

## Notes from Fall 2014 COCP Meeting, 17NOV2014

For the breakout sessions, Tom Wagner '97, Joe Moreno '93 and I joined the '00 and '10s.

Discussed were the following:

- Reunion tips – I gave them some tips from our recent 15-year reunion.
- Whether or not it's a good idea to incorporate. Charlie Mello '02 (attending for Josh Welle '02) suggested we speak with Pat McConnell '02 as he was instrumental in making that happen for them. '02 essentially had to incorporate due to the sale of their book "In the Shadow of Greatness" – they wanted to collect the proceeds of those sales without having to pay taxes.
- Fundraising – everyone agreed that it's better to have a person dedicated to fundraising, i.e. a fundraising chair; and it's a good idea to give the class a choice with regard to funds recipient(s)

Supé's remarks

- There's a high volunteer rate within the Brigade
- There are now 25 majors, with CyberSpace, Nuclear Engineering, and Aerospace Engineering the newest majors
- There are 33 Division I sports teams; USNA is #3 in the nation for Div I participation, behind Ohio State University, who is #1
- 2018 had the lowest plebe summer attrition rate in 169 years.
  - o Women make up 25% of the class
  - o The incoming plebes had the highest SAT scores in years
- He will continue to focus on Midshipmen character development, enriching the student International Program (currently being run by Tim Disher '81), and increase focus on cyber security studies
  - o There are now two mandatory cyber security classes – one during plebe year and one during second class year.
- They are gearing up to build the Cyber Security Studies Center on the Yard as well as a parking garage across from Alumni Hall
- Navy Football enters the ACC in the Fall 2015
  - o Navy has a contract to play Notre Dame through 2027
- He has to be mindful of the fiscal resources available to him to keep the Academy running
  - o Maintaining buildings = \$36M/year
  - o Maintaining roads/walkways on the Yard = \$20M
  - o Operations and maintenance = \$130M-\$150M

Alumni Association/Foundation Panel

- Skid Heyworth '70, Secretary and Vice President, Communication of the Alumni Association, will be retiring in December; they are in the process of finding his replacement
- Ken Kurz '99, Director of Communication at the AA, has left to be Director of Communication at the University of Oklahoma. They are in the process of finding his replacement and asked us to send any names their way
- Class Giving
  - o There are currently 20 classes on active projects
  - o Five new class projects come up each year
  - o Each class project usually gives to the Annual Fund and to 1-3 other Restricted Components; all usually include donations to "Athletic Excellence"
  - o The Foundation is about to launch a \$400M fundraising campaign

- The requested that we ask our classmates to update their contact information in the AA program
- Athletic scholarship programs for FY2015 are as follows:
  - \$1.09M for NAAA
  - \$280K NAPS
  - \$291,250 USNA
  - Total = \$1,666,250
- Goals – raise \$2M/year
  - Build \$5M reserve
  - Encourage Class Projects to support Navy Athletics
  - Expand “Friends of Navy Athletics to all levels of participation
- The Class of ‘69’s Alumni Mentoring program was brought up for discussion
  - It is a class led/class funded program
  - Currently, there are 913 participants with 368 connections made
  - There was discussion about how one becomes a mentor vice a mentee; at what point in one’s career does one become a mentor or a mentee
- There was discussion about AA’s ‘Another Link in the Chain’ mentoring program
  - Evidently the program is growing stronger every year
  - The event standardization is improving
  - It requires a great deal of commitment from ALITC classmates to attend various Brigade functions

#### “Poll Your Contituents”

- Charlie Mello ‘02 presented the format they used to poll their classmates on class agenda
- Squarespace hosts ‘02’s website and the site already had a survey format included for their use
- The survey was announced via email and FB and it ran for two weeks
- They had 111 responses, which equals to about 12% of the class – and they considered this a “good” return on data

#### Athletic Association Report

- Chet Gladchuk came and emphasized to the older classes that handrails have finally been put into the stadium
- There will be a redo of Ricketts Hall in the near future, as well as enhancements to the Rugby field and stands, and the Naval Academy Golf Course
- The football team is looking forward to entering the ACC next season.
  - 2015 will have six home games
  - Entering the ACC will result in games not being finalized until the beginning of each year, which will cause some heartache for classes who will be trying to plan reunions in the years to come. They hope to have the games finalized by at least January of each year so when the game schedule comes out, the classes can then immediately lock in vendors, hotels, etc., for their upcoming reunions
- He was a little upset about the low attendance at the Notre Dame game – it was the lowest attended of-site game they’ve had ever; 50K tickets were sold, only 38K were in attendance. Yes, he understood that Fedex sucked, but they had no other options for that off-site game

#### Breakout Session Reports

- Reports from the various decades
- I didn’t take notes from all the decades

- There was a concern about funding for the Council of Class President's Meeting in April 2015 – the Alumni Association may not have enough money to fund the April Meeting. There was no action taken on how that meeting should/will be funded.

#### Navy Football

- Coach Ken came in and thanked us for our support of the football team
- He's been with the team for 17 years now and he loves every moment of it.
- He reiterated how amazing the football players are, giving 110% every day on the practice field, whether or not they get actual playing time in the game, and then going back to Bancroft Hall and carrying out the other responsibilities asked of them
- They are looking forward to playing in the ACC next season

Meeting adjourned at 1445