IMPORTANT DATES:

Every Tuesday: Excellence in Restorative Dentistry Lecture Series

Every Thursday: The Periodontics’ Chair’s Speaker Series

May 8: *Virtual* Oral Cancer Walk and Wellness Week

May 14-15: *Virtual* Alumni Weekend 2021

September 29-30: Campaign celebration close and meeting of all leadership boards

See Calendar of Events for full schedule.

Alumni Society Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2021

Board Members in Attendance: Eric Spieler, D’84; Ngozi Ajuba, D’12; Pam Alberto, D’80; Hope Berman, C’77, D’83; Scott Chanin, D’83; Katherine France, D’16, GR’16, GD’18; Andrew Fraser, D’16; Alyssa Greenberger, D’02; JV Kracke, D’17, GD’19; Bernie Kurek, D’73, WMP’03; Bret Lesavoy, D’19; Rachel Levarek, D’11; Shabnam Sedaghat, D’06; Josh Simpson, D’16; Matt Sones, D’12; Ann Spolarich, DH’82

Administration and Guests in Attendance: Mark Wolff, Morton Amsterdam Dean; Elizabeth Ketterlinus, Vice Dean, Institutional Advancement; Maren Gaughan, Associate Dean for Leadership Giving; Sarah Burton Flynn, Director, Strategic Development and Alumni Relations; Lindsay Murphy, Assistant Director of Annual Giving; Yarrow Randall, Development Assistant; Kristen Leong, Executive Student Council President; Herta Grenado, Vice President Class of 2021; Shivam Patel, Vice President Class of 2022; Travis Chirman, President Class of 2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.

I. Welcome – Eric Spieler
   a. Thank you all for this past year. Appreciate the opportunity to be the Board president and work with everyone on the Board.
   b. Motion to adopt the minutes – Bret Lesavoy, seconded by Hope Berman.
      i. Approved.

II. Mark Wolff
    a. Students graduating on time!
       i. Nationally, 1/3 of the other dental programs anticipate their students staying late into June or well into July to complete requirements.
       ii. Our D4’s are ahead of the Class of 2019 at this point.
iii. Virtual graduation scheduled, May 17
   1. University is not allowing any graduate schools to hold an in-person ceremonies or celebrations.
   2. School is filming the first hooding ceremony as well as certificate “promise” later this month (April).
   3. University has laid out very strict rules about filming and official photos (all are embargoed until May 17).

b. Mock accreditation visit held two weeks ago.
   i. Went well and gave us good feedback to work on.

c. Disabilities Lecture Series is receiving national attention.
   i. There are individuals from 9 institutions that are already interested in internship opportunities at the Center.

d. New programs launching.
   i. Approval for HRSA grant for AEGD program. Already preparing the application to expand the program to include new centers
   ii. Center for Integrative Global Oral Health – stay tuned for announcements.
   iii. Partnering with Penn Medicine and PHMC to open a FQHC in Mercy Catholic Hospital.

e. During the pandemic we have continued to excel and expand. You can be very proud.

f. Bernie Kurek – Other schools have stories of students not having enough clinical hours. How are our students getting clinical hours?
   i. Not the case at PDM
      1. Current wait list for new patients – currently through July.
      2. West Philadelphia dentistry did not return to normal nearly as quickly.
      3. Prior to the pandemic, School expanded clinical requirements and most students are achieving these on time and ahead of prior classes.
      4. Community sites are also providing clinical experience hours – expanded the number of visits students can have without crowding School’s facilities. All are taught by our standing Penn Dental faculty.

g. Eric Spieler – There was talk of a Levy renovation at some point. Is that still the case?
   i. Not in the immediate future
      1. Full rehab will cost approximately $90-$120 M.
      2. Research enterprise would need to be moved out; which has grown by 15% in the past year.
      3. Espestos and other difficulties increase cost.
      4. Seemed more feasible when first acknowledged back in January 2020, however at the current moment, it is less feasible due to other expansions and the impact of COVID-19.
         a. Expanded admissions of Advanced Graduate Degrees will help increase our financial viability.
h. Bret Lesavoy – In my experience, we’ve referred many of our patients that are medically complex patients to the center for disabilities at NYU. How has that worked in the first few months of this new center?
   i. Personalized Care Suite – refers to our approach of individualized care for our patients to find the best outcome for them.
      1. So far, we have seen Medically Complex patients with Oral Medicine in the suite.
      2. School’s approach will be focused on preventive care to bring health back to individuals with disabilities, not sedation of this patient population.

i. Encouraged all to take advantage of School’s CDE offerings.
   i. Currently producing five to six programs a week.
   ii. New partnership with Delta Dental of Michigan who will be sponsoring Disabilities Series.
      1. Very impressive that it’s moved this fast and we are being recognized for it.

III. Campaign Update – Liz Ketterlinus
a. *The Power of Penn Dental Medicine* Campaign nearing $70M to date of $50M goal
   i. Big thank you to all for your support and bringing your fellow alumni into this exciting time for the School.

b. University-wide campaign officially ends on June 30
   i. Messages will be shifting from us and the University to a focus on impact.
      1. Our facilities have changed
      2. Our community impact has also changed.
   ii. Our needs don’t end on June 30 though!
      1. Many funding areas – including scholarship support – will remain a focus.
   iii. Fall 2021 plans to celebrate the end of the campaign and bring together our key boards: Board of Advisors, Dean’s Council, Alumni Society Executive Committee
      1. September 29-30 – Plan to stay in Philadelphia if you are not local.
      2. Opportunity to meet other leadership volunteers, hear plans for the future of PDM, and reflect on these themes of “Impact”

c. Rise in QS World Rankings!
   i. You will see this in the Spring 2021 PDMJ (*it will be printed* YAY!)

d. Shout out to Beth Adams for her work on the PDMJ. Very professional publication – Eric Spieler.

IV. Student Reports
a. Herta Grenado, Vice President, Class of 2021
   i. Getting prepped for graduation. Virtual recording on April 30. The ceremony will be broadcast on May 17.
      1. Glad to be able to celebrate in whatever extent possible.
   ii. There seems to be only a few weeks delay in graduation for a few people; much less than previous yeras.
   iii. Bret Lesavoy – Congratulations and congratulations on the boards.
b. Kristen Leong, Executive Student Council President, Class of 2021
   i. Successful completion of the mannequin portion of the ADEX exam; pass rate of 92.8% for the class.
   ii. Opening elections for the next year’s council; elections will be held in May.
   iii. Inaugural class to have rotations in the Center for Persons with Disabilities.
      1. Currently working with Alicia Risner-Bauman to screen patients with acquired disabilities for the Center.
   iv. Also heavy in clinical care sites. We had an incredible experience with all of them - shout out to Dr. Jensen.
   v. Future plans are to participate in a GPR residency in New Jersey.
c. Shivam Patel, Vice President, Class of 2022
   i. Chugging along in clinic, beginning Phase II treatments.
      1. Been doing a lot of Perio and Restorative up to this point.
   ii. Dr. Alawi informed them that they will be taking the integrated boards (a single two-day exam)
      1. Mixed emotions about this and feeling all of the emotions of recognizing that we will be fourth years.
   iii. Beginning the process of applying to residency programs and determining next steps after PDM
      1. Class is working closely with Sue Schwartz.
   iv. Community Clinical rotations have been great.
      1. Diverse experiences in each of the sites. Hesitant at first to leave the comfort of PCU but grateful for these experiences.
   v. Summer break has not been impacted by COVID and the class will keep their one week at 4th of July and two-week summer break in August.
   vi. Looking forward to matriculating to 4th years!
d. Travis Chirman, President, Class of 2024
   i. Had another integrated exam on Monday.
   ii. Been able to do periodontal charting, working on actual people (each other)
   iii. Operative lab working with Dr. Spieler (Class I-V preps)
      1. Limited lab time due to COVID precautions.
      2. Summer break will be shorter to accommodate lab requirements effected by the pandemic this year.
   iv. Assisting D4s in clinic.
   v. All lectures are fully remote, which is a change from the Fall semester.
   vi. Class is fully vaccinated; grateful to PDM for making this happen for anyone who wanted it.

V. Upcoming events – Sarah Burton Flynn
   a. Tonight at 8PM – AAOM reception
   b. Collaboration with the Penn Dental Women’s Network (student group) highlighting alumni, faculty, staff, and students of PDM in honor of Women’s History Month.
i. Series called “2 Minutes With” – videos available on the Penn Dental Women’s Network Instagram page
   ii. Watch Party this Saturday (4/17) at 2PM – open to everyone!
   c. AAE alumni reception – April 22, 8PM EST
d. Virtual Oral Cancer Walk and Wellness Week – May 8
e. Alumni Weekend *virtual* - May 14-15
f. Research Day – May 13

VI. Member-at-Large & Officer Nominations – Scott Chanin
   a. Move to amend the by-laws to remove the member-at-large cap and change the by-laws (Chapter III, section A) to “[comprised of] the elected officers and a minimum of thirty (30) elected active members of the Society.”
      i. Motion to allow accommodation of hiatus year as well as interested new members.
      ii. Motion passed unanimously.
b. Hope Berman motioned to include Kristen and Neal (D4 representatives) on the Alumni Society executive Board. – Seconded by Eric.
   c. President Nominations – Scott Chanin
      i. Nominated by Eric Spieler for his commitment to PDM; mentorship of students as a teacher and alumnus; and for his agenda is to promote Penn in a positive way wherever he goes.
         1. Always looking for ways to engage alumni and students.
         2. Loves dentistry – has his pulse on clinical and academic dentistry.
      ii. Approved!
d. Vice President – Alyssa Marlin Greenberger
      i. Nominated by Sarah Burton Flynn for her loyal support over last decade and exceptional work leading PAIP Bio-Dental committee. Seconded by Eric and Scott.
      ii. Approved!
e. Re-appointments to the Board
      i. Judy Bendit - Approved
      ii. Lee Durst - Approved
      iii. Gail Spiegel Cohen – Approved
f. Member at large – Milan Doshi, D’07 - Approved
   i. Nominated by Sarah Burton Flynn – orthodontist in Chicago area; interested in getting more involved.
   ii. Attends regional and virtual alumni events
   iii. Supports PDM fundraising priorities.
g. Member-at-large – Ken Ingber, D’71 - Approved
   i. Nominated by Maren Gaughan – general dentist in Washington, DC area.
   ii. Long-time supporter of Penn and interested in getting involved
   iii. Passionate about mentoring current students and young alumni.
h. Member-at-large – Joel Frankel, C’02, D’06, GD’10 - Approved
   i. Nominated by Sarah – restorative/perio practice in Margate City, NJ
   ii. Recommendation of Dr. Lou Rossman
   iii. Deeply proud of Penn experience; advocate for both Penn undergrad and PDM
i. Member-at-large – Morrie Rosen, D’92 - Approved
   i. Nominated by Scott Chanin – general dentist, Main Line area.
   ii. Teach together in clinic – highly respected clinician and dedicated teacher.
   iii. Advocate for the school.

j. Member-at-large – Caryn Siegel Finley, D’99 - Approved
   i. Nominated by Wendy Halpern; seconded by Bret Lesavoy (Dr. Siegel is his attending at Columbia)
   ii. Noted dedication to educating and mentoring.
   iii. Actively supports class reunions and remains connected to class.

k. Member-at-large – Brigitte White Zinkovic, CGS’04, D’07 - Approved
   i. Nominated by Sarah – general dentist in VA
   ii. Has become very involved with PDM supporting student opportunities with the Penn Dental Women’s Network (speaker, mentor, advocate)
   iii. Recently began teaching part-time in main clinic
   iv. Advocate for PDM and strong mentor for students and YA of PDM

VII. New Business - Eric Spieler
   a. Sad to say goodbye to the presidency, but excited about the future of this group!
   b. Congratulations to everyone.
   c. We hope to see you during the virtual Alumni Weekend celebrations!

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.