

REPORT FROM THE 206TH DARTMOUTH ALUMNI COUNCIL MEETING
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In recent years, the Alumni Council Communications Committee has provided an account of each Alumni Council meeting that councilors can use to convey to their constituents a sense of what we saw and heard. You are welcome to pass along all or any portion of this report to your constituents — adapting, cutting, pasting, or adding as appropriate to your needs.

This was the 206th meeting of the Dartmouth Alumni Council. In 1913, Dartmouth President Ernest Martin Hopkins formed the Alumni Council to guide and support Dartmouth alumni relations. The council meets twice yearly in Hanover. The mission of the Alumni Council is to sustain a fully informed, representative, and engaged exchange of information and sentiment between the alumni and the College, and to enhance and inspire alumni involvement that furthers the mission of the College.

This report is meant to complement the wealth of information — about this council meeting and alumni affairs in general — available on the Office of Alumni Relations website at www.alumni.dartmouth.edu. If you haven't already, it's a good idea to bookmark this address.

THE ELEVATOR TALK

The meeting took place over a sunny Green Key weekend. The program schedule was jam-packed and included the following highlights (see below for details):

- Thursday dinner discussion groups with students;
- Friday morning “Back to the Classroom” for councilors;
- Welcome remarks and report from Marty Lempres '84, Alumni Council president at Friday's plenary session;
- A conversation with interim president Carol Folt '78a;
- Faculty update by Mike Mastanduno, dean of the faculty of arts and sciences;
- Panel presentation by dean of the College Charlotte Johnson regarding student life at Dartmouth;
- A report by Pete Frederick '65, chair of the Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search Committee;
- A Saturday dinner address by James Nachtwey '70, photojournalist and Roth Distinguished Visiting Scholar;
- Presentation of the Dartmouth Alumni Award to Andrea Lordan '86 and the Dartmouth Young Alumni Distinguished Service Award to David Wagner '99;

- A report by John “J.B.” Daukas ’84, president of the Association of Alumni (AoA), regarding consideration of changes to the manner in which trustees and AoA officers are elected in uncontested elections;
- A report by Dartmouth trustee Annette Gordon-Reed ’81;
- An admissions update and profile of the Class of 2017 by Maria Laskaris ’84, dean of admissions and financial aid;
- A report by Martha Beattie ’76, vice president for alumni relations; and
- Open forum, including Alumni Council election results, update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, and committee reports.

THURSDAY DINNER DISCUSSION GROUPS

The meeting kicked off on Thursday evening with the following dinner discussion groups: “Changing Lives: Summer Enrichment at Dartmouth,” “A Campus for All: Are We There Yet?” and “Curbing High-Risk Behavior on Campus: The Student Perspective.”

FRIDAY MORNING “BACK TO THE CLASSROOM” EXPERIENCE

Councilors attended regularly scheduled Friday morning classes as part of the “Back to the Classroom” experience arranged by director of alumni leadership Lynne Gaudet ’81 and the office of the dean of faculty. Choosing from among 60 different courses, councilors stepped back into the classroom and thrilled to the pedagogy of professors Naaboroko Sackeyfio (“History of Africa Since 1800”), John Watanabe (“Anthropology of Religion”), Russell Hughes (“Organometallic Chemistry”), Roger Ulrich ’77 (“Greek and Roman Engineering and Technology”), Prasad Jayanti (“Algorithms and Complexity”), Elisabeth Curtis (“The Price System”), Monika Otter (“Medieval English Literature”), Richard Denton (“Computational Plasma Dynamics”), Ross Virginia (“Earth’s Cold Region”), Lisa Baldez (“Introductory Latin American and Caribbean Studies”), Sergi Elizalde (“Calculus of Vector-Valued Functions”), Robert Duff (“Introduction to Music Theory”), Stephon Alexander (“Introduction to Particle Physics”), Jeffrey Taube (“Systems Neuroscience”), and Sylvia Spitta (“Spanish Writing and Reading”), to name just a few.

FRIDAY PLENARY SESSION

Welcome Remarks from Council President Marty Lempres ’84. The council’s Friday afternoon plenary session opened with welcome remarks from Council President Marty Lempres. Lempres shared with councilors recent news and events of the College: the Greenways 40th anniversary celebration of coeducation at Dartmouth; the 40th anniversary of the Native American studies program; the ongoing Year of the Arts; the awarding of two Guggenheim Fellowships to Dartmouth professors; construction of a new sorority; the publication of the reports of the strategic planning working groups; the recent Dimensions weekend protest and “A Day of Reflection and Understanding” that followed; the men’s fencing national title; and the participation of men’s rugby in the national semi-finals. Lempres also noted that new Dartmouth

president Philip J. Hanlon '77 will take office on June 10 and he will address the council at its upcoming fall meeting; interim president Carol Folt '78a will shortly take up her new position as chancellor of the University of North Carolina; Mitch Kurz '73 will join the Board of Trustees in June; Robert Lasher '88 has been appointed senior vice president for advancement; and David Spalding '76 will depart the College to become dean of the business college at Iowa State University.

Conversation with Interim President Carol Folt '78a. The council welcomed interim president Folt with a standing ovation. In her final address to the council, Folt recounted her experiences as interim president and surveyed recent milestones and ongoing initiatives at the College. She was honored and excited to be asked to be interim president but had no idea how wonderful an experience it would be. She discovered that she could become part of students' lives. Folt fondly recounted her interactions with students, noting that she invited all students to the president's office in small groups during the year and participated in DOC trips. She pointed to improvements in student life, including the creation of a new student advising center and the recent hiring of a new director of career services.

She learned how important it is for the president of Dartmouth to be both a convener and a communicator. Her service has been marked by countless meetings with alumni and the anniversary celebrations of both coeducation and the Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association (BADA). Folt paid special tribute to Martha Beattie '76, vice president for alumni relations, for her important work in enhancing the College's outreach to alumni. Beattie was tapped to carry the Dartmouth College charter in this year's Commencement ceremony.

Looking to increase the College's outreach to the world, Dartmouth has added several foreign study programs and is redoubling its efforts to recruit the best faculty from around the world. Folt noted with pride the recent appointment of internationally recognized war photographer James Nachtwey '70 as the Roth Distinguished Visiting Scholar. The College's Leading Voices in Higher Education Lecture Series has brought 22 distinguished scholars to campus. Dartmouth's renowned teaching faculty continues to get stronger and stronger. Citations to Dartmouth faculty papers place the College in the top 10 nationally, and our faculty profile is being enhanced by its ever-increasing share of national awards, heretofore clustered in a handful of larger universities. Funding for faculty research is growing, and there is not a single lab in the Geisel School of Medicine that does not have undergraduate researchers.

On the athletic front, director of athletics Harry Sheehy provides inspired leadership. This year Abbey D'Agostino '14 became the first woman to win NCAA titles in both the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs; and the swim team now has permanent funding. This year's Greenways 40th anniversary celebration of coeducation brought more than 600 alumni to Dartmouth, including MacArthur Fellows. As a result of President Kemeny's recommitment to Native Americans, Dartmouth now has more Native American alumni than all of the other Ivies combined. During this Year of the Arts, the Hop and the Hood Museum "are on fire...arts are in the air."

The College's strategic planning process is nearing completion. Liberal arts will remain the "jewel in the crown," and Dartmouth will adopt lessons learned in the academy. It will aim to enhance creativity in the learning process. Online teaching may have a role in the future, but "we want to keep kids coming to class." On May 31, 2013, Folt sent an email to the Dartmouth community announcing the online posting of the strategic planning synthesis at <http://strategicplanning.dartmouth.edu>. It provides a brief summary of Dartmouth's community-

wide strategic planning process and the ideas presented in the nine strategic planning summaries and the working group reports and from the community feedback received throughout the spring.

On the student life front, students are concerned about sexual assault and binge drinking. The College is aiming to make changes in student life that will help students get the most out of their education. The recent Dimensions weekend protest was unfortunate. The protest snowballed and led to a one-day closing of classes and “A Day of Reflection and Understanding.” One thousand members of the College community participated in a teach-in that day, and these conversations proved to be very useful. Folt assured councilors that improving the quality of student life would be a central focus of incoming President Hanlon’s agenda. (More information on the Dimensions protest can be found at the end of this report.)

In closing, Interim President Folt thanked Dartmouth “for 30 wonderful years,” and shared with councilors her excitement about taking up her new post as chancellor of the University of North Carolina.

Faculty Update by Mike Mastanduno, dean of the faculty of arts and sciences. Dean Mastanduno reported that the College recently tightened its standards by which it transfers credit from foreign study programs of other universities accessed by Dartmouth students. Some Dartmouth students sometimes access the programs offered by other universities. Recent experience has shown that several non-Dartmouth foreign study programs were attracting lots of Dartmouth students for reasons having more to do with venue than the rigor of academic instruction. For example, during one semester, 66 Dartmouth students applied for a foreign study program in Australia run by Portland State University. As a result, the faculty has tightened the standards by which credits earned under non-Dartmouth foreign study programs will be transferred to Dartmouth.

In a recent move, the Dartmouth faculty decided that it will no longer grant course credit for performance on high school AP tests. Breaking ranks with some other colleges and universities, the faculty decided that high school AP courses are a valuable placement tool but should not count for credit. This move was controversial, and generated concern from the College Board. Dean Mastanduno explained that, contrary to rumor, the College did not make this move in order to earn more tuition by keeping students on campus longer. Experience has shown that the great majority of students did not use AP credits to graduate early. The faculty decided that passing an AP test based upon a high school course is not the equivalent of a Dartmouth course. However, the College will still use results on AP tests as a placement tool to ensure that Dartmouth students are able to challenge themselves at the earliest opportunity and gain the most from the College’s curriculum. As it happens, many other colleges and universities have thanked Dartmouth for its leadership on this issue.

For the last year and a half, a curriculum review committee of the faculty has been conducting a curriculum review considering whether (i) the College is providing the best possible education, (ii) whether the distributorship requirement is still valid, (iii) whether the College is adequately advising its students, (iv) whether the College’s majors are sufficiently rigorous, (v) whether faculty teaching blocks are adequate, and (vi) whether classes should be held in the evening as well as during the daytime. The committee will soon present its recommendations to the entire faculty, and it is envisioned that the faculty will review and take action with respect to these recommendations during the course of next year.

In a Q&A that followed the dean's remarks, one councilor asked whether resources were being allocated away from the humanities and social sciences to the natural sciences and other majors now in greater demand. Without going into detail, Mastanduno observed that there is occurring both an expansion of resources and a quiet reallocation of resources at the same time. On the question of online education, or massive open online courses, the dean noted that the faculty has appointed a committee to look at this with care. These new phenomena "force you to think about who you are." The faculty represents the full spectrum of opinion about these phenomena. Close student-faculty interaction will remain a hallmark of a Dartmouth education. At the same time, online education could allow professors to reserve in-class time for real substantive interaction between faculty and students. The dean noted that President Hanlon sits on the board of *Coursera*, and he expressed his personal view that "we will not miss anything by not being first."

Dean of the College Panel Presentation on Student Life. Dean of the College Charlotte Johnson, special assistant to the dean of the College Elizabeth Agosto '01, director of Safety and Security Harry Kinne, associate dean of the College for student support services Inge Lise-Ameer, and Dartmouth College Health Improvement Team project leader Aurora Matzkin '97 co-presented a panel on student life initiatives. The undergraduate advising roll has been upgraded. Sarner Underground is now open 24 hours. The College has just completed the renovation of Collis Center, which will now feature late-night programming, and this Green Key Weekend featured a variety of non-Greek alternative social events. The new centralized advising center located at Baker-Berry Library brings a holistic approach to the advising function, combining academic, personal, and medical advising for students. The College's efforts to combat high-risk drinking and sexual assault continue to be upgraded. The level of dangerous intoxications seems to be trending downward in the last couple of years. In regard to the College's handling of sexual assault, the guiding principal remains making sure that the victim has control over what happens. The College's response to sexual assault is "survivor driven," and reporting an incident of sexual violence does not require one to pursue charges. The victim has the option of reporting to a SAAP (Sexual Abuse Awareness Program Coordinator /SAPA) in person or anonymously, and/or to Safety & Security where a statement filed is independent of any Hanover Police reports, and/or to the Hanover Police. The College strives to ensure that a victim feels supported. A counselor, physician, and dean are on-call 24 hours a day for this purpose. Interim president Folt and Dean Johnson recently issued a joint statement outlining the new and strengthened initiatives the College has in place to reduce sexual assault on campus: www.dartmouth.edu/~opa/statements/sexualassaultmessage111212.html.

Report by Pete Frederick '65, chair of the Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search Committee. Pete Frederick '65, chair of the Nominating and Alumni Trustee Search Committee ("NomCom"), presented the report of the NomCom to the council. Frederick reminded councilors that the NomCom's mission is to identify, recruit, and nominate the best qualified individuals to fill alumni-nominated seats on the College Board of Trustees and positions of leadership within the Alumni Council. Frederick next presented the names of the new class of councilors whose three-year terms will begin on July 1, 2013. He also presented the names of the currently serving councilors who had been nominated by the NomCom to fill leadership positions in the council, including the position of president-elect and seats on the Alumni Liaison

Committee (ALC) and the NomCom. Ballots were distributed at the meeting, and Frederick urged all councilors to cast their ballots prior to the close of the Saturday plenary session. On behalf of the entire council, Frederick thanked all of the retiring members of the NomCom and the ALC for their dedicated service to the council and the College.

FRIDAY EVENING DINNER AND PROGRAM

At the council's Friday night dinner in Alumni Hall, President Lempres '84 had the honor of introducing James Nachtwey '70, an internationally recognized photojournalist who is currently serving as the Roth Distinguished Scholar at Dartmouth. A shy man who is considered one of the bravest and most important war photographers of our time, his lens has recorded for history virtually all of the wars, genocides, and human rights abuses of the last several decades. He presented councilors with an arresting and moving gallery of his photographs depicting the horrors of the wars in Rwanda, Iraq, Chechnya, and Afghanistan. This son of Dartmouth, and his photographs and accompanying narrative, left a most powerful impression upon the councilors. More information about Nachtwey's work is available online at <http://now.dartmouth.edu/2012/09/photojournalist-james-nachtwey-70-named-first-roth-distinguished-visiting-scholar>.

Lempres also proudly presented the Dartmouth Alumni Award to Andrea Lordan '86 and the Dartmouth Young Alumni Distinguished Service Award to David Wagner '99. Their award citations are posted on the Alumni Awards website at <http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/awards>.

SATURDAY PLENARY SESSION

Potential Association of Alumni (AoA) Constitutional Amendment. Association of Alumni President John "J.B." Daukas '84 reported to councilors that the AoA is studying the possibility of recommending changes to the manner in which College trustees and AoA officers are elected in uncontested elections. Daukas reviewed the history of the composition of the College Board of Trustees and the manner in which they are elected. In 2007, the number of trustees was increased to 26, of which 16 are charter trustees selected by the board itself, eight are alumni-nominated trustees, and the remaining two are the governor of New Hampshire and the president of Dartmouth *ex officio*. Whenever a vacancy occurs in an alumni-nominated trustee position, the Alumni Council, based upon the work and recommendation of the council's NomCom, nominates up to two candidates to fill the slot. In the last several years, the council has chosen to nominate only one candidate for each open position. Following the council's nomination, the AoA conducts an election in which all alumni are allowed to vote by paper and electronic ballot (one vote per vacancy). A petition candidate is allowed to place his or her name on the ballot to run against the council's nominee if he or she gathers 500 signatures within 60 days of the council's nomination of its candidate. The winner of the election takes office subject to approval of the Board of Trustees (which, in practice, has always been granted). Association of Alumni officers are also elected by the alumni body in the same election. The election process for both alumni-nominated trustees and AoA officers is controlled by the AoA's constitution.

The executive committee of the AoA is considering proposing an amendment to the AoA constitution to dispense with the need for an alumni-wide election in any year in which (i) the council nominates only one candidate to fill alumni-nominated trustee position(s) and no petition candidate emerges and (ii) nominees to the AoA executive committee are likewise unchallenged.

Daukas indicated that the AoA executive committee was inviting alumni feedback on the proposal and that, if the AoA executive committee endorses the proposal, it would be put to a vote of the alumni during the election of AoA officers in 2014. For the amendment to take effect, it would have to be approved by two-thirds of the votes cast in the election.

Update from the Dartmouth College Board of Trustees. Trustee Annette Gordon-Reed '81 reported to the council on the recent activities, priorities and perspectives of the Board of Trustees. She engaged in a very straightforward and candid dialog with councilors. As a member of the Governance and Academic Affairs committees of the board, Gordon-Reed's first interest and priority is advancing the academic mission of Dartmouth. Hiring and tenure decisions are key to the College's academic mission and maintaining its strength. She found her membership on the Presidential Search Committee to be "a moving experience." She paid tribute to trustees Bill Helman '80 and Diana Taylor '77 for the impressive job they did in leading the search. She could not be happier with the results. "Phil Hanlon is a scholar and administrator, totally comfortable in his skin. ... Phil is brilliant and a deeply committed man, an executor. ... I could not be more excited about the future. ... We are in for a wonderful period." The board's No. 1 job is to make the presidency successful. The College is in a period of transition. The search for a new provost, executive vice president and chief financial officer, and vice president of marketing and communication is under way. Trustees Steve Mandel '78 and Steve Roth '62, '63Tu chair the board's finance committee, which does an outstanding job in overseeing the management of the College's \$3.7-billion endowment.

Dartmouth continues to fulfill its commitment to Native Americans. Last week marked the celebration of yet another successful Native American Pow Wow. Dartmouth has more Native America alumni than all of the other Ivies combined. At the recent Greenways 40th anniversary celebration of coeducation, more than 600 alumnae returned to campus. Gordon-Reed participated in two panels, one for writers and another for MacArthur Fellows. This year, two members of Dartmouth's faculty have been named Guggenheim Fellows, and Dartmouth is ranked No. 2 in the nation for return on investment. Her priority remains the liberal arts education. "We are teaching people not just for their first job, but for their career down the road." Another priority is getting Dartmouth's message out to the world in order to advance and strengthen its international reputation.

Quality of student life will be a high priority for President Hanlon. Maintaining a welcoming and tolerant community is a top goal. With regard to the recent protest during the Dimensions weekend, she noted that trustee Steve Mandel '78 sent a letter to the Dartmouth community about the disturbance at Dimensions weekend, and that she endorses the tone and message of his letter. (See more about this at the end of this report.)

Meet the Class of 2017: An Admissions Update. Dean of admissions and financial aid Maria Laskaris '84 reported that the College received 22,428 applications to the Class of 2017. Two thousand two hundred forty-five were offered admission, representing an admit rate of 10 percent. Of those admitted, 1,101 students have committed to attend Dartmouth next fall, representing a yield of approximately 50 percent, consistent with the classes of 2015 and 2016. The Class of 2017 is evenly divided between men and women, drawn from 48 states and 40 countries. More than 90 percent were in the top 10 percent of their class; 33 percent are valedictorians. The mean SATs are 718/723/723 and the mean ACT is 32. Two hundred six are recruited athletes; 14 percent are legacies; 10 percent are first-in-family to attend college; 37

percent are students of color; 9 percent are international; and 46 percent will receive scholarships averaging \$42,000.

Laskaris reported that the College is eagerly awaiting the U.S. Supreme Court's opinion in the case of *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*, which could affect how race may be used in the college admissions process. A decision is expected by the end of June and could impact higher education admissions throughout the country. Laskaris also noted that the admissions offices of McNutt Hall are being renovated. As part of the College's recruiting efforts, the new Dartmouth Bound program brings first-generation, under-represented, low-income applicants to campus for two-to-three day immersion programs, including a symposium on the natural sciences. The alumni interview continues to be a key and important part of the admissions process because it allows the admissions office to "pull out the nuances and get a handle on the intangibles that help us identify top students." The alumni interviewing program is undergoing an evaluation with an eye to implementing changes that will make it more effective. These will include an upgrade of the I-Track system, as well as a requirement that all alumni interviewers certify to their good conduct in their interaction with minors.

Update on Alumni Relations. Vice president for Alumni Relations Martha Beattie '76 updated councilors on the College's continuing efforts to foster more meaningful engagement with its alumni. A central part of Beattie's agenda is the new Dartmouth for Life initiative, which aims to find and implement new and innovative ways of connecting alumni to the College throughout their lives. This initiative is ambitious and still on the drawing boards. Dan Parish '89 was recently hired as the new director of Dartmouth for Life. Beattie led one of the College's strategic planning working groups, which conducted 40 separate interviews with alumni and surveyed more than 12,000 alumni for the purpose of identifying how Dartmouth can more effectively engage with its alumni throughout their lives in ways that go beyond the reunion experience. The survey and interviews yielded very interesting data about what alumni would hope to obtain from the College in the years following graduation. Topping the list, across all ages and classes, was a desire to participate in academic programs and public service opportunities. Beattie and her team are hard at work developing programs that will be responsive to the desires of alumni. Stay tuned for news of further developments.

The Dartmouth College website and the Dartmouth alumni website have been redesigned to make them much more user-friendly. The Dartmouth alumni site has a new look and feel and a new set of "quick links." Among the many interesting resources available on the site are a series of lectures by Dartmouth faculty that can be viewed on http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/ACE_on_Demand.aspx and a May 2013 webinar by Beattie and her team titled "The State of Alumni Relations at Dartmouth," at <https://advancementdiv-dartmouthcollege.adobeconnect.com/a968323076/p8bxbouva0d/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=>.

Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. S. Caroline Kerr '05, co-chair of the Alumni Council Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, updated the council on the progress of the committee's work. Kerr reminded councilors that the committee was formed for the purpose of supporting and contributing to the College's goals of (i) increasing the diversity of Dartmouth's workforce through the recruitment and retention of faculty and staff of color (both national and international) and other under-represented populations and (ii) determining what structures, resources, and best practices are needed toward this end. Kerr reviewed the membership of the committee and reported on the progress of its

work in identifying best practices of Dartmouth's peer institutions as well as non-academic organizations and business entities that are leaders in issues of diversity and inclusion. Kerr also shared with councilors the preliminary findings of the committee and reported that the committee intended to present its report and recommendations to the Alumni Council at its next meeting in October, 2013.

Committee Reports. During the open forum, council committee chairs presented verbal summaries of their respective weekend committee meetings. Full reports of the meetings will be posted on the Alumni Council website.

Retiring Councilors. Council President Marty Lempres '84 and the entire council warmly thanked the retiring third-year councilors for their service, and each was presented with a Ticknor print of Dartmouth Hall.

Alumni Council Election Results. President-elect Mark Davis '81, '84Tu, announced that the following individuals had been elected by the council to fill the following positions: Lou Spelios '95, president-elect; Gray Reisfield Horan '82, new member of the Alumni Liaison Committee; and S. Caroline Kerr and David Edelson '81, new members of the NomCom. Michelle Fortier '94, '95Th, was approved as the at-large representative of the entire AoA on the Alumni Liaison Committee.

Closing of Meeting. Council president-elect, Mark Davis '81, '84Tu, adjourned the meeting.

A WORD ABOUT THE DIMENSIONS WEEKEND DISTURBANCE

Although not an official agenda item, the recent controversy surrounding the protest at Dimensions weekend was much talked about among councilors during the weekend. Following is a chronology of events relating to the protest and the College's response, including the text of a statement issued by Steve Mandel '78, chair of the Board of Trustees:

Friday, April 19, 2013 – Dimensions show student protest occurred.

Saturday through Monday, April 20–22, 2013 – Campus response included anonymous postings on Bored@Baker and the Dartmouth online comments section targeting the protesters and others.

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 – Meeting was held of some faculty, administrators, and the president to discuss the situation. The decision was made later that day to cancel classes for the following day, Wednesday, April 24.

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 – An early-morning faculty meeting was held to discuss the cancellation of classes, a decision made the evening before and announced by email, and the day's agenda for "A Day of Reflection and Understanding." During the course of the day there was strong participation by students and other members of the Dartmouth community. The day began with a keynote address by Jessica Pettitt speaking on "The Day Everything Changed." Pettitt, a social justice and diversity consultant, described her talk as timely, "in light of the recent events – of the last 400 years." Dartmouth Hall 105 was standing room only for Pettitt's talk and five overflow rooms were opened to accommodate the approximately 400 people who attended. Later that day, there were speeches in front of Dartmouth Hall by dean of the faculty Mike Mastanduno, professor Bruce Sacerdote '90, and others (with an estimated attendance of

1,500); a community luncheon in '53 Commons (with an estimated attendance of 2,500); and an afternoon of teach-ins with more than 800 students participating in discussions. Additional information about the day is available at <http://now.dartmouth.edu/2013/04/for-dartmouth-a-day-of-reflection-and-understanding/>.

X periods were used to make up the missed classes.

Board of Trustees chair Steve Mandel '78 issued the following message to the Dartmouth community:

“As some of you know, a small group of students disrupted the Dimensions Welcome Show for prospective students on Friday, April 19, using it as a platform to protest what they say are incidents of racism, sexual assault, and homophobia on campus. Following the protest, threats of bodily harm and discriminatory comments targeting the protesters and their defenders ran anonymously on various sites on the Internet.

With tensions high across the Dartmouth community, Interim President Carol Folt, the Dean of the Faculty, and other senior leaders across campus agreed that the best course of action was to suspend classes on Wednesday, April 24, for a day of reflection and alternative educational programming. This decision was made to address not only the initial protest, but a precipitous decline in civility on campus over the last few months, at odds with [Dartmouth's Principles of Community](#).

This unusual and serious action to suspend classes for a day was prompted by concern that the dialogue on campus had reached a point that threatened to compromise the level of shared respect necessary for an academic community to thrive. The faculty and administration together determined that a pause to examine how the climate on campus can be improved was necessary. This was an important exercise that the Board supports. It is also important to note that there will be an opportunity for faculty to hold the classes that were missed as a result of Wednesday's events.”

Other Relevant Links

The ALC's 2011-12 annual report to the Dartmouth Board of Trustees
<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/council/media/mailling/annualreport2012.pdf>

Minutes of 206th Alumni Council Meeting
<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/council/sessions/MinutesofPastSessions/206thMinutes>

Photos from 206th Alumni Council Meeting
http://www.flickr.com/photos/dartmouth_alumni_events/sets/72157633547832939/

Alumni Council Website
<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/leadership/council>

Alumni Relations Website
<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/>

Alumni Awards Landing Page
<http://alumni.dartmouth.edu/awards>

Strategic Planning Website
<http://strategicplanning.dartmouth.edu/>

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