

Enclosed you will find a summary of the recent Alumni Council meeting held on campus Thursday, March 6 through Friday, March 8, 2014.

- Council members interacted with student leaders from SGA, Student Alumni Council (SAC), Phonathon, and select others during an intimate Thursday evening dessert reception and over dinner on Friday evening at local restaurant, Relish;
- **Susan Henken-Thielen '80** was elected Alumni Council President for 2014-15 and **Ed Senn '79** was elected Alumni Council President-Elect for 2014-15;
- Along with the campus community, Council members heard an overview of the findings of the College's Institutional Identity Project from Patti Crane of Crane MetaMarketing over Friday lunch;
- President **Raynard Kington** addressed the Council and provided updates to the Council regarding admission and development efforts to achieve fiscal stability in support of continued need-blind admission policies; current information with respect to the campus building plans for ARH and Carnegie; the wind turbine project; and the ongoing series of "Town Hall" conversations between students, faculty, and staff on a variety of important issues, most recently diversity;
- Council members joined current students for a Grinnell-themed trivia night in Lyle's Pub sponsored by the Student Alumni Council;
- Former Council member **Ellen McDonald '81** led the Council in a two-day intensive Council development workshop. The workshop resulted in the appointment of an ad-hoc committee who will review twenty action items from the workshop related to Council structure, composition, governance, and new member orientation;
- The alumni relations and networks committees of Council met jointly to explore their current missions. Both committees began work to create documents which outline a new, strategically oriented name, mission, and task list for each. New committee proposals will be shared with the full Council for a vote in late spring;
- Committee chairs **Mary Brooner '71** (awards), **Jim Decker '75** (communications), and **Ed Senn '79** (stewardship) discussed the ongoing work of their committee to strengthen and improve alumni relations and development with the College;
- The Council approved a slate of six candidates for membership beginning in June 2014: **Mary Knuth Otto '63**, **John "Fritz" Schwaller '69**, **Rhonda Stuart '86**, **Jim Asplund '88**, **Allison Brinkhorst '11**, and **Ahsan Rahim '11**;
- Three departing members of Council were thanked and honored for their service: **Carl Adkins '59**, **Mary Brooner '71**, and **Kirpal Singh '97**. Under the leadership of **Sherman Willis '01**, the Council had a moment of silence in memory of **Terry Nelson-Littlejohn '70**;
- Blanche Johnson Professor of Music **John Rommereim** led Council members, current students, and fellow alumni in a sing-along of traditional Grinnell College hymns on Saturday evening;
- The Council joined Reunion Planning alumni volunteers for Saturday evening dinner at Grinnell House and a party at the home of Council President **Nancy Schmulbach Maly '61** and Allan Maly.