team Leader from Clinton Township introduced Damon Cavusin, District Assets Protection Leader and several others from Target.

Cavusin: Presented Dr. McGarrell with a check for the School of Criminal Justice from Target.

ALUMNI ENDOWED GRADUATE FUND:

McGarrell: Catherine Gamper was recent recipient of Award. She has just completed her masters in CJ. She is now pursuing a PhD. This Fund is at a sufficient level so that all but a small portion of her assistantship will be paid for.

OUTREACH:

Martini: Distributed information describing upcoming workshops. She described Professor Judy Collin’s Identity Theft Workshop in depth. As a result of her work she has gained attention from the Homeland Security office. She has been asked to develop a Q & A database on victims by Homeland representatives.

Michigan Victim’s Assistance Academy

The fifth academy was held this past summer, with 40 victim systems providers.

Trojanowicz/MACP Golf Outing

The 2002 golf outing was 6 teams down from previous year. We are now partnering with Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) for benefit of our Scholarship and for their Youth scholarship. We use this to assist graduate students with community policing issues. Susan Trojanowicz has also started a Juvenile Justice scholarship for undergrads.

Pawlik: asked how many students at one time get assistantships?

McGarrell: responded approximately 20. We are trying to raise scholarship funds to fund one person fully for a year. This would be a goal for the Capital Campaign, in addition to funding a science lab.

Rinkevich: Asked what is a full ride would cost for an undergrad.

Martini: Said our DiPonio scholarship provides approx $7,000/semester, so it would cost between $14,000 and $16,000 for an undergrad.
McGarrell: has met with several different alums that were fond of Lou Radelet. They have talked about developing a group that would enhance the Radelet Graduate scholarship.

*Brandstatter Book and Brandstatter/Kettler Fund*

Martini: Said the book should go to the printer in about a week. It will take three or four weeks to print and should be out around Christmas 2002.

**WALL OF FAME COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bartlett: Four people will be inducted into our Wall of Fame: Walter Bothe, Russell Colling, Rex Scouen, and Theodore Vernier. She shared a description of the inductees’ background. There were approximately eight nominations.

Jaksa: The criteria used while reviewing applications was contributions to the field and association with the school. We had strong candidates that we couldn’t choose.

McGarrell: Suggested asking that these applications be resubmitted. Their careers were all distinguished however; there is an additional criterion, a connection to the school.

Peacock: Suggested publishing criteria ahead of time, so everybody is on same playing field.

Bartlett: Asked Jaksa to put criteria in a bulleted format, and give to Martini. Martini will distribute it to the Board for review and then publish it in our newsletter.

Curtis: suggested the MSUAA Grand Awards criteria as a place to start. She will provide this to Jaksa.

*Wall of Fame Kiosk*

Material that was attached to the Agenda was reviewed.

Rinkevich: Moved, Smith seconded, to have staff purchase kiosk materials. After some discussion, Rinkevich amended the motion to authorize the concept, and reserve final approval until further research by staff is done on the cost. Smith seconded the motion. 

**Motion Carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS**

*Alumni Activities*

Botting: We hosted an event in August at the Universal Sheraton Hotel in Los Angeles. The topic was “Short and Long Term Effects of September 11th”. It did not draw as many people as we expected.

*Guidelines for use of Alumni/School Dollars*
(Memo from Audrey Martini, attached to Agenda)
Pawlik: Moved to approve recommendation, per Martini memo. Schehr seconded motion.

Smith: if I wanted to do something in MI could I use these funds for that?

Martini: We want to reach out and connect with alumni. We would identify alumni within a days traveling. You could invite a presenter to your house, host a panel discussion, or tour a facility. Costs covered would be postage, printing, etc. up to $50.00. Attendees would pay for additional costs.

Concern was expressed about $50.00 being enough.

Bartlett suggested leaving this at $50.00 and come back to the board with a specific request should a need arise

**Motion Carried.**

*Gifts for presenters*

Westrate: said there had been some discussion about providing a CJ memento to people giving a presentation at a function He had asked the director if there was something already being done for things like this.

Rinkevich: Suggested saving a stack of Brandstatter books for presenters.

Oltersdorf: Suggested using certificates.

McGarrell: thinks it’s appropriate for the School to do something. We need to find out what the cost of a book would be.

Bartlett: Asked Martini to send an e-mail with those specifics and then a decision can be made.

**ELECTIONS**

Pawlik: Oltersdorf, Noordeloos were on committee with him. There were five spots open, three being refilled by incumbents.

Slate forwarded: Beaty (2nd term to expire 2004); Epstein, replacing Kettler (1st term to expire 2004); Noordeloos (1st term to expire 2004); Pawlik (2nd term to expire 2004); William Wilson, replacing Schehr (1st term, to expire 2004).

Oltersdorf: moved to accept slate. Motion seconded by Peacock. Discussion followed. **Motion Carried.**

Peacock: Suggested the Nominating Committee develop selection criteria so that Board will know how people are decided upon.

Pawlik: Requested that someone else chair, he has done it for two years. Jaksa will Chair the 2003 Nominating Committee, with Pawlik and Beaty as committee members.
Bartlett: will write a bylaws change.

Chair Vice Chair Election

The Vice Chair will move to Chair. Peacock was willing to serve as Chair.

Schehr: moved to nominate Oltersdorf as Vice Chair. Westrate seconded. Motion Carried.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING BOARD MEMBER AND OFFICER

Bartlett presented Kettler and Schehr with a Certificate of Appreciation from the School for their service on the Board.

McGarrell: Presented Bartlett with a Certificate of Appreciation from the School for her service as President of the Board.

Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lee VanderMoere
Recording Secretary