

Department of Public Health
Alumni Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2007

In attendance: Gurinder Hohl, Joan Henkle, Bobbie Van Der Pol, Jayme Little, Melissa Bishop, Alice Russell, Lindsay Briggs, Joan Marciniak, Ruth Hendrix, Rachael Wilds, Marlita Smith.

1. Welcome and Introductions: All in attendance introduced themselves. This introduction included a brief description of each attendee's current employment.
2. Updates regarding Department of Public Health: Joan provided a brief update regarding the most recent changes at the Department of Public Health, including moving to a new location, hiring three new full-time faculty, and Dr. Wilson's role as the Interim Chair.
3. Role of Office of Alumni Relations: Jayme Little discussed the role of his office, including upcoming changes in the Alumni Board at the School of Medicine. He also introduced Melissa Bishop, Project Assistant, who is available to provide support to the Alumni Council. Jayme's contact information is jtlittle@iupui.edu, phone: 317-274-8828. Melissa's contact information is mnbishop@iupui.edu, phone: 317-274-5060.
4. History of Alumni Council: Bobbie provided a brief history of the Alumni Council, including its inception, growth, and need for officers and participants. She also shared pertinent information regarding some of the most successful events hosted by the Alumni Council, including presentations to students, the mentor webpage, and other networking/social events.
5. Current activities of Alumni Council: Gurinder provided an update regarding current activities- the council has been in a hiatus due to personal and professional demands. The most recent event was hosted in April 2007 and included presentation to first year students. Joan added that approx. seven alums participated in this event and the students continue to provide very positive feedback regarding the information provided by alums during this presentation. Further discussions related to the continuing unmet need of more officers, including new elections. It was also emphasized that more alums need to participate in this council to make it viable. Gurinder will send detailed information regarding the value of Alumni Council, number of hours of commitment required to Jayme so that he can circulate it to all interested alums.
6. Future direction: All discussed the importance of keeping this council viable and what kind of activities current and future alums may be interested in. The meeting wrapped up at approx. 1:00 p.m. Jayme is going to send a follow up email to the alums regarding information about the council and number of hours. His office will also provide support by responding to any questions that may need responses following this email.