



## USF Business Alumni Network (BAN) Meeting

### MINUTES

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:30 a.m., Cultural Center C164, Motherhouse 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Roll Call
  - Joni Kaluza, Orlando Gricgo, Karen McGregor, Joseph Ferrallo, Karen Ende, Katie Thayer, Heather Anderson, Michael Cisarik, Melissa Smrz, Morayma Barron, Suzi Maisa, Caroline Portlock, AC Tompkins, Judy Bulat, Ed Wisniewski
- Motion to approve November minutes
  - Karen McGregor first motion, Joseph Ferrallo second motion
  - Approved
- Alumni Report – AC Tompkins
  - Career Networking and Etiquette Dinner will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
  - Please like and review the Alumni Relations page on the St. Francis website!
  - Volunteer Program: We need a couple volunteers for commencement handing out alumni t-shirts to new graduates. 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- College of Business and Health Administration Update – Joseph Ferrallo
  - A new survey has shown that 98% of students have a job or continue onto graduate studies within 3 months of graduation from St. Francis
  - The second graduation took place in the Czech Republic
  - A new business program is in the preliminary stages in Vietnam
    - Classes to begin in June
  - A new health care program is in the preliminary stages in Cairo
  - Doctorate program in Business Administration and an MS program in Finance will begin in 2018
  - Econ Illinois program teaches economics at the grade and a high school levels with between 1,500 and 2,000 students participating this year
  - There are currently 9 people in the incubator program, which 3 to 4 people join the program at a time
  - Business program enrollment numbers have increased while healthcare enrollment has decreased in the current year
  - Three-to-degree program
    - For students majoring in business, if you take three graduate courses as an undergraduate student, they will count for your graduate degree
- BAN Newsletter – Joseph Ferrallo
  - Highlight the Business Research students as they will complete two projects in the spring semester
  - Need to find alumni and students to spotlight
    - Possibly spotlight a SAM mentor and mentee
  - If there are any suggestions for improving the BAN web page, please email either AC Tompkins or Aubrey Knight
- Sponsored Events & Service Opportunities
  - Illinois Small College Placement Association Career Fair – February 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Go to [iscpas.com](http://iscpas.com) for more information
  - Career Networking and Etiquette Dinner – February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
  - Career Fair at USF – March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Relay for Life – March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in the Rec Center

- Joliet Hope Center Service Day – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. (shuttle will be provided at 10:45 a.m. from the Motherhouse)
  - BAN Meeting will begin at 8 A.M. that morning
- Gardening Service Day at Sunny Hill Nursing Home – Date TBD
- Joliet Junior College Career Fair – May 24<sup>th</sup> at Event Center on Main Campus
- Bowling Night – July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.
- Old Business
  - Thank you for all who volunteered at Sunny Hill Nursing Home for Christmas caroling!
  - Thank you for all who attended and donated at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Caritas Ball
    - Over 480 people attended
  - Congratulations to AC Tompkins who will be taking over as President
  - Social Media
    - Like our Facebook page
    - Promote to attend BAN meeting after the new year
    - Reach out to alumni to encourage the use of Career Services
- New Business
  - Instead of the alumni panel, a Dinner or Cocktail with Saints is proposed to teach students networking skills
  - BAN is looking for a new President-Elect
  - Looking for volunteers to work a possible BAN/Alumni table at the Relay for Life event on March 24<sup>th</sup>
    - Creating baskets that will be raffled off to support the cause
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Saturday, April 1, 2017
  - Saturday, September TBA, 2017
  - Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018
  - Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Adjournment at 10:30 a.m.
  - Karen McGregor first motion, Joseph Ferrallo second motion