

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2008 BOARD MEETING OF THE MISSISSIPPI
UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
(Approved April 18, 2008)

President Susan Puckett called the meeting to order. She welcomed and introduced Dr. Limbert and Dr. Bouse to the board. Ann Teague gave the invocation. She reminded the body of the season of lent and asked us all to look inward.

The reading of the minutes were suspended but accepted with changes.

Francis Hairston passed out the Financial Report. It was accepted and approved.

Gail Laws gave Cookbook report in lieu of Jenny Katool. The account has amassed a sum of \$1,418. 23. Inventory is still available for sale. Ann Teague moved to accept Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Dr. Limbert gave the campus report.

- There has been growing enthusiasm among the student body for community service. The students have provided the community approximately \$56,000.00 worth of service.
- A team of Culinary Arts students are slated to compete in the student Culinology competition at the 2008 Research Chef Association in Seattle, WA. March 2008.
- The school received \$ 5000.00 from IHL for student advising.
- The Roger F. Wicker Center for Creative Learning received an award of \$292,000 to continue its mission of providing innovations in teaching, learning opportunities, service and educational research.
- On March 6th thru the 8th, William Shakespeare's comedy, "Taming of the Shrew" will be performed by the International Theatre Troupe from London in the Rent Auditorium in Whitfield Hall.
- The nursing program recently had 100 high school students tour the department.
- On 02/22/08, The College of Business will have an open house for interested high school students.
- Plans are being initiated for the library to receive a décor update. Architectural drawings are being sought for a more contemporary atmosphere.
- MUW offers staff and faculty free admission to the Fitness Center.
- Memorandum of Understanding has been reached between the MUW police and the city police department in terms of authority to respond to potential hostile situations. This is in respond to the recent school shootings such as the VA Tech incident. Local SWAT will take priority.
- The MUW 2020 White paper will be completed soon. The paper has compiled input from students, faculty and community members. Alumni members were giving their thoughts today.
- The Fine Arts building will be open in spring of 2009.
- Orr and Poindexter are being delayed due to financial need and complying with Handicap and Disabilities Act.

Dr Gary Bouse gave the Foundation report. Anyone who contributed in 2007 or anyone who has contributed \$100.00 or more received a copy of the Foundation Report. The Foundation will have a new website up by March 2008. The next Foundation meeting will be 02/28/08. As of 12/31/07, the Foundation has four accounts associated Alumnae Assoc.:

Endowed Scholarships	\$31,499.92
Special Projects	\$2,705.00
Cookbook	\$4871.87
Stovall House	still being compiled

Dr Bouse took questions from the board. He was asked about the Patsy McDaniel Scholarship. He did not have figures at this time. It was reported by a board member to have approximately \$15,360.03.

Becky Cade, interim Alumni Director, was introduced to the board. She gave her report on plans for Homecoming. There will be a few changes this year. Several board members expressed their concern over several issues:

- Lack of having a designated photographer for class pictures
- The lack of organizing class meetings as in previous years
- Lack of providing space for all the meetings
- Being grouped by classes at the alumni picnic cuts down on social interactions between classes.

Susan Puckett informed the board that there were some compromises made with the administration on the schedule. Their intent was to make it more inclusive.

To speed things along, lunch was served while committee reports were read.

Barbara White informed the board that the book, **Golden Days**, will be coming out in fall 2008. Ideas are being sought for locations to showcase the Oral history excerpts.

Ricki Garrett said nominations are being sought on the Alumnae website for alumni achievement.

Linda Ross Aldy related a story of the mentoring workshop that was interrupted by the recent tornado warning. It will be rescheduled.

Betty Lou Jones informed the board that Jonathan Compretta had lost his brother to an accident during Mardi Gras. His baby, born prematurely, is doing fine now.

Susan Puckett extended praise and thanks for the gracious hospitality of Gail and Chance Laws at the Valentine Extravaganza. At last count, it raised \$8500.00 and is still coming in. This was the tenth year of the event. Thanks also the culinary students for a job well done.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting will be at Homecoming 2008.