Committee Reports
January 2017

Awards
Directors: La Fleur, Cathy – Chair, Lowery, George; Madigan, Gerry; Nelson, Susan and Radlick, Patricia

Staff: Ott, Jill; Moore, Martha

Cathy welcomed everyone and offered a brief reflection. Martha provided an update on the Pedro Arrupe Award for 2017. The discussion included a review of the selection process for the 2017 Award recipient. The list of questions for the finalists was reviewed. A request for nominations was sent via email to faculty/staff. Reminders in News Briefs will be sent during January, February and March to faculty/staff and to students. Martha will distribute the information (student applications and essays, and sponsor forms) to the committee members in late March for review prior to the April interviews. The interviews will take place during the April meeting and a selection will be made. The Pedro Arrupe Award dinner will be in January 2018. The committee members discussed the list of 2017 Alumni National Award recipients.

We are always in need of nominations.

Alumni Donor Participation
Directors: Amador-Domenech, Carlos; – Chair; Arechaederra, Emilio; Owens, Michelle; Ryan, Steve and Thompson, KAT

Staff: Harvey, Sara

- The committee picked up where they left off in their between-meeting conference call and received an update on the status of the annual fund to goal this fiscal year.
- The committee has been brainstorming with staff on strategies to improve (phone) pick up rates in the Phonathon. Based on the feedback shared during our last conference call, the staff will be piloting some day time calling to alumni this Spring.
- The committee received a “sneak preview” of the US News ranking presentation, spending time learning more about how the alumni giving rate is calculated and strategizing for future improvement. As one of the strategies mentioned was the importance of monthly, recurring giving in our work, the committee decided to discuss this topic in more detail at our April meeting.

Governance
Directors: Munzenmaier, Diane, – Chair; Addy, Mike (phone); Detesco, Andy; Minhas, Micky; Oliver, Monica; Stanton, Mary Beth (phone) and Zimmerman, Amy

Staff: Burkhart, Sarah; Shurn, Rachelle and guest Hamilton, Holly

- Diane opened the meeting with prayer.
- Tasked with compiling a slate of candidates to fill vacancies for 17-18.
- As it currently stands; and not accounting for the result of the Spring election, have six retiring directors (Cathy, Rachel, Amy, Mary Beth Michele and Mike).
- The candidate pool is based on recommendations from current and former national board members as well as University staff.
• Candidates are then scored based on their sphere of influence or connections, previous volunteer experience, ethnic diversity, endorsements and engagement score. All candidates have made recent gifts to the university.
• Based on this “matrix” as well as areas of opportunities for the recruitment year, we reviewed a slate of 26 candidates and were tasked moving 14 forward for further review based on areas of opportunities.
• Areas of opportunities refers to colleges, decades or priority regions where our representation is non-existent or very low. For example, we don’t any representation from Health Sciences, Communication. Additionally, we will have only one director from Milwaukee and obviously Milwaukee is a primary region for us.
• A few quick facts about the candidates:
  o Several current and former club presidents
  o Their giving ranges from $30 to $250K
  o Several former alumni award recipients
  o Several have endowed scholarships
• During the April meeting, we will narrow the 14 candidates down to 9-11 and bring the slate candidates to the full board for approval to extend an invitation to join the board.
• As an FYI, we approve more candidates than we have vacancies, in the event that, for whatever reason, our invitation is declined.
• Diane challenged the group to provide at least two director nomination before the April meetings potential