**U.S. Naval Academy Foundation**

**Athletic and Scholarship Programs (A&SP)**

**Fall MEETING 2024**

**0830, 15 November 2024**

**Akerson Tower**

1. Opening Remarks: Chair, Bill Moran ’81

* Welcomed the Trustees to the Fall 2024 A&SP meeting.
* Informed Trustees the Spring meeting will be held April 11th, and the Army Navy Lacrosse game is on the 12th.
* Introduced Greg Glaros ‘86 for the Pledge of Allegiance
* Admin remarks: Don Hughes ‘88

1. Minutes of the Spring 2024 meeting (12 April 2024) were approved without comment.
2. Prep School Advisory Committee: Chair, Tim Keating ’71 and Don Hughes ’88

* Update on current class of prep students (2029)
  + Expenses: $1.6 M total; $338K A&SP, $528K families, schools $800K
* Highlighted the Legacy parents (4 of which are SEALS)
* Reviewed prep school visited.
* ADM Keating/Dean Latta continue to meet to discuss timing of Admissions referral of candidates to A&SP and number of students referred to the program.
  + Discuss twice a year, we continue to push but problem at large is delays in the admission process (later than other Service Academies where they might get a direct admission)
* Mentor update – Very successful program with a one-to-one ratio, thanked those participating.

1. Women for Navy Athletics: Co-Chairs, Lisa Quadrini and Mara Matthew ’82

* Reviewed fundraising goals and activities of the WNFA:
  + Exceeded goal of $200k
  + Nutrition center upgrades, 2 new additional facilities, 3 that are pending, and the last one is the lacrosse center. Consistent across the yard. The contributions of nutrition – nutrition staff of 6 (goal 1 for every 200).
  + Engagement events – Women of 89, meeting with the Superintendent to engage her in our program, Women’s Army/Navy basketball game engagement.

1. Fundraising Support Committee: Chair, Mike Yeager ‘76

* Presented a summary of the FY24 Athletic Excellence Fundraising; $5.1 mil compared to last fiscal year of $4.4 mil.
* Saw a growth in the number of donors, able to focus on donor data and educate to increase growth and level.
* Presented a summary of the FY25 fundraising to-date, currently ahead of prior year.
* Trustees in good standing: In FY24, 240 Trustees made full AE gift requirement, improvement from prior years.
* Class Giving Update: Last year raised $796k from combined class projects, still targeting $1 mil but emphasized importance of trustee involvement early with class fundraising.
  + 1. Prior years late in getting contracts completed.
    2. Participation of midshipman in Athletics and impact on class giving – it is more important for Trustees to be involved.
* NAAA FY25 request for $4.05 million (17% increase from prior year)
  + - Additional request of $685k approved, improvement of the grass practice fields.
* Athletic Excellence Legacy fund update: Have $16 million of $20 million goal.
* Letterwinner initiative
* Established a steering committee to support the initiative with various perspectives (club sports, women sports, former Commandant, foundation, etc.)
* Verifying letterwinner contact information for the 23k athletes (14k varsity and 9k club sports winners), working on communication plans, logo, and merchandise – process for replacing letter jackets.
* Action Item: MyUSNA does not identify you as a letterwinner – might be a good opportunity to identify / give recognition.

1. Volunteer Involvement Committee: Scott Carson ’91, Don Hughes ’88 presenting.

* Reviewed the various locker room enhancements and trophy refurbishments.
* Recognized Jim Minderlein ’65 for all his suppo0rt and achievements
* Action Item: can we display trophies that Jim has worked on for the next meeting (doesn’t show well on pictures, would be great to see actual trophies). Absolutely…yes!

1. Membership: Chair, Becky Haase ’94

* Met 3 October 2024 (virtually), Elevated 6 Trustees to Emeritus.
* Reminded the Trustees of what it means to go Emeritus and presented trustee and emeritus demographics.
* *Reference Fall 2024 Trustees Meeting Presentation read ahead.*

1. Communications Committee: Chair, Tara Lee ‘91

* Chairman’s Monthly Message: revised schedule to quarterly messages, annual newsletter will be hardcopy this year but moving towards electronic.
* Reminder of the Daily News emails
* Requested volunteers for Shipmate articles on Trustees, please let Tara or Don know.

1. Awards Presentation: Chair, Mary McElroy ’87

* Winter Coach of the Year: Men’s Swimming Coach, Bill Roberts
* Spring Coach of the Year: Women’s Tennis Head Coach, Keith Puryear
* Awards Committee selected Alumni Outstanding Achievement – Athletics
  + 1. Amateur – Joe Cardona
    2. Professional – Hank Donovan

1. Guest Speaker: VADM Yvette Davids ’89, Superintendent

* VADM Davids thanked the Trustees for their support and reflected on the importance of the margin of excellence.
* Provided an update of activities on the yard including change in leadership of the Commandant, reverting to 36 companies and various capital projects.
  + Discussed the construction activities at McDonough, Halsey, and the groundbreaking at Bancroft Hall
  + Coordinating with Big Navy to address the flooding, infrastructure resilience and recapitalization.
  + NAPS improvement of facilities and coaching staff
* Discussed her pride for the athletes and what they are learning before entering the fleet.

1. Guest Speaker: Chet Gladchuk, NAAA Athletic Director

* Discussed the importance of the bridge between athletes and non-athletes and the increasing the communication with coaches.
* Expressed appreciation that we have another Superintendent that understands the physical mission.
* Provided an update on the athletic facilities and staffing.
* Emphasized the Letter Winner initiative and will be a big part of the outreach from Navy Athletics
* Thanked the Trustees for their support, which has led to the success of these programs.

1. Guest Speaker: Brian Newberry, Navy Head Football Coach

* Expressed his appreciation for the Trustees and their support; win or lose it is great to hear from alumni.
* Discussed his excitement for the opportunities they have had this season, the mindset of the team and expertise of his staff.
* Discussed the facilities, including the replacement turf.
* Highlighted supports from various groups including the “Motherhood of the Brotherhood.”

1. Chairman’s Closing Remarks

* Thanked our guest speakers and informed the Trustees.

1. Meeting adjourned at 12:36
2. Lunch – Catered by Bo Brooks