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Meeting Purpose: Regular teleconf of the SBC Alumnae Alliance Council (AA Council) to coordinate efforts. PlusOnes, who listen in on every other standing AA Council teleconfs and participate as appropriate, include alumnae who are active in a number of Alumnae Alliance-related activities and are assisting with improving overall alumnae communications.

AR&D Updates and Requests for the Alumnae Alliance

Claire—We had undersecretary of USDA and natural resources Jim Hubbard; as well as Secretary of Agriculture for state of VA Bettina Rink; Congressman Ben Cline; Amherst agricultural committee; and others here on campus on Tues April 23 which we celebrated as SBC Earth Day, one day after the national Earth Day, because students were just getting back to start their final 3-week term. At a dinner hosted by Pres Woo, Secy Hubbard spoke with students in Prothro saying SBC could be a model for leadership in this area. We also had a dinner in the quad, with a panel discussion with 3 alumnae (including Mary Pope Hutson '83 and Eliza Walbridge '72). The next day, two alumnae spoke to students at lunchtime about career opportunities in these fields. Notably, none of the panelists had majored in environmental studies or biology but had nevertheless become involved with land conservation and the environment.

Last week we had 4 days of spectacular weather. The campus is green and beautiful, dogwood and lilacs are blooming. Sunday was start of VA Garden Week, a statewide event held yearly as a fundraiser for Garden Club of VA. Today is the Lynchburg part of the tour, SB House looks amazing with floral arrangements gathered from Lynchburg and SBC. Cassie Evans, our photographer, has taken pix and they will be posted, Daisy's Garden has been cleaned up and planted with herbs and iris. They are also walking over to the Museum. So it's a big day on campus.

Last week was lantern bearing on Monday.

3 groups have left for the 3-week term: one group is traveling to Rome with Annie Labatt, professor of visual arts; 14 went to DC with Prof Lynn Laufenberg to work on a project with the Smithsonian; and 7 students are on a theater trip to London with Cheryl Warnick of the theater dept, seeing 7 shows and pix will be taken to document the trip.

3 fellows from VCCA applied and were chosen to lead a class in the studio art barn—featuring a composer, a filmmaker, and a writer.

Clelie—class leaders are getting their updated class giving lists this Weds May 1. May 15, June 5 and June 19 are the other dates for the lists to be distributed before end of fiscal year.

Deadline for notes for fall magazine coming up.

We still have \$3 million to raise for our goal this FY. Please reach out to classmates so we can get our participation rate up. That will take each of us contacting our classmates and our friends.

Exams finish on the 14th. Fancy Hat Brunch is on the 15th. Graduation on the 18th.

Working Group Updates from the AA Council

Governance Working Group

We have been hard at work getting the new SWW WG set up and the two new cochairs are on the call today. We are also working on appointing the 2 interim cochairs for new Class Leaders WG. Noms committee has been meeting and reaching out to nominees. We hope to reach our decision in the next 2 weeks.

We also need names for the Development WG from ARD—request made to Clelie to check with Claire and MP.

Sweet Work Weeks WG—we had a Gov WG mtg on that new WG, its internal structure and mission statement.

We are also brainstorming a process for strategic initiatives to flesh out that role for the Gov WG—how can we be of service in that area.

Sweet Work Weeks (SWW) Working Group

Vikki '87 is on the call; the other co-chair Kathy is doing a master gardener project today so is not on the call. We are still working out what volunteer roles are needed in the WG. The WG is going to be working on 2 different paths: working on future SWW events; and working on this year's SWW event which is less than 100 days away, Aug 3-17 this year. One project will be painting Dew, to finish up painting the dorms. SWW has painted over 400 rooms in the last 4 yrs. Also projects outside on the grounds, power washing, admin projects, wash it/clean it/fix it indoor projects. Please share with your friends the dates for this year, the sign-up info will come out soon. Please join us for one day or more.

Claire: Jody Canfield's husband Gary Canfield has taken on the project of rehabbing our 18 miles of trails around campus. Also, a clean-up around and probably inside the Outing Cabin. We may have people come work on the trails in the fall as well. Also, Amherst HS students were out helping on the trails.

Clubs Working Group

Already talking Back to School events; Jeannette and Joanne have been touching base with our local and regional clubs around the country to make sure we have full slate of events for back to school events in July as student athletes are returning to campus in August. Anyone on the call who would like to host such an event, please contact Joanne or Jeannette.

Alumnae Communications Working Group

Tomorrow is May 1, official day to commit to college, push to share pix on social media tomorrow with pink and green or a favorite tee shirt or sweatshirt tomorrow. IHSA National show is happening in upstate NY this week. Admission Ambassadors will be manning booth, and Jill Stryker is helping out as well. Devon Horse Show is happening in May in Philadelphia. An alumnae soccer game will be held on campus on Sat May 11 — Jason Capps is the soccer coach and you can email him directly if you want to participate.

Reunion is 4 weeks away, early bird deadline has passed but regular registration is ongoing. There are a couple of new activities, a comedy show, tennis tournament and a Float the Boathouse event as well. Also, they will be creating some posts for SWW, once they are on FB or Twitter or Instagram please pass them on to your classmates and friends. YAS has been doing the Insta-stories, which are remarkable. Take a look at them if you haven't.

Admissions Ambassadors Working Group

Thank you to everyone who made it to the spring fairs that the college wanted covered. We are onboarding an alum and also a parent (Stacy) who will be organizing MA, RI and CT where we have a great need. We are also working on starting up the book award this year—if alum has a connection at a

HS you go to the counselor there and offer a book that will be given to a student with stated criteria (typically grades, leadership). Alumna picks out the book and attends the award ceremony but the HS creates and gives the award. In years past the book has been a book authored by SBC alumna or significant to women's leadership.

We are encouraging parents to join the Admissions Ambassador effort—it is not just alumnae but friends, parents etc.

Operations Working Group

We need a list of what you need for your table at the Reunion festival ASAP—several WGs can combine for one table, please let us know what activity you are planning, who will staff it, what other WG will you share with, any requirements like a table, chairs, electricity, etc. Idea of the festival is to recruit more volunteers, spark engagement, our opportunity to let our sisters know what's going on in your WG, the Plus Ones call. Point is to have fun and a good time.

Shout out to the Plus Ones on the call—we are looking forward to the Founder's Day leadership training Sept 20-21 so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Young Alumnae Squad (YAS) Working Group

Jane announces that YAS have a letter writing campaign going for graduating seniors class of '19 (notes are not being addressed to specific people) to congratulate them and welcome them to the AA. This group is a special class—the last of our special classes. AA Council draft a couple of welcome notes and email them to Courtney. She will have them handwritten up on special notecards and then give them to ARD for distribution.

Questions/Comments

Diane Doss: Teresa Tomlinson is preparing for a Senate bid in GA so we may soon have an alum in the US Senate.