

Dartmouth Class of 1968 Executive Committee

Minutes from meeting of May 25, 2019

Dartmouth Alumni Center, Hanover, NH

In attendance in person: David Peck, Mark Waterhouse, Dick Olson, David Walden, Parker Beverage, Peter Fahey, Norman Silverman, Ed Heald, Roger Arvid Anderson, Roger Lenke, Jack Hopke, John Engelman, David Gang, Peter Wonson, Steve Calvert, Cedric Tam, Roger Witten, Peter Hofman, Ron Weiss. Attending through Zoom teleconferencing or phone connection were Joe Nathan Wright, Tom Stonecipher

- 1 Class President David Peck welcomed everyone to one of the biggest turnouts.
2. Secretary Dick Olson passed out copies of the minutes of the February meeting. Ed Heald moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.
3. Jamie Coughlin, director of Entrepreneurship at Dartmouth College and the director of the Dartmouth Entrepreneurial Network (DEN) Innovation Center, spoke. Coughlin said our class gift of \$5,000 per year has gone to fund five different grants of \$1,000 a piece--often toward a high-end video explanation of their project. Coughlin said the DEN program focuses on entrepreneurial thinking as a skill set and experience. He said the program structures all support as grants and does not take any equity stakes though early stage founders can pledge future equity upon exit. He said DEN raised \$45 million in its recent campaign including \$20 million from Magnusson family. Ed Heald asked Coughlin why—given the successful fundraising--the center still needed our money. Coughlin replied that \$1,000 grants help at an early stage especially with digital projects to begin to build prototypes.
4. Ed Miller, professor in history department and a historian of Vietnam war, spoke about the Dartmouth Vietnam Project, which is building a digital archive of personal testimonies about Vietnam war era. Miller trains Dartmouth undergraduates to interview alumni, faculty, and other members of the Dartmouth community about their experiences. Miller also is launching the Dartmouth digital history initiative to develop a suite of digital tools to analyze digital collections of oral data which will allow researchers to tag interviews and produce data visualization. Miller said that there is no diminishment of student interest and that he plans to run the Vietnam project for at least 2 more years. Class members shared stories that could be included in the interviews. Roger Anderson talked about being sent to Prague on a covert assignment, and Jack Hopke volunteered his interest in being interviewed. Dave Gang talked about Georgetown medical school and participating in protests in DC. Dave Peck said our class alone probably has 20 to 25. Peace Corp volunteers. Prof. Miller said he'd love to include some of those as well. Miller said the biggest item in his budget is for transcription of the interviews and that he currently has a backlog of interviews that need to be transcribed. That's important not only for the researchers but also for data analysis. Beyond transcripts the project has operating costs primarily for a summer training interview and are considerably less, a few thousand a year, including bringing Dr. Kelly Cramer up from Texas Tech University which has the largest collection of Vietnam interviews, and providing students with stipends covered through undergraduate research system. Transcriptions cost

\$8,000 to \$10,000 per year. The DVP uses professional transcription specialists in keeping with the standards they use at Rauner Library. All interviews become part of DVP archive but also for Rauner Archives of Dartmouth history.

5. Community service project. Peter Wonson reported that the rollout for the CSP will happen late in the summer. The CSP had hoped to have 30 projects in the catalogue but already has 62 commitments. The CSP is designed to be a private communication tool accessible only from our class website. He said there will be two waves of beta testing. He said the project is moving forward slower than they originally thought.

6. Roger Arvid Anderson spoke about the From the Top event later in the evening of May 25 which features a cello concerto which Roger commissioned, and which is inspired by Dartmouth's Orozco murals.

7. The balance in the treasury is approaching a quarter of a million dollars, and President Peck said we should spend it down. Ed Heald said before we make major commitments, we should have a meeting devoted primarily to discussing how to spend the money we have. Peck counter proposed that we give money this fiscal year to the Dartmouth Veterans Project. Roger Whitten moved we approve a \$10,000 grant to Vietnam project transcription in this fiscal year and defer action on the entrepreneurial project. The motion carried. The class decided to find out from Ed Miller how to process that check. President Peck reported we upped the class gift to Dartmouth athletics from \$500 to \$1,000. Then the discussion shifted to the class interest in helping provide textbooks for scholarship students in Jennifer Sargent's first year writing class. At this point Jen's offices are being moved and things are in flux, and there is no call for any donations at this time. So, no action was taken.

8. Roger Arvid Anderson said Dartmouth has no original fanfare for commencement and he proposed commissioning this as a class project rather than as a gift from him. President Peck asked Roger to send him a letter with a proposal. "I'm happy to fund it," said Roger.

9. Parker Beverage reported on the status of the DCF. Of the class goal of \$350,000, we have raised \$290,000 plus—in cash and pledges. We need about \$75,000 more. Cash only is \$275,000. We've lagged in number of donors—about 100 shy of our 336 goal as of the May meeting. Parker said he thinks we can get close to our 50% goal. Peter Wonson said we have 150 LYBUNTS who gave last year but haven't this year. Then the class officers discussed the Call to Lead campaign. Dave Peck pointed out that every DCF dollar counts for Call to Lead which has a \$3 billion goal. Contributions to sports team, Friends of HOP. Library. etc. count toward Call to Lead—though not donations to fraternities. Donations directed specifically to these other worthy Dartmouth organizations (such as Friends of the HOP), however, do not count toward DCF or earn our class credit as gifts to the College's annual fund.

10. The agenda moved to mini reunions including the Grand Canyon hike (no one fell off a cliff), the May 25 mini reunion including the Hop event. Pete Wonson said he would send out an email blast about the Tracks concert and dinner. Aug 10 in White River Junction.

Our next class committee meeting will be held Oct. 12 in Hanover on football weekend with Yale. We will extend an invitation to the Class of 1967 to join us for dinner that weekend. We are also contemplating extending that mini reunion with a trip up to Stowe.

Ed Heald is organizing a golf event in the Hanover area beginning Sunday October 6 including the Hanover course, Montcalm, Lake Sunapee and Queechee. Ed said the annual golf event will move back to Bandon Dunes next year and is already full.

We are planning a mini reunion in New York City on Nov. 9 for the Princeton football game. 25 classmates or partners or spouses have signed up. Bill Rich is working on a cocktail party. Dinner booked at NY steakhouse Saturday night Then brunch on Sunday.

Other possible mini reunions include a theater weekend in New York or Las Vegas and an event in South Carolina and a Hungarian wine party in 2021. Ed Heald is coordinator for a planned 75th birthday party in 2021.

11. Mark Waterhouse, newsletter editor, reported he has produced three newsletters of 16 pages each. He needs material for the next newsletter by mid-August which will arrive by the end of September. Waterhouse will put together a list of all classmates mentioned in newsletters and said he'd like to include more classmates.

12. Dick Olson, class secretary, reported he writes the obituaries for deceased class members. They now appear online and are findable by going to the class website or the online Dartmouth Alumni Magazine.

13. Treasurer Jim Lawrie made the recommendation (relayed through Dave Peck as Lawrie was unable to attend) that the class transfer \$20,000 more from the class checking account to Vanguard with \$7000 to bond fund and \$13,000 or \$14,000 to stock fund. That will leave \$13,000 in checking account. Still sticking to one third-two third split between stocks and bonds. The executive committee approved Lawrie's recommendation by voice vote.

14. John Engelman reported on the Alumni Council meeting which focused on the capital campaign. He also discussed the class action suit against the college on sexual misconduct by three former psychological and brain sciences professors. While athletic recruitment scandals are plaguing other colleges, John said that the college had looked at recruited student athletes for the last five years and found that all but three had played for the varsity teams they had been recruited for.

15. Bartlett Tower Society continues to encourage alumni and friends to include Dartmouth in their estate plans.

16. President Peck said the annual report of the class is due July 30 He asked if we would like to be considered for being honored as class of the year. This honor is based on the performance of class officers so it's important that each class officer gets his report in. Peck said the college is always looking for a class that is doing interesting projects. The board agreed we should work to be considered class of the year.

17. Peck said Dartmouth's class officers meeting is September 20 to 21. He said he'd like the class to use its full allotment of six. And he said this year participants have to make their own reservations.

18. The class officers decided to hold our next meeting in Hanover on August 10 to piggyback on the Tracks concert in White River Junction. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. The next meeting after that will be Oct. 12 in Hanover at 10 a.m. so we can get off by 12.

Motion to adjourn.