

Lewis & Clark College  
**Spring Board of Alumni Meeting**  
**In person**  
March 6, 2022

**Board Members Present:**

Chris Ohman, '77, *President*  
Mary Bodine-Watts '09 L'13  
Jennifer Cox Cyphers '98  
Peter Dempsey '01  
Aaron Forbort '02  
Edgard Garcia '92  
Erik Jensen '81  
Hongda Jiang '08  
Jenny MacNichol '78  
Jessica Mullins '10  
Richard Sames '12  
Jackson Shea '89  
Stacy Thompson '79  
Jenna Timmerman '22, *SAA president*  
Marnie Troska '98

**Board Members Absent:**

Katie Byrnes '79  
Anne Caputo '69  
Catherine Gibson '85 P'20  
Marisol Jenkins '15  
Aron Phillips '07  
Anthony J. Ruiz '13  
Simran Singh '08  
David Todd, '68, *Chair Albany Society Board of Directors*

**Staff Present, Spring BOA meeting:**

Todd Davis, *Administrative Specialist, APP*  
Emily Decker '85, *Senior Associate Director of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement*  
Andrew McPheeters, *Associate Vice President of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement*  
Ginger Moshofsky '83 PG'18, *Associate Director of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement*  
Caroline Mead G'19, *Associate Director of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement*

**Guests:**

Robin Holmes-Sullivan, *Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students*  
Stephen LeBoutillier '00, *Director of Annual Giving*  
Josh Walter, *Vice President for Advancement*  
Dr. Kelly Gonzales, *Native Wellness Institute*  
Chenoa Landry, *Native Wellness Institute*  
Dr John Spence, *Native Wellness Institute*

## Pre-Meeting resources:

- ❑ Board of Alumni Minutes.10.24.21.docx.pdf[View](#)
  - ❑ Admin Committee Report - March 2022.pdf[View](#)
  - ❑ Albany Society Activities 2021-2022.pdf[View](#)
  - ❑ Equity and Inclusion Committee Report 3.2022.pdf[View](#)
  - ❑ Alumni Chapter Update for BoA meeting.pdf[View](#)
  - ❑ CAS Fundraising Update Spring FY22.pdf[View](#)
  - ❑ ACDC Report - Spring Mtg.pdf[View](#)
  - ❑ Alumni Honors and Recognition Committee Update March 2022.pdf[View](#)
- ❑ LC Admissions Liaison Report 3-4-22.pdf[View](#)

--Prior to the start of the Board of Alumni Business Meeting:

### Conversation and Q&A with Robin Holmes-Sullivan, Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students.

Robin shares a few words about her upcoming new role as President of Lewis & Clark College. She is humbled and excited about this new opportunity and is happy to be able to slowly transition into the role over the next four to five months.

■ Robin hopes to have an inauguration in the fall of 2022.

■ Robin talks a little about some of the opportunities and challenges she foresees in her ascending to the presidency and for the institution at large.

■ *Community Dialogues Planning Committee* has been established to plan campus wide learning experiences to delve into conversations about difficult topics of importance to the L&C community. The first learning experience will take place later in the spring semester on the topic of the “Meaning of Lewis and Clark Name and History”. The second Community Dialogue topic will be “Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech”.

### Q&A with Robin

Board members express their thanks and excitement to Robins for her commitment to take on the new position as president. Members spend a few minutes asking questions about Robin’s goals and strategic plans for the institution.

■ Vice President of Student Life position search is underway with a timeline to hire in June of 2022.

Notes:

**Chris - Call to Order**

**Chris - Asks for a motion to approve the October 2021 meeting minutes.**

**Aaron Forbort. - Motion to approve minutes.**

**Erik Jensen- Seconds the motion.**

**14 members approve minutes.**

**Approval of Minutes.**

**Chris - Welcomes everyone attending and outlines today's Meeting agenda.**

Chris Ohman '77 – Welcome and President's Report

Chris reports briefly on the February Trustees meeting:

- Templeton renovation is under way and the “Heart of the Campus” is taking shape. Stewart and Odell renovation to begin fall of 2023. Houston Sports Complex is being renovated, with work expected to be completed summer of 2023.
- Our admissions are looking good and we are leading in comparison to our peers.
- The Trustees approved tuition rates for the law and graduate schools for the 2022–23 academic year. The new rates reflect a 3.5 percent increase at the law school and a 3 percent increase at the graduate school. (CAS tuition, room, and board rates for 2022-23 was approved at the October meeting with an increase of 4%).

Administration Committee Report – Peter Dempsey '01 - handout and PDF provided to members

Peter details the committee's upcoming work:

- Board of Alumni Elections and President-elect selection will be held at the June 5<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting.
- We have a goal to have a discussion of the bylaws updates at the fall 2022 meeting.

“Wellness in the Workplace” Presented by Dr. John Spence, Chenoa Landry and Dr. Kelly Gonzales of the *Native Wellness Institute* – handout provided

Everyone attending listened as the presenters shared their personal indigenous stories and experiences.

## **~Break for Brunch**

Board members join Student Alumni Ambassadors for brunch in Fields Dining Hall

Alumni Connections and Development Committee and SAA Report – Richard Sames '12 and Jenna Timmerman '22, *SAA President* - handout and PDF provided to members

Richard gives an overview of the work of the committee:

- For next year's SAA cohort there will be eight open positions and the committee reviewed eighteen applications and interviewed twelve. Eight of the applicants were offered the scholarship and all have accepted.
- Tara and Caroline interviewed candidates for next year's SAA president and Celeste Jongeneelen '23 was chosen.

### **SAA spring events:**

2.17.22 - **Networking with Alumni** - In-person format

3.13.22 - **LGBTQ+ Conversations Over Brunch** - Hybrid format (Students in person and alumni over Zoom)

4.10.22 - **Student Athlete Alumni Panel (name is tbd)** - In-person format

4.23.22 - **Art with Alums** - In-person format

This will be Jenna's last board meeting. Jenna Timmerman '22 outgoing SAA president will be greatly missed as she will graduate in May, 2022.

Recognition and Outreach Committee Update – Catherine Gibson '85 (not attending) - handout and PDF provided to members

Chris makes mention of this year's Alumni Honors Celebration taking place on the Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> during Alumni Weekend. This is always such a special celebration and represents what is the best of our community.

Admissions Liaison Report – Eric Jensen '81 - handout and PDF provided to members

Eric gives an overview of his activities thus far:

- Preliminary Discussions with Admissions and Communications Offices
- Community Profiles Development

Equity & Inclusion Committee Report – Mary Bodine-Watts '09 L'13, and Stacy Thompson '79 and Jessica Mullins '10 - handout and PDF provided to members

Mary gives a summary of the committee's core actions:

- E&I Charter
- Recurring trainings
- Alumni Survey
- Proposing BoA representation on the E&I Board

Stacy speaks about the committee's ongoing engagement with the Black Student Union and Native Student Union.

- Approximately biweekly meetings and discussions about forming a 'Black Alumni Association' and how it could connect with current black students on campus.

Stacy presents a slide deck outlining the structure of the 'L&C Black Alumni Association' (name is to be determined)

- Mission statement
- Vision statement
- Proposed Co-conveners
- Possible future activities

Mary gives a summary of the institutional discussion of the history of Lewis and Clark namesakes,

- Update regarding Lewis and Clark College name and related community discussions, [see attached document](#).
- More information on this effort may be [found here](#).

The Board decided to have a follow-up discussion on this topic over zoom to continue the good conversation surrounding the issue of the history of L&C's namesakes and the related responsibility in the charge for open dialog, education, and support.

Stephen LeBoutillier '00, *Director of Annual Giving* and Edgard Garcia '92 - Fundraising update and Q&A- handout and PDF provided to members

Stephen asks the board for any specific feedback about last Wednesday's LC Day of Giving, or about the messaging etc... The board gives Stephen feedback.

During LC Day of Giving, 1,580 alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of LC contributed more than \$379,049 in support of all three campuses. We set a new record of the most contributions during any LC Day of Giving! Special thanks to our generous trustee who sponsored the \$150,000 match, bringing the total raised to \$529,049!

Alumni and Parents Programs update – Andrew McPheeters, *Associate Vice President of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement* and Ginger Moshofsky '83 PG'18, *Associate Director of Alumni, Parent, and Student Engagement* - Alumni Chapter Update handout and PDF provided to members

#### Travel programs:

- January 2022 Antarctica Alumni Trip was successful and we will offer a similar trip in January 2023.
- May 2022 a trip to Cuba is well enrolled.
- May/June 2022 Morocco Trip is also set to go.
- July 2022 Galapagos
- July 2022 San Juan Islands
- August 2022 Iceland
- September 2022 Scotland

Some new related travel experiences are in the works. More information to come soon.

#### Virtual programs:

- Virtual programming continues to be popular and our office will continue to facilitate these types of events. An example recently was the Russia-Ukraine faculty panel discussion which had over 300 participant alumni and students on the Zoom.

#### Regional Campaign Events:

- We have had six events so far since the fall, with the most recent being Palm Desert on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 34 people registered and 33 attended.
- Upcoming events in April are Portland (4.5), San Francisco (4.7), Los Angeles (4.26), and Hawaii (4.28).

#### Alumni Weekend:

- Ginger presents a fun video promo for Alumni Weekend 2022, June 23-26.

Information sheet for [Alumni Weekend 2022](#) handed out to members, and Ginger highlights some of the new items and a few changes to this year's celebration of reunion years.

Registration will be open near the end of March.

**Meeting adjourned**