

Acacia Fraternity  
BOD Meeting  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Attendees: Riley, Haag, Ihrig, Poling, Meyers, Loseke, Bassett, Funk, Fralick, Hapgood, Prettyman, Pearce, Nelson, Brannan, Ohm, Graver, Busch, Andre, Rodehorst, Letoureau

Absent: Beyer, Neill

**Opening:** Credo

There has been much accomplished over the past year. It is exciting to think of what the MOA will be able to accomplish when they can focus their efforts on improvement of the Undergraduate experience instead of things like finding silverware and someone to cook food for them! We as a board must give thoughtful consideration as to the function of the chapter management committee and good of acacia groups. How can we pull the resources of these 2 groups together and maximize their efforts.

Approval of Minutes

Bill Riley reiterated the importance of us as a board keeping track of the following:

- 1) Financial Operations
- 2) Care of the Facility
- 3) Experiences of the Undergraduate Members

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** We are continuing to “sweep” the National account as pledges accumulate to \$25,000.

To date, there has been \$578,000 spent on the renovation of the chapter house.

Liabilities were reported as \$559,366 while Net Worth is at \$704,785. The original intent when we began the fund raiser was to settle long term debt in at approximately \$250,000.00. With interest rates at record lows, it may be wise to consider locking the rate sooner rather than later.

**MOTION PASSED:** *The finance committee (with approval of the coordinating council) will have authority to negotiate a fixed mortgage rate for outstanding balance of funds when they so deem appropriate.*

62 Members donated dues last year; this is far short of our goal of 100. Some of this is to be expected as many members are also contributing to the Fundraiser at this time. We will be sending all dues payers a card this year that will have a business card to distribute to other Acacia members in hopes they will also contribute.

**Men Of Acacia:** The undergraduate chapter collected all money that was owed to them this past year. For school year ending August 1<sup>st</sup> (August 02 to August 03) it is projected that the Sr. Chapter will supplement the MOA approximately \$16,700.00. This figure includes \$14,900 to date and an assumed \$1800 over the summer months. The MOA did not pay any rent to the Sr Chapter during this budget year.

With current numbers reported for the fall semester, the undergraduate chapter budgets will be approximately \$90,000.00 with a \$25,000.00 rent payment coming out of that budget.

\*\* It is important to note that nothing will help the budget more than acquiring additional members. We have reached a point where additional members will not affect fixed costs. Each new member will only affect the variable side of expenses.

Insurance will be the biggest line item increase in the budget for next year. This is due to insurance rates rising and also due the fact our policy bases rates off last year's number of members.

**Scholarship/Endowment:**

Baughman Scholarship: Principle of \$78,000.00 (\$13,000 available)

Gracey Scholarship: Principle of \$13,000 (\$1000.00 available)

\*\*It was noted that in the past we had voted that the Baughman proceeds would go towards funding undergraduates' tuition in the leadership curriculum, while the Gracey money would cover costs incurred for materials needed for the CORE leadership series.

**Facilities:**

The undergraduates' maintenance of the facility has been wonderful during Year #1. Lucas Shivers has agreed to care for the lawn over the summer months. Charlie Busch has recommended a Handy Man for the UC (Undergraduate Chapter) to call when maintenance issues crop up; this has been an invaluable time saver.

The committee is still reviewing potential bids for the flagpole area. The following issues are still being considered:

- 1) Lighting of the Flagpole area.
- 2) Maintenance issues involved with the shrubbery.
- 3) # of Flagpoles to install (ability to expand if necessary)
- 4) Keeping within our \$10,000 budget.

An Senior Man work date will be set in August to help clean up the house and make bunk beds. This will be led by Curtis Hapgood.

There was discussion on the furnishings that will be needed for the Hershel Picket Library.

**Motion Passed:** *The Chairman will appoint a committee to define the needs and function of the Library. The committee will consist of both MOA and Sr. MOA and will have a report by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.*

We have the option to buy downstairs furnishings for the same price as the upstairs (\$40,000). The other issue being discussed by this committee is a phone enhancement that would cost approximately \$6,000.00. The MOA have stressed it is difficult to communicate effectively with the current phone system. This discussion was tabled to give Facilities committee a chance to provide a recommendation.

**MOA Report:**

Currently there are 6 new MOA signed up for the fall semester. This will bring the number of Acacians to 16 in-house and 3 out-of-house.

There was some debate as to the "optimal" size of a potential YM class. The YM have expressed concern with having more YM than members, but alumnus stressed that "good" recruits should not be turned away if they are interested. The Sr. Men stressed that it was very important to continue to grow the number of members.

The MOA are currently transitioning the recruitment from Michael Pule to Tanner Calandar and Casey Mattke. This will continue through the summer and into the fall.

Scholastic Report: YMOA ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in grades with at cumulative 3.363  
MOA were 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 3.349  
Overall we were 2<sup>nd</sup> with 3.355

Other notes: No one in the chapter was under a 2.5, while there were 6 members over a 3.5 and 2 of these with perfect 4.0.

### **Chapter Management/Good of Acacia:**

In an effort to respond to the needs of the UC these two committees will be combined for the next school year.

### **The GOOD OF ACACIA group will focus on the following:**

- 1) Work with Ann to increase the scope of Leadership Training.
- 2) Build involvement of Sr. Men
- 3) Raise our identity on campus, continuing to “wire in” with Leadership Studies.
- 4) Improvement on Mentoring Program.

### **The focus of the mentoring program is as follows:**

- 1) Mutually Review of the Mission Statement
- 2) Revisit the Mission Statement of IDP at least once per year.
- 3) Continuous contact (minimum monthly) throughout the process.
- 4) Attend annual mentoring workshop.

Bill Riley has met with Leadership studies office to discuss the possibility of Acacia sponsoring a Leadership Lecture on campus. We have proposed that the logistics continue to be handled by the university while Acacia would claim sponsorship and perhaps have an afternoon of time with future lectures.

**Motion Passed:** *To proceed with the Leadership studies offer to explore the possibility of Acacia sponsoring an annual leadership lecture.*

- 1) Send notice to Ed. On Handling of Scholarships
- 2) Recipients send Thank You’s.

It is expected of this committee that each Board Member will attend 1 meeting/function of the Undergraduate Chapter on a yearly basis.

The power of SR. Man involvement should not be underestimated as numerous YMOA and MOA have indicated this was/is the leading reason they chose to become involved with Acacia.

**Alumni Relations:** Ray Letourneau has decided to step down from the Board and will no longer chair this committee.

We have completed the last newsletter to be produced by Pennington.

There is a certain need to have strength in our alumni activities. More synergy is created when there are avenues for “detached” alumni to come and learn about the positive things going on in the chapter. Please make extra effort to encourage new friends/brothers to attend alumni functions.

Please continue to visit the website at [www.ksuacacia.org](http://www.ksuacacia.org)

### **Board Development:**

The following names were submitted as potential board members:

James Birkbeck, Steve Taylor, Tyler Turner, Terry Harts, Kyle Franklin and Mark Summerville.

The following Slate of Officers will be submitted on Saturday:

Chariman: Bill Riley  
Vice Chairman: Ron Graver  
Treasurer: Ben Funk

Executive Secretary: Gary Haag

**Adjournment**