

ACAGE Board Meeting

January 8, 2104 @ 11:30 AM MT

Attendance:

Debra P. Hicks	President	Present
Kevin Eades	President Elect/Financial Affairs Co-Chair	Present
Tim Cynova	Secretary	Present
Peter Martin	CE Dept. Head/Treasurer	Present
Edward Martinez	Membership Chair	Present
Conrad Keyes	Membership, Co-Chair	Present
Frank E. Guzman	Student Affairs Chair	Present
Gus Grace	Student Affairs Co-Chair	Absent
Dean Alberson		Present
Jorge Garcia	Past Pres/ Nominations & Awards Chair	Present
Adrian Hanson		Absent

1. Call meeting to order: 11:37am by President Hicks
2. Acceptance of the Agenda
Addition – need to appoint 2 representatives to the Dean’s council. Under #11
3. Approval of Minutes of 10/25/2013 Board meeting
Table acceptance until after E-Mail review by Debra and set for next meeting’s agenda. Need to add new Officer Names.
4. Annual Banquet
 - a. Recap of 2013 Banquet
Received an apology via E-Mail from Summer Irvin of Hilton Garden Inn/caterers regarding the service provided. More attended the annual meeting than was anticipated and tables had to be added, It took about 1 1/2 hours to feed all the participants. Keith has the report ready but not set up for release yet, will E-Mail out report after the \$ amount lost is calculated. Will need to charge more for this year, per plate.
 - b. 2014 Banquet - location etc.
Will need to get the Homecoming date from the Athletics department and then look at venues.
The convention center has tentative bookings already in place for the likely dates.
Discussion was initiated about starting the proceedings on Thursday and then have a catered lunch on Friday at noon. Other scenarios were also discussed; Thursday evening dinner for example - but we need to start preliminary planning, look at locations available and differing schedules.
5. Update of the new Academy website
Only 6 can see the email addresses on the site at the same time. Need to have access by E-Mail address – tell web master to find out how to set it up. Need updated E-Mails addresses for all members so may be able to set up individual passwords.

6. Committee updates

a. Faculty Affairs

Hired new Professor Ray from Buffalo NY. He started this week. He will be teaching Structures and specializes in Finite Elements. The next hire will be for a water/environmental position. Will need to make the case for the position based on research programs – the new University President is committed to research and the College of Engineering is a leader in research.

b. Student Affairs - Frank Guzman, Chair/Gus Grace, Co-Chair

Enrollment across campus is down – same as demographics across the US as baby production was down. Foreign and domestic is balanced for the Masters Degrees. For the Doctorate, enrollment is dominated by foreign students.

FE Exam was held in the fall and did better in numbers than in the past. NMSU is developing an in-home online practice exam that we want to offer Nationally.

c. Membership - Eddie Martinez, Chair/Conrad Keyes, Co-Chair

Need a job description sent to Eddie Martinez for his information.

2014 Nominations coming in - 6 in process

20 communicating with the Board or Keith

Members become active by donating - we had 110 as of last April.

7. 2014 Initiates and 1989 ACE Initiates

Keyes currently could have 20 – 25 initiates for Oct 2014 with 5 carryovers. Keyes has placed the 25 new 2013 members on the Academy web-site, some under ACAGE and some under Associate Member category.

Keyes has placed the 10 Honorary members and one new deceased (DM) on Academy web site.

8. Scholarship Recap

The ACAGE scholarship funds are housed in the University Foundation. We did not get the scholarship names for the fall 2013 recipients placed on the Academy web site. One recipient showed for the banquet and one did not. The CE Department donated the money for the Oct 2013 recipients.

9. Social media activity

LinkedIn - over 200 graduates are on Conrad's list.

Facebook has 60 academy members under Conrad's site, with over 100 on the NMSU Academy of CAGE site.

Twitter has about 10 members/ friends.

10. Determination of Regular Schedule for meetings

This time seems to be the best - Wednesdays at 11:30am

It was decided to have meetings in - February, April, June, and August.

Debra will send out a date for the next meeting

11. Other Issues

Dean's Council representation needs two representatives. Usually it's the President and the President Elect that are on the Council. Eddie can do it but Debra will check on her schedule and with Kevin. We could also appoint an alternate. Next meeting of the Council is in February during engineer's week.

Peter - CE department just hired a replacement for Lydia. Will be looking at adjusting the work load - we will always have a student in place to assist the Academy just as Keith is doing. Need to look at funding a part time administrative position.