

Former Students Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 31, 2004

In Attendance: Mike Balog, Glyn Cook, David Davenport, Clint Hackney, Pat Hurley, Stephanie Kern, Michelle Taylor-Robinson, James Thurmond

Chair James Thurmond called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

Dr. Patricia Hurley gave a report on the political science department's activities. The department is recruiting heavily and over the next three years and hopes to fill six new positions. Stephanie Kern gave a report on the recent development activities.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:10 p.m. Dr. George C. Edwards III gave a presentation from his forthcoming book entitled "Faulty Premises: The Flawed Foundations of the Electoral College". The meeting resumed at 1 p.m.

Glyn Cook gave a report on the progress of the mentoring program on behalf of the Career Development Committee. The department agreed to mail mentoring application forms with an introduction letter from Dr. Hurley to all previous and current Board members by February 7, 2004. David Davenport suggested having current board members make personal telephone calls to encourage members to join and to ensure a diversity of participants if needed as a follow up to the letter. If needed Stephanie Kern will send a list of names and phones numbers to volunteers to call and recruit mentors.

Glyn Cook and Clint Hackney were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee as the two at-large members. The Nominating Committee will need to discuss and present names for the next meeting on their recommendations for the new Former Students' Advisory Board chair-elect and the chair of the Career Development Committee.

Mike Balog presented information on AggiExternship. More information may be found at: <http://co-opweb.tamu.edu/x1.shtml>. If any member knows of a company's interested in hosting such an event for political science majors, please contact Mike Balog. The next political science career day is scheduled for March 1, 2004. Improvements to Career Day were discussed including teleconferences with out-of-town speakers and participation by professional recruiters, such as Peace Corps or the Air Force, to speak to the classes also.

Dr. Hurley reminded members to alert the department to internship possibilities in their companies.

Dr. Hurley also requested the board's permission to use board funds to support department development activities. The request was approved by all members present.

James Thurmond opened the floor for announcements and general discussion. The topic of how to generate more attendance at board meetings was discussed. It was requested that undergraduate students come and speak to the board at the fall meeting. Another request was the creation and distribution of a printed member directory.

The next meeting date was not set and is pending input from chair-elect Paul Stafford.

James Thurmond adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.