

Attendance:

Amanda Marchegiani, Andy Lau, Barry Eckert, Blaine Littlefield, Robert L. Owens, Bonnie Taylor, David Friess, John Dziadul, Jason Hales, James Konopack, Juliana Mosley Williams, John Collini, Jacqueline Patterson, Kinshasa Cogwell, Mahsa Salehi, Megan Kirkpatrick, Merle Silverbook, Michele Ciancia, Michael Mittelman, Melissa Trego, Melissa Vitek, Nina Buckleyess, Radhika Aravamudhan, Rita Chaiken, Robert Serianni, Sharon Marcy, Zachary Saunders, Olivia Sweger, Kurt Moody

1. Welcome and Introductions – Amanda M. Marchegiani, AuD '10
2. University Update – Michael Mittelman, OD '80, MPH, MBA, FAAO, FACHE
 - i. ****PLEASE SEE MEETING POWERPOINT FOR FULL DETAILS****
 - b. Health and safety of university community remains primary concern
 - c. Response to COVID-19
 - i. Will continue to update Salus Safety Strategy as needed
 1. Eliminated screening and temperature checks
 2. Following most recent CDC guidelines for vaccinated people concerning masking and social distancing
 3. Mask requirements remain in effect for clinics and labs
 - ii. Vaccine Progress
 1. Providing up-to-date information on local sites
 2. Approximately 1100 vaccinated to date (75% of community)
 3. Incentivizing vaccinations
 4. Considering mandatory requirement once not longer under EUA
 - iii. Self-reported testing continues to reveal few positive cases
 1. No confirmed Salus community spread
 - iv. Fall Semester expected to return to in person instruction using supplemental virtual instruction
 - v. Continue to work with Commonwealth, City, County, AICUP and other organizations to ensure advocacy as regulatory landscape evolves
 - d. Commencement - Spring 2021
 - i. In-person drive-in ceremony May 25 and 26 those who wished to participate
 - ii. Approximately 130 students participated
 - iii. Virtual Ceremony for all graduates, May 27
 - e. Moving Salus Forward
 - i. MS in Orthotics & Prosthetics
 1. \$750,000 RACP grant awarded
 2. Finalizing detailed architectural plans; construction to begin in summer

3. Program director final two candidate interviews conducted
- 4.

board. As a reminder, to be a Director on the Alumni Board, the following is expected:

- i. Attending or participating in at least two (2) scheduled Board meetings or Association activities.
- ii. Serve on at least one standing committee. (Awards, Bylaws, Finance,
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- ii. Committee: John Collini, Zac Saunders, Amanda Marchegiani, Kinshasa Coghill
 - iii. Student: Megan Kirkpatrick
- 4. Approval of Minutes from 01/26/21 – Bob Owens, OD '80, FAAO
 - a. Motion to approve: David Friess
 - i. Second: Andy Lau
- 5. Committee Updates
 - a. Nominating Committee – David Friess, OD '02, FAAO
 - i. New member applications:
 - ii. Ryan Horan, AuD, '09
 - 1. What do you feel are the greatest strengths of Salus University and in what areas is there room for improvement?
 - a. The strengths are the strong group of alumni that have proven Salus provides and prepares students with skill sets that they need to thrive as an audiologist in all fields of audiology. The weakness/needs to work on the debt-to-income ratio for graduates, as Salus has higher tuition than many universities.
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2. Assembling a committee to help guide planning and reunion activities

6. IA Update – Jacquie Patterson

a. The IA department has exceeded last year's total revenue raised. For every dollar it cost to run the department, IA raised \$1.68. While cultivation and stewardship has remained virtual in all its forms, the IA team was able to ramp up donor visits, which s