GEORGIA PERIMETER COLLEGE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Room 4190 Jim Cherry Learning Resources Building
Clarkston Campus  6:00-8:00 pm
Wednesday, February 1, 2006

MINUTES

Members Present:  Akil Abdur-Raheem, Stephanie Beach, Melinda Mock, Donald Larson, Derrick Shelton, Lester Leslie, Stella Xu, and Michael Palma

Members Absent (excused):  Terrence Rosario, Tony McIntyre, and Stefanie Palma

Ex-Officio:  Jeff Tarnowski, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Karen Berson, Director of Institutional Advancement

Guests:  M. Charlie Smith, Administrative Secretary, Office of Institutional Advancement; Lee Hedden, Coordinator for Development Services, Office of Institutional Advancement

OLD BUSINESS

President Beach stated that the minutes and the financial report from the October 25, 2005 meeting had been sent via email and the US Post Office. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Melinda Mock asked that the October minutes be adjusted to reflect that she was not in attendance. After giving the group a chance to look over the minutes again it was motioned, and seconded that the minutes be accepted. They were unanimously approved without further question.

Akil Abdul Raheem gave the Financial Report noting that the current balance in the Membership Account is $1,135.35 and the todate expenditures total $386.74. The balance in the Scholarship Account is $6,826.79, while todate scholarships awarded total $820.00. The specific expenditures and additions for each account can be seen in the attached Financial Report. Derrick Shelton asked if the Outstanding Faculty Award plaque was taken care of. Jeff responded that it had been but was not separated from the Foundation Report. The cost was around $55.00. Don Larson motioned, and Melinda Mock seconded that the Financial Report be accepted. There was no further discussion.

Melinda Mock gave the Georgia Perimeter College Nursing Alumni Association update noting that Jim Dodd, a long time Nursing Alumni member, and extremely active on the board as treasurer, had passed away and was a great loss. Several had attended the memorial service at Emory University.

The GPCNAA 2006 Strategic Plan was completed in October and they're moving forward with the objectives. In December and May, the Nursing Department has its graduation “pinning ceremony.” One objective is to sponsor this event. Another objective is to recruit nursing graduates. Sponsoring the ceremony is an excellent way to help do this. Last December's
ceremony was very well attended. On December 12th, Melinda launched the “Nursing Alumni Net News.” It specifically addresses Nursing activities and issues and will be distributed bi-monthly. The next issue is scheduled for the week of February 13th.

The annual dinner is scheduled for March 1, 2006. Dr. Judith Briles, a nationally recognized author with more than 20 books and numerous publications to her credit, will be this year’s speaker. Her topic is ‘Zapping Slugs, Snakes, and Pit Bulls in the Workplace.’ Dr. Briles presentation is fulfilling one of the The Nursing Alumni Association’s objectives, that of providing educational opportunities for Nursing Alumni members. Application to the Georgia Nursing Association for participants to receive 1.2 credit hours in continuing education has been made. This is a first, a perk, and should also boost attendance.

The selection committee for the second GPCNAA annual scholarship is being formed. The 2006 award will be given in memory of the late Jim Dodd.

A new program, “Transitioning into Practice” is being developed. It’s designed to ready students for the world of work. They’ll be taught how to write resumes, given tips on interviewing, and briefed on the dos and don’ts of the nursing world. This program meets a real need for new graduates.

Lastly, 100% of GPC’s nursing graduates passed their exams and the department has just received a 1.5 million dollar grant from the Georgia Department of Labor. A portion of the grant is earmarked to develop a nursing program at the Dunwoody Campus as there is a real need on that side of the city. A brief discussion ensued on the direction of nursing today. Chairman Beach accepted the report as information.

NEW BUSINESS
Jeff Tarnowski gave a brief bio of Karen Berson, the new Director of Advancement, then introduced her to the group. Karen has an extensive and varied background in the philanthropic arena, both public and private. Additionally, her past employment includes being on the faculty of a community college and a university.

After her introduction, Jeff excused himself from the meeting stating that he felt it important for Karen and the board to discuss openly, the aspirations, desires, dreams, and directions they wanted to take. He assured the group that he was available and would be involved, however, the transition to the new director was critical and afforded them the opportunity to birth new relationships and a new strategic plan. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude for seven great years with the group. Jeff was applauded.

The members introduced themselves and in response to their request Karen shared a bit about herself, both personally and professionally.

A discussion ensued about the direction the Alumni Association wanted to take, and how best to proceed. The board decided on an interim meeting specifically to address a five year strategic plan. Three Wednesdays in March were selected. Everyone would be contacted to see which date was most suitable to accommodate the largest number of attendees. Per Karen’s suggestion, each member was charged to come only with their vision of what GPCAA would look like five years from now.
President Beach asked if there were any further questions. There were none and she adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by M. Charlie Smith
GEORGIA PERIMETER COLLEGE FOUNDATION
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC
Financial Report (unaudited)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 3/31/2006

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Unrestricted Membership Dues Account
BEGINNING BALANCE, 01/01/2006: 525.14

REVENUES
Interest 5.04
Total: 5.04
Donations 470.00
Total Donations/Gifts: 470.00

TOTAL REVENUES: 475.04

DISBURSEMENTS
Holiday Christmas Party 64.99
State Registration 30.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 94.99

Unrestricted Membership Dues Account
ENDING BALANCE, 3/31/2006 905.19

Scholarship Account
BEGINNING BALANCE, 01/01/2006: Permanent $5,000.00 Temporary $1,872.71

REVENUES
Interest 70.40
Total: 70.40
Donations 0.00
Total Donations/Gifts: 0.00

TOTAL REVENUES: 70.40

DISBURSEMENTS
Scholarships $820.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: $820.00

Scholarship Account
ENDING BALANCE, 03/31/2006: $6,123.11