

Rocky Mountain Harvard University Club
Minutes of Steering Committee Meeting, 12 February 2014

Present : Tracey Smith Christina Gomez
 Srinidhi Reddy Junko Kim
 Fred Ris John Griffin

Excused: Steve Kregstein Eric Eversley
 Vincent Oletu Phil Weintraub

(Numbering below references the meeting agenda)

Tracey called the meeting to order at 6:56 PM

- 1.) Preliminaries
 - a.) Regrets
 - b.) Guests: None
 - c.) Agenda adopted
- 2.) Minutes adopted
- 3.) Financial Report
 - Christina sent out documents this morning
 - Very little activity in the past month beyond a few membership dues (a couple came out of GNN) and scholarship fund contributions
- 4.) Past Events
 - A.) Harvard Alumni Association 2014 Alumni Leadership Conference
 - Tracey, Fred, Srinidhi and Junko attended this past weekend
 - HarvardX for Alumni
 - Picked out 7 courses to give a short preview of during HAAx 1
 - Will begin on March 22 and will roll out one segment every 2 weeks
 - There will be 30-60 minutes of video from the actual class as well as some extras (interviews with professor, readings, study guides, etc.)
 - HAA encourages the formation of discussion groups around the segments
 - The purpose is alumni engagement (coincides with the Campaign)
 - HAA has provided additional materials around the discussion groups (marketing materials, best practices, etc.)
 - One idea is to bring in someone local who is familiar with the subject to moderate and lead discussion
 - Send out an email blast asking for volunteers to lead the discussion groups
 - Once we have people sign up, use SurveyMonkey to figure out a day and time for the group

- Fred will put together a page on the website advertising the series as well as asking for volunteers
 - We can have a two-part discussion group: the first is for people who haven't watched the lecture, and the second part can immediately follow and be the actual discussion
- First Generation Harvard
 - Kevin Jennings started the SIG to connect alums who were first generation with current students who are first generation
 - A few weeks ago, he had a discussion with students to find out about their experience
 - The main point of discussion was the Admitted Students Reception – often it is uncomfortable due to the country club setting, dress code, etc.
 - Suggestions included holding the event at a more neutral location such as a high school, make the dress code casual, explicitly state why students should attend
 - Our reception last year was well attended, and the three students who didn't attend all decided to go to Stanford
- Miscellaneous
 - Have a point person on the board for other clubs (ex. HBS, Ivy+, SIGs)

5.) Upcoming events

A.) Schools Committee Applicant Interview Ranking, March 1

- Interviews are underway
- In about a week, we will hopefully get the list of names and have the ranking meeting
- Last year, we offered a financial subsidy for students who wanted to visit Harvard and hadn't before / hadn't gone through the tours, etc.
- We offered \$300 per admitted student last year
- We had 7 takers last year, but no one actually submitted the documentation
- In the past, for students who were on the fence, it made a difference when they visited
- This year we will offer \$300 per admitted student for Visitas

B.) Soup Kitchen, March 14th

- 11:20am to 1pm at Trinity Methodist Church on Broadway
- Already on the website; Christina will send out an email to past volunteers
- We can send out an email blast to the general email list for additional volunteers
- There were no dates in April (didn't want to introduce confusion by having it at the other location), but we are trying to set up a date for May through the volunteer coordinator (she is not the most responsive however)

C.) HAA1x:

- See notes above

D.) GNN

- Monday, June 23

- Colorado Springs: an alum who just moved here has offered to host

6.) Events in Gestation

A.) March Young Alum Event

- March 6th, 6pm – 8pm
- The Cherry Cricket
- Include drink specials in blurb on website and on Facebook

B.) Global Month of Service Event (TBD)

- Usually arrange one or two events in April (different locations or days)
- Options:
 - DUMB Friends League – Tracey
 - Boulder Shelter for the Homeless (Greg Harms) – Christina
 - Aurora Family Services? – Junko
 - Freedom Service Dogs (Englewood) – Tracey

C.) RMHUC Astro Event, Boulder

- Options Saturday, May 10th or May 17th between 4pm and 8pm
- They have offered to do a 20 minute presentation by a Harvard alum on the history of the universe followed by a 40 minute planetarium show
- One of three planetariums in the nation that has that high of a resolution
- After the show, attendees can use the telescopes in an adjacent building
- Michael Banks will inquire about any age restrictions
- Banks is willing to reserve the space for \$200
- We will have to take care of the catering (recommend Spice of Life, a higher end caterer, or we can bring our own refreshments)
- We may need to charge per head to make sure people show up
- Alcohol is allowed, but we will have to make sure to check age and only serve those in our party
- May want to do a wine and cheese event
- Banks wants to do an Ivy+ event; 100 attendees would be a successful event
- Junko will try to confirm May 17th

D.) Anna Jones' Women's Pot Luck

- Still waiting on date

E.) Possible Romanoff / Coffman Debate

- Romanoff has already agreed to the event
- Junko to call Coffman offices to find out if they are interested in a forum (Coffman might be more inclined to attend)
- The format could be a short talk by each candidate followed by a question and answer session
- We could open it up to the other Ivy+ schools

F.) Dr. Rina Shinn (AB '86)

- Tracey in contact
- Need to make sure that attendance is decent

7.) Status Updates

- A) Schools Committee
 - B) Membership Committee
 - C) Communications / Webmaster
 - D) Speaker Series
 - E) Young Alums
 - F) Other
- 8.) Pending issues
- Stationary
 - Junko emailed the stationary options
 - Fred to look into Harvard shield usage
 - Need to update the physical address and replace email address with website
 - Friends of Harvard Polo
 - National Western Conference on March 7th (Fort Collins) and 8th (Denver)
 - They want us to host a post-game reception where people can meet the coach, the players and the horses
 - We will publicize the polo matches on the website but not host an event (Tracey to ask for blurb text)
- 9.) Any other business
- Dinner
 - March: Fred
 - Next meetings
 - Wednesday, March 12

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM