MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Friday, July 29, 2011
Brower Commons, New Brunswick Campus

PRESENT: Carlos Dequina, Nikita Desai, Timothy Farrow, Board Treasurer; Glenn Gnerrip, Maurice Griffin, Vice Chair; Frank Hundley, Kenneth Johnson, Corporate Secretary; Joseph Lemkin, Anthony Marchetta, Jennifer O’Neill, Katty Rivera, Donna K. Thornton, Vice President for Alumni Relations; Christine Tiritilli, Chair; Brian Wennersten, Gloria Wormley

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Boscia-Smith, Director, Alumni Communications; Donna Donahue, Assistant Director for Alumni Programs; Matthew Manfra, Director of Outreach Programs; Chuck Mannella, Director, Alumni Relations, Camden; Yvette Martinez, Director, Volunteer Development; Kristy Omelianuk, Assistant Director for Alumni Benefits; Amanda Putzer, Administrative Assistant- Alumni Relations; George Rears, Student Engagement Committee Chair; Lori Riley, Acting Director of Alumni Communications; Mike Rutkowski, Director of Reunions & Homecomings;

EXCUSED: Lisa English, Director, Alumni Relations, Newark; Shawn Golhar, Charles Ivory, Harold Kaplan, Tara Massey, Reunion Committee Chair; Brian Perillo, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations; Jennifer Sneed, Communications Committee Chair; Dana Shapiro, Manager, Volunteer Services; Suzy Swartz, Kate Sweeney

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 11:26 a.m. by Christine Tiritilli, Chair, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MINUTES:
The minutes of the June 23, 2011 meeting of the Board were circulated in advance of the meeting. Mr. Johnson noted that in the section under “Vice Presidents Report” the amount of money allocated by the RAA to each of the constituency schools should be $10,000 and not $5,000. Mr. Johnson asked for further comments on the June 23 minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved upon a motion (Maurice Griffin) duly seconded (Gloria Wormley). Mr. Glenn Gnerrip abstained from the vote.

ACTION ITEMS:
Resolution to approve Charter applications – presented by Kenneth Johnson

One charter organization was put forth and included the following:
• Rutgers Club of Hawaii
There was a motion to approve the resolution (Carlos Dequina), seconded (Brian Wennersten), with an opportunity for discussion. The resolution was approved unanimously upon a voice vote of all voting members present.

OLD BUSINESS:
None presented.

NEW BUSINESS:
Ms. Tiritilli let everyone know that due to timing issues, the REAL Awards recommendations will be sent electronically via Directors Desk this August. In regards to Directors Desk, Ms. Tiritilli added what a wonderful tool it is for the Board’s needs, and that everyone should get familiar with its content. In addition, Ms. Tiritilli noted that the RUAA Board would like to go green, so everyone should print out copies of the meeting book to bring to the meetings, unless a special request for a paper copy is done otherwise.

The RUAA Board Member job description was gone over in depth by Ms. Tiritilli, with all present Board Members signing and submitting their acknowledgement forms. Ms. Tiritilli noted that the job description and responsibilities were established due to a 2010-11 Board Goal, and through the efforts of a sub-committee lead by former Board Member, Cara Bufanio. These responsibilities were designed for Board Members to maximize their contributions to the RUAA, and not just meet the minimal requirements.

Ms. Tiritilli announced that Coach Vivian Springer will be a featured speaker at the ALC Annual Conference this October, which is also the same weekend as Homecoming and the REAL Awards. She hoped that all Board Members will be present at the ALC Conference to learn about new training opportunities, as well as watch the Homecoming game against Navy. Invites for this conference will be distributed soon.

ADJOURNMENT:
A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved (Kenneth Johnson) and seconded (Maurice Griffin). The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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