UDCNAS Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting of the University of the District of Columbia National Alumni Society, held in the UDC 3rd floor conference room, was called to order by Dr. Alton B. Byrd at 10:38 am.

Minutes Recorded by: Rina T. Daniels

Attendees:
1. Dr. Alton Byrd
2. Bernard Grayson
3. Carrington Smith
4. Frank Jenkins
5. Gregory Evans
6. Jacqueline Daughtry-Miller
7. James D. Gaston III
8. James Williams
9. Jerome Shelton, Alumni Trustee
10. Lee Brian Reba
11. Mah-ki Fox
12. Michael Rogers
13. Mindy Hill
14. Reggie Davis
15. Rina T. Daniels
16. Rosa Clayton
17. Selvon Waldron
18. Valerie Grant

Prayer: The prayer was led by Georgia Herron

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Trustee Shelton to accept the agenda and seconded by Carrington Smith. Motion passed.

Reading of Minutes: Motion was made by Carrington Smith to accept the minutes and seconded by Georgia Herron. Motion passed.

Office of Alumni Affairs/Relations: No report.

Historian Report: Georgia Herron read a written report.

Treasurer’s Report: No report due to technology issue.

President's Report: Dr. Byrd presented 500 lapel pins for the body’s review. He stated that he paid $595.00 for the pins and that they are to be distributed to students at graduation. After suggestions from the body, Dr. Byrd agreed to order 500 more pins on Monday. He also will be ordering lapel pins for life members. Carrington Smith, Trustee Shelton and Mah-ki Fox volunteered to help pass out pins during commencement. Dr. Byrd will request a table for commencement—to pass out membership applications, scholarship applications and UDCNAS brochures—and Selvon Waldron volunteered to sit at the table. On behalf of Felicia Grant, he also reported that the bricks and pavers will be delivered next week. And, in place of the last meeting in June, there will be a cookout at Jacqueline Daughtry-Miller’s home.

Office of Institutional Advancement: Michael Rogers stated that UDC received major visibility including national coverage during the National Cherry Blossom Festival. The objective moving forward is to demonstrate value and to increase enrollment and awareness. Also, the Jubilee Alumni Celebration will be held on May 18, 2014 in the Windows Lounge.

Firebird Committee/HBCU Alliance: James Gaston reported that the HBCU Alliance 5K is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 8:00 am at RFK Stadium. The expected attendance is 1,000 to 1,500 across 37 alumni associations. When registering, look for Team UDC. Registration for the 5K run/2K walk is $40.00 until May 31, 2014. There will also be a zumba class. Funds from Team UDC will benefit UDCNAS scholarship fund. The deadline for the DCHBCU Alliance Scholarship is May 30, 2014 and the award is $1,000.00. Must be on-site to win. Also, if participants sign up
before May 31, 2014, they will win (2) free Nation’s Classic tickets. Fleet Feet is offering participants a discount on training program. The sponsor levels range from $250.00 to $1,000.00.

**Dinner Dance Committee:** Jacqueline Daughtry-Miller suggested to have a table for each school and to use UDC as the location for the dance. The committee is still in planning stages.

**Fundraising Committee:** Mah-ki Fox and Selvon Waldron reported that the fundraising committee has successfully won the grant for free tickets (250 valued at $560.00) to a Nationals game. The game, Nationals vs Marlins, is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The committee will also attempt to arrange a happy hour prior to the game, get approval for the UDC mascot to attend, and for a representative from UDC to throw the first pitch.

**Membership Committee:** Greg Evans presented a tentative membership list of life members to Dr. Byrd. Plans to verify all dues-paying members are underway. There is an ongoing challenge with verifying life members from predecessor schools.

**Scholarship Committee:** No report.

**Bylaws Committee:** Valerie Grant reported that membership cards are being reprinted. Also, the committee is working on typing final draft of bylaws. Ms. Grant will check with Ms. Herron to find out whether the bylaws will be presented at May or June meeting.

**Nominations Committee:** This portion of the meeting was closed to members only. Valerie Grant proposed to have nominations in May, to mail out the ballots and to have the election in August. Trustee Shelton made a motion to mail the ballots by May 7, 2014 with a return date of May 14, 2014. The motion failed. Rosa Clayton made a motion to extend the term of the current officers until August. The motion failed. Rina T. Daniels made a motion to hold nominations during the current April 26, 2014 meeting and to hold elections at the May meeting to be held on May 31, 2014. Selvon Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Grant resigned as nominations committee chair. Trustee Shelton volunteered to become chair and was appointed by Dr. Byrd. Nominations proceeded as follows:

**President:** James Williams was nominated by Valerie Grant.

Mah-ki Fox was nominated by Rina T. Daniels. A motion made by Frank Jenkins to close the nomination was properly seconded.

**1st Vice President:** Reginald Davis was nominated by Selvon Waldron. A motion made by Mah-ki Fox to close the nomination was properly seconded.

**2nd Vice President:** Selvon Waldron was nominated by Mah-ki Fox.

James Gaston and Jacqueline Daugtry-Miller were nominated by Valerie Grant. Both declined the nomination. A motion made by Rina T. Daniels to close the nomination was properly seconded.

**Treasurer:** Rina T. Daniels was nominated by Bernard Grayson.

Cornett Njokie (who was not present) was nominated by Valerie Grant. A motion made by Selvon Waldron to close the nomination was properly seconded.

**Secretary:** Mindy Hill nominated herself.

Monica D. (Williams) Green was nominated by Bernard Grayson. A motion made by James Williams to close the nomination was properly seconded.
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Sergeant-at-Arms: Bernard Grayson was nominated by Rina T. Daniels.
Herman “Rip” Preston (who was not present) was nominated by Valerie Grant.
Kirk Adair (who was not present) was nominated by Jacqueline Daughtry-Miller. A motion made by Selvon Waldron to close the nomination was properly seconded.

A motion was made by Selvon Waldron to close the nomination process and was seconded by Reginald Davis. The motion passed. At this point, the meeting was re-opened to the public. Trustee Shelton stated that each nominee must email him the nomination form and a short biography and picture (half page or less) by May 10, 2014. In the case that he does not receive the nomination form from James Gaston in 72 hours, nominees should send a letter stating that they accept their respective nomination. Reginald Davis made a motion to suspend only the sections of the UDCNAS bylaws that directly pertain to the election and election process so as to allow for an election announcement during the May 31, 2014 UDCNAS meeting. The motion was seconded by Selvon Waldron. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The nominations committee will now consist of Trustee Shelton, Rosa Clayton and Jacqueline Daughtry-Miller. The committee will have a decision regarding how to collect votes by May 10, 2014. It was suggested that the committee consider using the UDC website, UDCNAS web page and Twitter account, and any other possible electronic medium to communicate information regarding the remainder of the election process. The UDCNAS office space was suggested as a polling place.

New Business: Valerie Grant expressed a concern about the exclusion of information regarding the presence of the cafeteria during freshman orientation.

Adjournment: Dr. Byrd adjourned the meeting at 1:01 pm.

NOTE: The next UDCNAS meeting will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 10:30 am.

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April 27, 2014
Rina T. Daniels, Member
Date