

## **Program on the Environmental Alumni Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – Session 2**

March 14, 2006  
6:30 – 8:00 P.M.  
MGH 258

Present: Dave Secord, Michelle Hall, Trina Sterry, Arece Hampton, Linda Lyshall, Emily Morris, Allison Leighton, Jackie White, Josh Reese

Absent: Fatima Oswald, Kirsten Anderson

### **1) Introductions**

Dave Secord (PoE Co-Director) welcomed the PoE Alumni Board members and expressed his excitement with the opportunities that lie ahead of the board. Also, Dave announced PoE's plans for the upcoming 'Washington Weekend Event' in April 2006. PoE was organizing the following event for April 27, 2006 at Kane Hall: "Northwest Artists' Eyes: Revealing the Power of Nature's Inspiration."

Allison Leighton was introduced and shared her interest in participating with the board.

### **2) PoE Alumni Showcase – Michelle Hall**

The PoE Alumni Showcase potential dates include May 3, 10, or 17. The location of the showcase has not been finalized, but the list includes the Peterson Room, the Burke Room or the Walker Aimes Room. Arece Hampton volunteered to take the lead on this event. Also, Josh Reese encouraged all Board members to participate at the event.

Michelle mentioned that last year the PoE Alumni Partnership Team used the Alumni Showcase as an opportunity to announce the summer event held at Carkeek Park. She suggested should probably continue this tradition. Arece and Linda Lyshall offered to lead in organizing the summer event.

### **3) PoE Alumni Web Development/Newsletter – Josh Reese**

Josh provided background information on the previous work conducted on developing a PoE Alumni website. During the Fall 2005 Quarter, Josh met with Michelle Hall, Trina Sterry and Kristin Hemmelgarn to brainstorm ideas on where to begin. This task was then tabled until after the board was created. Also, Josh announced that Jackie White will be leading this task. Allison expressed interest in working with Jackie on this task.

The Board members were asked to review the PoE website to gather ideas and provide feedback on areas to focus on for web development. These ideas were then discussed, with each member contributing to the discussion.

The following web development strategy ideas were noted:

- Provide an introduction to the board and its members;
- Develop an alumni profile section on the website;
- Set up a PoE alumni email account;
- Creating or linking to the events calendar.

#### **4) The Board's Focus Areas Discussion Continued – Josh Reese**

Many of the ideas discussed by the Board members during the last two meetings fall into one of the following three general focus areas:

- Mentoring
- Events
- Development

Student Mentoring Program – Linda is going to lead this focus area. Linda is going to conduct research on this initiative over the next few months. She may look at models suggested by various Board members which include programs from Mary Gates, Washington Achieves Program, and Office of Minority Affairs.

PoE Student/Alumni Internship Program – Allison brought up the idea of creating/expanding a PoE student internship program. Although the PoE Capstone Program involves some of the students choosing an internship program, there may be areas to develop or enhance this program.

Book Club – Dave led the discussion on creating a book club overseen by this board. He provided ideas based from other book club models. His ideas included: the book could be on various environmental topics, recruiting a professor or community leader to attend a social or discussion panel, and having a paid membership. Josh offered to work with Dave on developing this initiative.

Seminar Class – This initiative is still in the discussion phase. This initiative would involve several PoE Alumni providing one lecture per week throughout one quarter, while a Professor/Graduate Student would lead the class. The class could have one theme connecting all of the PoE Alumni lecturing throughout the quarter. Dave suggested a potential title, “Current Issues in Environmental Practice.” The board will continue to discuss this initiative during future meetings.

Web Development – Jackie and Allison will be leading this initiative while working with Michelle, Trina, and Kristin. See above for more information.

Summer Event – Arece and Linda will be leading this initiative. This event will be discussed during the April meeting.

UW Common Book Program – Josh will be leading this initiative. The board will discuss this opportunity during the May/June meeting.

## **5) UW Common Book Program – Josh Reese**

Josh will be hosting an evening discussion on the UW Common Book Program with Christine Ingebritsen of the Office of Undergraduate for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Board members have been requested to think of ideas to involve PoE undergraduate students with the UW Common Book Program during the Fall 2006 Quarter.

## **7) Action Items, Other Business and Closing**

### Review minutes:

Josh recorded the minutes and presented them in a typed form to the Board members for review.

### Delegated items:

- Arece and Linda will be leading the effort on organizing the PoE Alumni Summer event. This will most likely be a discussion item during the next board meeting in April.
- Jackie and Allison will begin to formulate a web development plan. These members will work with Michelle, Trina, and Kristin for logistic support.
- Josh will be sending an e-mail regarding the UW Common Book Program discussion/social with Christine Ingebritsen.

### Other announcements before meeting adjourns:

Michelle and Josh will work on arranging the next meeting for April 2006.

## **8) Board Members Contact Information**

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