The Alumni Council and its committees met on March 1-2, 2013. The following is a summary of some of the highlights of the meeting:

- The Council discussed the Board of Trustee vote to preserve need-blind admission policies through presentations by President **Raynard Kington**, **Joe Bagnoli**, **Beth Halloran**, **Jackie Aanes** and **Jim Reische**. The presentations by the staff highlighted the enrollment, development and communication outcomes resulting from the Board decision and how the Council can effectively support the College in the execution of strategies in each of these areas.
- Each Council member was asked to complete a worksheet highlighting the specific and concrete ways he/she can assist with the College's development effort.
- The Council read reports from the Student Government Association, Student Alumni Association and Student Philanthropy groups. Leaders from each group were available for discussion regarding the work of their organizations and current issues and sentiments on campus.
- The Council voted to support the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion's proposed wording changes to the College's mission statement. These changes promote complete gender neutrality in the mission statement.
- New Trustee **Atul Gupta '88** discussed his background and aspirations for the College during an informal visit with the Council.
- The Council heard a presentation by **Arlene Holmes**, **Adam Glassman '13** and **Kate Ingersoll '13** regarding the fall 2012 trip to Silicon Valley.
- **Carter Newton '77** and the Alumni Awards committee led a significant conversation regarding opportunities for improving the process through which nominations are collected and recipients are selected.
- The Council participated in a discussion of the new College website and the Loggia 2.0 project led by Jim Reische and Jackie Aanes.
- The Council discussed and endorsed a proposal to change the Pioneer Fund/Development committee into the Stewardship committee, pending a bylaw vote.
- Under the leadership of **Ed Senn '79**, the Pioneer Fund and Development Committee tabled outside of the Marketplace with members of the Student Philanthropy committee to encourage participation in the Senior Challenge resulting in over 50 senior gifts and pledges.
- Nancy Maly '61 and the membership committee presented clarified expectations for Council service including a revised attendance expectation and policy; a new expectation that Council members will cover their travel expenses for meetings (to begin in fall 2013 with new members); and an expectation of annual philanthropy at some level. These changes will take effect pending a bylaw vote.
- The Membership committee presented a slate of candidates for Alumni Council service which were approved. The new members for 2013-14 include: Dick Raridon '53 (Oak Ridge, TN); Bill Simmons '58 (La Jolla, CA); Peter Calvert '79 (Richmond, VA); and Cameo Carlson '93 (Nashville, TN).
- The Council elected a new president-elect for the 2013-14 year: **David Holmberg '81** from Edina, MN.
- The Council thanked its outgoing members who have completed their service: **Bill Ingram '53**, **Joan Vander Naald Egenes '58**, Carter Newton '77 and **Renee Bourgeois Parsons '96**.
- In collaboration with staff, the Council selected the 2013-14 meeting dates: Fall 2013 (October 11-12) and Spring 2014 (March 7-8).