



## Alumni Council Meeting Minutes February 24, 2024

### Meeting Attendance

Those in attendance indicated in bold

Council Members	Staff
<p><b>Nancy Baxter Belunis '82</b>  <b>Calvin Bemby II '19 g'20</b>  <b>Eric D. Biddle '82</b>            David E. Christopher '96            Cynthia Gilbert Clarke '76  <b>Clayton A. Cooper '13</b>  <b>Valerie Deraville '12</b>  <b>Brian D. Dietrich '02</b>  <b>Robert W. Drummond III '94</b>  <b>Jack T. Follweiler '82</b>  <b>Erica Seybert Griste '87</b>  <b>Gretta A. Gross '92</b>  <b>Michael E. Kenawell '99</b>  <b>Jessica A. Long '05</b>  <b>Christina Garman Miller '01 g'17</b>            Diane H. Nguyen '14  <b>Kweku S. Parker, Jr. '16 g'17</b>  <b>Roger J. Rockwell '73</b>            Melissa Iezzi Romanelli '87 g'21  <b>Michelle R. Schoonmaker '06</b>  <b>Adam J. Stanley '08</b>  <b>Jennifer Stark Summers '92</b>  <b>Carol Eichelberger Van Horn '79</b>  <b>Carol Ann Redzensky Wheeler '91</b></p>	<p><b>Lauren Bowen, Acting President, Provost</b>  <b>Bekah Ford '19, Asst. Director of Career Development/Alumni Engagement</b>  <b>Grace Cook-Huffman '22, Admission Counselor</b>  <b>Greta Hall, Director of Annual Giving</b>  <b>David Meadows '98, Ex. Dir. of Career Development/Alumni Engagement</b>  <b>Tammy Stuber, Assistant Director of Career Development</b>  <b>Sara Thompson, Alumni Engagement Coordinator</b>            Jim Watt, Vice President for Advancement  <b>Samantha Watters, Assistant Director of Stewardship</b></p>
Additional Participants	
	<p><u>Faculty Representative(s):</u>  <b>Katie (Hildebrand) Hoffman '01, Assistant Professor of Education</b>            Jim Tuten, Knox Professor of History</p> <p><u>Student Representative(s):</u>  <b>Paul Leech '24, Student Government President</b>  <b>Samantha Hall '24, Senior Class President</b>  <b>Himanish Pandya '25, Juniata Activities Board President</b>  <b>Patelin Nowak '24, Student Alumni Assoc. Executive</b>  <b>Royal Yu '24, International Student Clubs</b></p>

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9:00	Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Val Deraville '12               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Call to order</li> <li>○ Review of packet content</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9:13	Approval of Sept. 23 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Val Deraville '12               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion to Approve by Gretta Gross '92</li> <li>○ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Van Horn '79</li> <li>○ Approved by all</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9:15	Welcome Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Kenawell '99</li> </ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council members separated into 4 groups to answer questions and learn more about each other</li> </ul>	
9:33	Approval of Slate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mike Kenawell '99               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mike introduced the Awards and Nominating Committee and the activities they cover</li> <li>○ Mike reviewed the nominees for awards and Alumni Council nominees</li> <li>○ Council approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9:42	Administration Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lauren Bowen, Acting President, Provost               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recognized Alumni and Tammy Stuber for Career Fair success</li> <li>○ Senior leaders are all leading an initiative                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Redesign of magazine and rebranding</li> <li>▪ Building ongoing/upcoming– Statton Learning Commons (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> floor open, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor March 4, Grand Opening March 5); South Hall (to become Gibbel Hall); 17<sup>th</sup> Street; Halbritter Center for the Performing Arts, rededication June 8 during Alumni Weekend</li> <li>▪ Master planning – how to best utilize space, green spaces, partner with community, sustainability and accessibility, classrooms Preliminary report to Board April</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Update on Programs                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exercise Science – new Fall '24, 20 students enrolled</li> <li>▪ Environmental Engineering- new Fall '24</li> <li>▪ Biomechanics Lab to be started</li> <li>▪ Civil Engineering – next Fall</li> <li>▪ Nursing -- Decided to pursue (3-6 new faculty, grant and donor support)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ New hires/openings                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Computer Science- hired</li> <li>▪ Civil Engineering – opening</li> <li>▪ Physics – opening</li> <li>▪ Exercise Science - opening</li> <li>▪ Education - opening</li> <li>▪ Chief Information Officer - opening</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Retirees in several programs</li> <li>○ Athletics fully staffed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking at outdoor activities/ropes</li> <li>○ Enrollment – anticipates another good enrollment year, issues with timing on FAFSA</li> <li>○ Jim Troha, sabbatical – visiting other liberal arts colleges</li> <li>○ Addressed question on AI – not causing issues that were seen 6-9 months ago</li> </ul>	
10:15	Trustee Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carol Van Horn '79               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leadership is strong and dynamic</li> <li>○ Strong relationship with Stone Church continues</li> <li>○ \$60 Million operating budget</li> <li>○ Average cost for student - \$27,600 (discussion around how to convey this)</li> <li>○ Noted skill deficits that students are still facing but improving</li> <li>○ AI focus in Fall meeting – facility embracing</li> <li>○ Possible board expansion and adding alumni, parents of students</li> <li>○ International Students discussion</li> <li>○ Day of Giving – March 6</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
10:29	Break & Note writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eric Biddle, Enrollment Committee '82               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introduced note writing assignment to students who have been accepted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
11:05	Alumni Staff Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bekah Ford '19, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement &amp; Career Development               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Events                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Student Enrollment Sessions, few alumni to come as Ambassadors</li> <li>▪ Juniata reception Series</li> <li>▪ Alumni weekend – Choir reunion, rededication of Halbritter Center for the Performing Arts, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Raystown Field Station</li> <li>▪ Homecoming and Family Weekend</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Sara Thompson, Alumni Engagement Coordinator               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alumni Reunion – working with reunion committees</li> </ul> </li> <li>● David Meadows '98, Executive Director of Career Development and Alumni Engagement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Day of Giving, March 6 – 2 Happy Hours (Philadelphia, Mechanicsburg), Virtual session with Lauren Bowen</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Men’s Rugby – tentative celebration Oct 12</li> <li>○ Juniata Sports Hall of Fame – put on hold during COVID, induction April 6, 2024</li> <li>○ Working on date for Fall Alumni meeting</li> </ul>	
11:27	Student Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Paul Leech '24, Student Government President               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expressed what it means to be a Juniatian in 2024 including administration’s pride in student’s for expressing their mind and how to be global leaders and take a stance</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Samantha Hall '24, Senior Class President               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior class gift – Reigniting social atmosphere, creating a dedicated social space in lower level of Ellis, pledges made by students</li> <li>○ New tradition – stay overnight in one of the academic buildings with games (tentative date April)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Himanish Pandya '25, Juniata Activities Board President               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Create alcohol free events and social experiences including Festival (Halloween themed), Silent Disco, Madrigal, mentalist, JC Got Talent including comedian</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Patelin Nowak '24, Student Alumni Assoc. Executive               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Connect students with Alumni, work with Career development, 50 consistently active members, volunteer activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Royal Yu '24, International Clubs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many international clubs that host culture events and provided insight into the inclusion of Huntingdon residents in the Lunar New Year celebration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
12:05	Lunch		
1:08	Faculty Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Katie Hildebrand '01, Assistant Professor of Education               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Highlighted buzz around campus from students                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Statton Learning Commons – Students/Faculty are excited about the new space</li> <li>▪ Connections creating Internships, scholarships, Career Day</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Reflections on what students would like to see future Juniata alum                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce financial barriers for students</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Highlights from Faculty Programming</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Marine Science – GPOE (Global POE) work with partners around Globe e.g. Study Abroad</li> <li>▪ Nursing program</li> <li>▪ Scholar’s program – under development</li> </ul>	
1:26	Committee Goals and Scorecard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Val Deraville ’12, President               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alumni Council Goals: Nominate candidates for council/awards, recruit students through JC scholarship, Engage in one other committee activity</li> <li>○ Reviewed completion of committee goals to date</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	Committee Breakouts	Committees met with their respective Juniata staff team.	
2:28	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Committee – Gretta Gross ’92               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Career Day – 109 employers, 406 students</li> <li>○ Wrote thank you notes to Alumni participants</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Enrollment Committee – Eric Biddle ’82               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strong outlook on enrollment</li> <li>○ More inquiries for Juniata</li> <li>○ Ways to enhance personal touch</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Development Committee – Clay Cooper ’13               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Registration for Day of Giving events – a little low</li> <li>○ Looking to increase recurring gifts</li> <li>○ Reaching out to Alumni that participated in campus events to give</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2:47	Debrief and Wrap-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for topics for future meeting agendas</li> <li>• Following the meeting, Council members were invited to tour Statton Learning Commons</li> </ul>	
2:50	Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Val Deraville ’12, President</li> </ul>	