# HACU Alumni Association (HAA) Board Meeting Wednesday, January 20, 2016



#### **Attendees:**

Name	Position	<b>Present?</b>
Albert Cruz	Chair	$\boxtimes$
Jessie Alejandro Martinez	Vice-Chair Program Affairs	$\boxtimes$
Angel W. Colón Rivera	Treasurer	$\boxtimes$
Nick Reale	Vice-Chair Fundraising	$\boxtimes$
Gilda Cornejo	Vice-Chair Community Affairs	$\boxtimes$
VACANT	Secretary	
Ambrosia Aranda	Member at Large*	$\boxtimes$
Lissette Rodriguez	Member at Large	$\boxtimes$
Jonathan Santeliz	<b>HACU Senior Staff Member</b>	$\boxtimes$

Start time: 6:15 pm

#### **HAA Executive Board (Tentative) Agenda Items:**

- I. Welcome / Intros / Bylaws
  - a. Chair provided Board current insights from conversations with previous two
  - b. Executive Board detailed their connection to HACU and passion for the mission
  - c. Brief review of Bylaws to establish framework for performing Board obligations
  - d. Overview that HAA will operate under regulations and guidelines of the HACU corporate charter and 501 (c) (3) status until HAA. becomes self-sustaining.
  - e. Discussion of constructing a reliable and up to date alumni contact database
- II. HACU Web Content: HAA Executive Board
  - a. Update HACU.net with Board information and headshots
- III. HACU Honorary Award nominees: Nominations by **ACTION ITEM:** Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Discussion regarding selection criteria, award plaque and presentation at Capitol Forum Reception
  - b. **ACTION ITEM:** Board will nominate 3 nominees to be approached by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - c. **ACTION ITEM:** Call for nominees to general membership via social media outlets will be distributed by Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> and compiled on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>
- IV. 12-Month Goals:
  - a. Alumni Engagement Increase
    - i. Develop value-add activities for alumni to benefit from
      - 1. Mixers, social events, speaker series, professional development
      - 2. Social Media plan to migrate main professional communication to LinkedIn
  - b. Mentor Program
    - i. Consider creating a Speed Networking event for Summer Orientation
    - ii. Consider reinvigorating an Alumni mentorship program for Summer Interns
    - iii. Discussed the importance of mentorship received by Board members and advice provided to developing professionals
  - c. Scholarships
    - i. Will plan on raising money for HACU scholarship once approved by Senior HACU

- staff at the Capitol Forum
- ii. Will consider previously done Graduate school scholarship, DREAM scholarship and crowdfunding at a *FUTURE MEETING*

### V. Overview of Q1 2016 Events

- a. HAA Benefit Reception during HACU Capitol Forum
  - i. Secure venue near the Marriott at Metro Center for the evening of Monday, March 14, 2015
  - ii. Venue Selection Consider "Mid-Scale" & "Up-Scale" venues to attract broad mix of attendees.
    - 1. Committee to look for venues walking distance from Venue
  - iii. General Planning
    - 1. Last year interns paid \$7 to attend, HACU Alumni paid \$10, Conf. attendees \$15
    - 2. Select an Honorary HACU Alumni: **ACTION ITEM:** Submit nominees by Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> to HACU headquarters & Secure honorary plaque
  - iv. Selecting Speakers
    - 1. Dr. Flores
    - 2. Recipients of Scholarships who may be in town
    - 3. Chair
    - 4. Honorary HACU Alumni

#### VI. Resource Review

- a. Social Media: HAA Files on Cloud platform / Facebook / Yahoo Group / Twitter / LinkedIn, etc.
  - i. Chairman will provide full Board to the HAA Cloud platform to allow for proficient sharing of resources, increased collaboration and access to HAA historical resources (including basic alumni contact information)
- b. Network: Explore enhancing relationships with SHPE, ALPFA, CHCI, MLT, etc. at *FUTURE MEETING*
- VII. Other Topics Discussed
  - a. Consideration of filling the VACANT secretary position
  - b. Consideration of adding a Vice-Chair of Communications role to the Board

## VIII. Scheduling

- a. Board has scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 17, 2016
- b. **ACTION ITEM:** Intermediate conversations and updates to occur by Monday, February 1, 2016

End time: 7:25 pm