

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY



CLASS ADVISORY SENATE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, 8 July 2009

MEETING LOCATION/TIME: Doolittle Hall and by Teleconference 6:00 p.m. (MDT)

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE/ABSENT: (see Atch 1)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Howe, Bart Holaday (UE Chairman), Mark Hille (UE), “T” Thompson (AOG CEO)

- I. Call to Order:** The Class Advisory Senate (CAS) meeting of the Association of Graduates (AOG) of the United States Air Force Academy convened at 6:00 p.m. on July 8, 2009, in Doolittle Hall. Dick Sexton '60, CAS President, called the meeting to order.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** Dick Sexton presented the minutes for the April 3, 2008, meeting; the Senate unanimously agreed to accept them as written.
- III. USAFA Endowment (UE) Presentation:** Bart Holaday, Chairman of the UE, presented slides outlining a broad overview of the UE Mission and successes. Three primary thoughts were described. First, the UE has no interest in taking over or directing the AOG. Second, financial support to USAFA is key without public comment or input to the USAFA / Air Force Leadership. This is considered their “no meddling” policy. Finally, the UE continues to work with the AOG but regardless of outcomes associated with the AOG partnership process, the UE will provide support to the USAFA.
- IV. UE Q&A:** Several CAS members posed questions to Bart Holaday, Mark Hille and T Thompson. The questioners and the central focus of their questions follow.
 - A. Randy Helms, '79 – Will there be a model for UE/AOG partnering similar to the USNA Association of Grads that T has described? REPLY: T and Bart agree – single fund raising entity yet dialogue on specifics is ongoing.
 - B. Rich Trentman, '81 – Will there be an agreement between the three primary fund raising organizations? REPLY: The USAFA Athletic Association will “flex” in the direction required for the “best good” of USAFA. Again the major issue is the fund raising and the organization / model to serve the best purposes of the USAFA.
 - C. Ed Montgomery, '59 – What accountability process is there for the UE? Given the UE is driven by a BOD that must “pay in” there is no apparent accountability except for those who choose to be part of the UE board. This is contrary to the approach taken with the AOG BOD. REPLY: The UE operates in a different manner... one of the issues that must be resolved for any complete answer for the AOG/UE Rejoin.
 - D. Tom Hayden, '74 – The graduate community is confused about the UE intent and somehow we must communicate that in the “final solution” the UE will fund raise to

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- the extent that the AOG is supported to the degree that services are provided that we are accustomed to. There is a definite “lead time” for the UE to develop a dollar stream to bring this to pass.
- E. Curt Emery, '70 – The leadership struggle must be drawn to a close. There is no help from the Grad community until this is “in hand.” REPLY: Concur but the Senate must communicate the fact that T and Bart are working through reasonable solutions that will take time.
 - F. Bob Giffen, '65 – What progress has been made on the model T introduced at the last meeting. This is part of the ongoing discussion with Bart and T. AOG BOD is not really accountable despite the Carver model. Where are the sanctions?
 - G. Pete LoPresti – Who decides where the dollars go? The contributor. What are the primary issues from the AOG perspective? REPLY: There are conflicts with the by laws of both organizations that must be worked out.
 - H. T answered with many of the ideas he has previously briefed.
 - I. Bart has difficulty with the USNA model that T prefers given the boards are directed differently.
 - J. T – build a plan from top down and execute it. Bart – lets start small and work up. Most think a blending of these two ideas is what will be required.
 - K. Gary Dudley – The end game/final solution will come to pass but in the mean time why cant we work both ends of the problem. Long range planning and short range venues must both be worked.

V. Moving Forward 2009 Discussion:

- a. Empower the AOG CEO and prioritize the strategy to resolve UE/AOG/AA organization.
- b. Do not lose the AOG charter
- c. We must hear from the Grad community
- d. There is inertia which must be overcome with some of the BOD members
- e. CAS must be the conduit from the Grad community to the BOD – implied accountability
- f. CAS outcomes have been mixed – what is the real efficacy of the Senate?
- g. Moving Forward provides a “checklist” or agenda for the BOD to pursue.
- h. Self Assessment needed

VI. Other Business: Due to the length of the meeting, the balance of the agenda was tabled until the next meeting of the full Senate.

VII. Close/Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Atch 1: Attendance 9 Jul 09

Atch 2: Bart Holaday Brief

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Atch 1
Senators Present/Absent
CAS 8 July 09 Meeting

Montgomery	59	X	Gray	80	
Sexton	60	X	Trentman	81	X
Neel	61		Ratti	82	
Larson	62	X	Yamazaki	83	
	63		Johnson	84	X
LoPresti	64	X	Dumbauld	85	
Giffen	65	X	Meador	86	
Murphy	66		Vance	87	
Fry	67	X	McKeon	88	
Dudley	68	X	Simpson	89	
	69		Updegraff	90	
Emery	70	X		91	
Davis	71		Bailey	92	
Brower	72	X	Eiler-Ward	93	
Mosier	73	X		94	
Hayden	74	X	Ingber	95	
Fariss	75	X	Murch	96	
Saa	76	X	Maxwell	97	
Niemeyer	77		Staine-Pyne	98	
Warton	78	X	Mishev	99	
Helms	79	X	Eggers	00	
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