THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 18, 2014

Location: Conference Call
Call in: 888-651-5908; Participant Code: 516-6858 (USA) 0808-234-9295 (UK)

Invitees: Jay Lenrow, President; David Yaffe, 1st Vice President; LouAnn Conner, 2nd Vice President; Nikolas Matthes, Treasurer; Howard Adler, Secretary; Terri McBride, past president, ex-officio


Staff Members: Susan deMuth, Executive Director, OAR; Marguerite Ingalls Jones, OAR; Patricia Conklin, OAR; Shaun Grahe, OAR; Elena Thompson, OAR; Gwen Harley, OAR; Jason Heiserman, OAR, Krystle Ongaco, OAR; Andrea Jones, Krieger School of Arts & Sciences; Jen Yeager, School of Education; Margaret Hardt Frondorf, School of Advanced International Studies; Jordi Izzard, School of Advanced International Studies; Emily Spence, School of Advanced International Studies; Erika Juengst, Peabody; Debbie Kennison, Peabody; Sara Rutstein, Carey Business School; Allison Hardy, Bloomberg School of Public Health; Jimmie Lou DeBakey, Bloomberg School of Public Health; Kaitlin O’Connor, School of Medicine; Lindsay Dorrance, School of Nursing; Tasmim Anwar, Whiting School of Engineering; Morgan Martin, Bloomberg School of Public Health

Facilitator: Jay Lenrow

Meeting Start Time: 5:00 pm ET
Meeting End Time: 6:00 pm ET

Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Updates – Jay Lenrow
   a. New Board of Trustee Information
   b. Letter from Provost Lieberman, Vice Provost Shollenberger, and Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Terry Martinez, Assistant Vice Provost/Dean of Students (see attached)

2. Secretary’s Report - Howard Adler

3. Committee Updates
a. Alumni Communities: Mindy Farber, A&S ’74
   Awards & Nominations: Jon Bradley, BUS ’09
   Communications: Steve Naron, ENG ’70
   Development: Bob Fisher, ENG ’70
   Student Engagement Committee: Bryan McMillan, Bus ’00, ’02
   Student Grants: Steve Lascher, BSPH ’96, ’08

b. Committee Structure – Jay Lenrow

4. President’s Welcome Letter and Newsletter - Jay Lenrow

5. Discussion re 1st Lieutenant for each committee – Jay Lenrow

6. Advance Notice Policy – Howard Adler

7. New Business

8. Next Meeting: TBA
Dear Students:

As a community, we are all dedicated to making Johns Hopkins a better, stronger and safer place. Right now, we are at a point where making the kind of progress we all seek requires taking a breath and putting things in perspective. The alleged sexual assault of a visitor at a fraternity party two weekends ago demonstrated starkly that our community needs to spend some time thinking about how we can accelerate our ongoing efforts to address issues of sexual violence and alcohol abuse at Johns Hopkins.

As you know, the university has directed member organizations of the Interfraternity Council not to hold social events pending completion of an interim plan to make parties safer for our students and our guests. Today, we want to share with you directly why this action was taken.

We want to be clear that the university deeply appreciates the IFC’s work last week to adopt interim measures for controlling social activities sponsored by member chapters. The IFC voted unanimously to require that there be no open fraternity parties for the rest of the semester and to mandate the use of party monitors. This was a commendable step, and we in the administration thank the IFC and its leaders for taking it.

We were encouraged by the IFC’s speedy deliberation and adoption of these good-faith procedures. We also recognized, however, that in order for these measures to be effective and consistent, we need to work together on an implementation plan. There needs to be agreement, for instance, on the standards for party monitors to enforce and on training for the monitors themselves.

The university thus informed the IFC last Thursday night that we would immediately convene an implementation team to address outstanding issues and put the proposed measures in place. We believe an implementation plan can be prepared expeditiously, and we are committed to resuming social activities as soon as possible.

We also will press ahead with the work of various university and student groups that have been meeting on issues of alcohol abuse, sexual violence and campus life. One of those groups, the Alcohol Strategy Group and its Student Subcommittee, has been on track to provide early next year recommendations on ways to reduce harmful drinking. An area of focus is new and improved party procedures for all student groups. The IFC initiatives and implementation plan that we are developing now for the balance of this semester should be seen as interim.
measures, which we will learn from and reflect upon moving forward.

We recognize that the decision to postpone social events pending an implementation plan has disappointed members of the student body and reduced opportunities to relax and socialize together this past weekend. But we also know that there is broad consensus in our community that we have serious issues that must be addressed, and in the Johns Hopkins way: openly; fearlessly; with respect for evidence-based best practices; and, above all, with the welfare of our students, guests and entire community as our first concern.

We are proud to be a part of the Johns Hopkins community, and we know that you all share in that pride. Reflective of that, we hope that you will continue to join with us in making Johns Hopkins the best university it can be.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Lieberman
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Kevin G. Shollenberger
Vice Provost for Student Affairs

Terry Martinez
Assistant Vice Provost/Dean of Students