

Five-Year Reunion Committee Meeting – Class of 2006
Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00pm

Members in Attendance: Christine Scheirer; Alex Hoffmaster; John Hamnett; Christine Molino; Ashleigh Forsell; Kasey Connors

On Teleconference: Lindsey Falkowski; Ming-Jay Shiao; David Simmons; Emily Smith; Jenni Wright

Welcome and Introductions

Programming co-chairs Christine Molino and John Hamnett introduced themselves to the group, as well as advisor Christine Scheirer and Annual Giving advisor Alex Hoffmaster. Ashleigh Forsell joined us by teleconference and introduced her role as Class Gift Chair.

Each committee member told everyone a bit about themselves; their major, special groups they were involved in while enrolled, and where they currently are located / employed.

Fundraising – Ashleigh Forsell

Last year's class gift was \$37,159.96 given from 8% of the class; our goal for our 5-year reunion is \$40,000 from 9% of the class (365 donors). To date, 10 people have donated to the class gift, for a total of \$1,111. Each class will be asked to donate towards their class gift either by cash, credit, pledges or stocks. Solicitations will be sent throughout the year, but efforts of committee members will be instrumental in hitting the goal to support UD. Donations can go towards the program of the donor's choice (i.e. College of Arts and Sciences, Alumni Relations, etc). All committee members will be asked to give towards their graduation year (100% participation is key). Alex will speak more about the fundraising at the October meeting, and throughout the year.

Class demographics:

- 4400 Alumni (3726 Undergraduates Alumni, 610 Graduate Alumni)
- 36 "Lost" - do not have any contact information
- 4 Deceased
- 198 classmates are "Double Dels"
 - 38 pairs from class of 2006
- 3383 have their phone numbers
- 1608 have their email
- Have given \$182,536 total from 586 classmates

Timeline – John Hamnett & Christine Molino

See attached timeline for the year breakdown of key points. (Special attention to those points highlighted.) If you attend only one meeting in person all year, please attend the Leadership Training Meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 6-8pm at the Courtyard Marriott.

Discussion Points – John Hamnett & Christine Molino

Forum & Reunion Weekend has changed to Alumni Weekend – June 3-5, 2011. Friday night will be Mug Night on the Green; ideally, our reunion is targeted for Saturday evening. Blue Hen Boardwalk has been moved to Saturday afternoon.

Blue Hens on Main will be held the Friday night before Homecoming (Friday, November 5). This will be a bar crawl for the UD Community. Interested participants can purchase a \$15 wristband from Trabant beforehand (or evening of) that will provide drink specials at Main Street bars, as well as entrance to a special Blue Hen “breakfast” at 1am back in Trabant. Purchase

includes a UD Blue Hen fan scarf that we hope will be worn at the football game the following day.

Alumni Weekend registration fees go towards funding Alumni Weekend activities (i.e. speakers, affinity group reunions, etc). There will be a separate Class Reunion registration fee that will be based on the programming planned for the event (i.e. location, entertainment, food, beverage, etc).

Class Celebration – John Hamnett, Christine Molino, and Ashleigh Forsell
Distributed list of possible venues, examined capacity.

List of Venues – top 5 at first glance

- 1) CFA – Puglisi
- 2) CFA – Thompson Hall
- 3) CFA - Gore Lobby
- 4) Kent Dining Hall
- 5) Trabant Multipurpose Room

Feedback for Venues – The majority of the committee in attendance felt the Center for the Arts (CFA) would be a preferred location for the reunion based on the list of available venues. The build for the CFA finished post-graduation, many felt it would be nice to come back and see the finished product. The CFA is also named after former UD President Roselle; the Class of 2006 was his last as president. The CFA has lobbies that would allow us to hold a cocktail hour prior to the reunion event. Also, the CFA allows UD to showcase the results of its fundraising efforts with a new, high quality building.

Other comments brought up: most felt that dining halls would not be appropriate for our reunion; Timothy's was suggested, however, there are concerns with capacity as they would only allow us to use the upstairs and it is currently being looked at for the Class of 1996; Trabant multipurpose rooms would hypothetically meet our capacity needs, but feels more like a meeting/conference space instead of a reunion venue.

Drop date deadline for location selection is December!

Attendance goal for reunion celebration is 200. There were 167 alumni from the Class of 2006 who attended FRW 2010.

Reunion programming: Committee members thought it would be fun to recreate a Saturday night out on Main Street for our reunion, featuring a popular cover band. Bands that were suggested were Burnt Sienna, Kristen and the Noise, Mr. Greengenes, Liquid A, and Omnisoul. Some of these groups have since disbanded, making them more difficult to sign on for this event. A DJ was also suggested, which prompted a suggestion of hiring Tom Travers to recreate the 80s nights held at Klondike Kate's. A cocktail atmosphere for the reunion would allow for less tables and more conversation.

Communication Between the Committee – John Hamnett & Christine Molino

Join class of 2006 5year page on facebook – join by sept 24; send it along to some friends (link: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=111629335516739> OR search “University of Delaware Class of 2006 - 5 Year Reunion”)

Email list serve, class-of-2006@udel.edu. Committee members are urged to communicate with each other via the list serve.

Post to UD Connection your intent to register for Alumni Weekend, coming soon! (Check the website on UD Connection for updates: <http://www.udconnection.com/Reunions/Class-of-2006>)

Next Steps – John Hamnett & Christine Molino

Handbook was distributed to those attending the meeting in person. A JPEG will be emailed to other committee members, but a hard copy will be distributed to those attending the October meeting.

Everyone will need to sign a confidentiality agreement to be mailed directly to Christine Scheirer. Class lists will be sent with private information that cannot be shared for reasons outside of internal UD correspondence. The confidentiality agreement is downloadable from the UD Connection Class Reunion webpage.

If you are looking for an affinity group list (i.e. sorority, campus groups... the university did not keep records regarding who resided in specific residence halls!), please contact Ashleigh Forsell or Alex Hoffmaster.

We will need a volunteer to take notes for next meeting, and will rotate committee members taking notes throughout the year (Christine Molino took notes for September).

REMEMBER: If you can attend any meeting in person, attend the October meeting!!

Things to decide by October meeting: location and entertainment. The CFA is in high demand and we need to lock it up if that is our desired location!