

Regents Committee Minutes
Tuesday, 24 March 2020, 4:00 PM

Present: Lexey Bartlett, Chair and HP Regent; Ami Comeford, FW Regent; Felicia Steele, E Regent; Leigh Dillard, S Regent; Kaine Ezell, SW Regent; Tim Helwig, MW Regent; Jessica Heller, AR; Natasha McPartlin, CO

Charges: To work for the development and promotion of the Society within each region. To provide regional information and serve as liaisons with the Central Office. To communicate regularly with chapters and Sponsors in the region. To provide information and encouragement to chapters. To encourage reactivation of inactive chapters and formation of new chapters. To encourage involvement in Society opportunities and activities. To serve on standing committees.

Foci:

- By February 15, work with Executive/Board Development Committee to identify potential committee and Board members in regions, including potential SAs.
- By Spring convention, review Board mentoring initiative and make recommendations if needed.
- By Spring convention, and in coordination with selected chapter(s) and the Alumni Representative, review ways to engage alumni in each region.

Agenda

1. Video resources for Advisor workshop replacement? Advice for chapters whose universities are going online during the spring recruitment/induction season?

Discussion: Regents might communicate to advisors about what is still viable for this semester (in addition to CO letter), like scholarships, journal submissions, and using the invitation system for student inductions. We could possibly make some videos (Kaine will check with Sid Watson about what she and Beth had planned for the advisors workshops) or have video chats with advisors in our regions. SNHU has been a resource for how to manage chapter events online. Natasha notes that the CO will not be able to mail certificates and pins until after May 1, and the merchandise company is also currently closed.

2. New Student Leaders, given the lack of elections? Student Leader recruitment?

Discussion: Natasha reported on the number of applications received—there are enough for all the regions to have an SR and ASR, and some candidates were qualified to be considered for the SA position, for which there were no applicants. Regents will select which candidates will fill which positions. The number of applications were low, though, until the applications were opened to all students, not just those attending the convention. We might consider opening applications this way in the future as well.

3. Board mentoring: non-Board committee participants, potential Board members?

Discussion: As a follow-on to other committee discussions and previous discussions in this committee, we agreed that it would be very helpful to have the Regents be present at the Advisor Workshops, perhaps to give testimonials of their experiences on the Board and to meet Advisors in their regions. Other places for Regents to connect with Advisors in the region are involvement in regional conferences, and the importance of just giving people attention was noted by several of us. The event at the St. Louis Convention with potential Regent candidates was noted as a successful way to do this.

4. What could alumni do in this current and ongoing situation? (Maybe return to Ami's idea of a giving button on the website? Job networking for students looking for work in this new environment? Maybe some videos or webinars on careers in the 21st c.? Other ideas?)

Discussion: Jessica suggested a blog with posts from alumni on how they are coping/navigating work and life in this situation. On the theme of giving people attention, we could also highlight recent grads and what they are doing.

5. Ideas for cost-cutting measures? (Number of awards possibly?)

Discussion: All of us noted that we haven't spent much from the Regents accounts this year, which might be helpful. We could also revise the judging for the Outstanding Chapter Awards perhaps to limit the number of awards.

6. Other business

Discussion: It was noted that Kaine and Ami are returning as Regents, but there will be a new High Plains Regent. That means this was Lexey's last meeting as a Regent, which means a new committee chair will be required. Felicia was nominated by the committee; although the decision of who will chair the committee is made by the President, we will forward that recommendation to Diane.