Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values

Board of Directors Meeting

November 05, 2014
5:00 p.m.

Attendance:
Amber Eckersley
Dan Ennis
Joseph Fleming
Rachel Gandy
Laura Hoy
David Killoren
Claudia McCullough
Preston McKeever-Floyd
Jeanne Mize
Chris Nicholson
Virginia Norris
Nils Rauhut
Bryan Steros
Sharon Thompson
Emily Vallarino
Bobby Wilkes

1. Welcome

Nils Rauhut welcomes everyone to the board meeting. Laura Hoy mentions that 4 out of 5 Jackson Family Sisters are present at the meeting. The other board members present welcome the sisters to the meeting.

2. Introduction of Jackson Center & ILPP Student Assistants
   A. Chris Nicholson informs the board that he is a Management major from Boston, Massachusetts. He is extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with the Jackson Center and ILPP. His research focuses on solar policy in South Carolina and how South Carolina compares to other states in the
United States in regards to solar energy policy. He also mentioned that he is assisting with updates to the Jackson Center webpage.

B. Joseph Fleming informs the board that he is a Jackson Scholar, and, like Chris, is also extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with the Jackson Center and ILPP. Joseph’s research focuses on unemployment rates in South Carolina counties and the population of African Americans in those counties.

C. Virginia Norris, the coordinator for the Edgar Dyer Institute for Leadership & Public Policy (ILPP), informs the board that the research conducted by Chris and Joseph will be published on the ILPP’s website. She also mentions a possible future Leadership Internship available through cooperation between ILPP and the Jackson Center.

3. Vision/Mission/By-Laws

At the previous board meeting on September 15, 2014, Laura Hoy asked the Board to review the Vision/Mission/By-Laws. Laura asked the Board to remember that this is “a living document”. She also thanked the Board, Coastal Carolina University, Nils Rauhut, and Jackson Center group. She thanked everyone for preserving Claudia McColloughs’ dream and hopes that Jackson Center continues to touch students, faculty and community.

Nils Rauhut reminds the Board of this duty, and directs them to a revised version of the Missions & Cornerstones and By-Laws documents for review. This revised version was made by Nils Rauhut, David Killoren, and Amber Eckersley. Nils Rauhut gives the Board several minutes to review the suggested changes and to make additional suggestions and comments.

Missions & Cornerstones Document

A. Nils Rauhut explains why the Jackson Center Resource Center was removed from the Missions & Cornerstones document as a Cornerstone of the Center. Because the books were housed in the Jackson Center outside of Kimbel Library, security issues arose, forcing the Jackson Center to relocate its holdings to Kimbel Library. As such, the Resource Center is no longer a significant Cornerstone of the Jackson Center.

Laura Hoy asked if the books were still recognized as Jackson Center holdings, even though they are housed in the library. Nils Rauhut responded that they were still recognized as Jackson Center holdings, but that the physical location had moved.

B. Preston McKeever-Floyd asked about the “research agenda” point under the new section detailing the duties of the Jackson Center Ethics Fellow. He wanted to know of what the “research agenda” consisted and how the Ethics Fellow would be evaluated on the “research agenda” component of the job. David Killoren responded that the research agenda would consist of writing and publishing papers as well as giving presentations. Preston McKeever-Floyd argued that the Missions & Cornerstones document must be more specific than that. He asked again what the research agenda of the Ethics Fellow would consist of. Nils Rauhut suggested that the Board completely remove the line. Preston McKeever-Floyd contests that the Board should leave the line in because the Ethics Fellow should have a research agenda, but the Board must decide what that agenda will entail. He argues that if we are going to hire an Ethics Fellow, we need general guidelines as to what to expect from him/her in terms of output. In response, Dan Ennis speaks about the genesis of the Ethics Fellow position. He suggests that the “research agenda” point not be
included in the Missions & Cornerstones document, but to be included in a job description for the position when hiring.

All Board members agree to remove the line.

C. The Board agrees to adopt the new Missions & Cornerstones document.

By-Laws Document

A. The board reviews the Jackson Center’s By-Laws document with the revisions suggested by Nils Rauhut, David Killoren, and Amber Eckersley. Nils Rauhut tells the Board that the Committees section of the document was removed because the Center no longer relies on Board Committees. Claudia McCullough asks if there is still a Jackson Scholar Committee. Laura Hoy states that there is just a usual group of Board members who volunteer to interview Jackson Scholar Applicants. Claudia McCullough tells the Board that when the Jackson Center was first created, committees were very important and heavily utilized. But, she thinks the Jackson Center has “outgrown” its need of committees.

B. All board members present at the meeting agreed to remove the Committees section from the By-Laws. But, a formal vote will be collected via email from Nils Rauhut.

4. Director’s Report

A. Update New Class of Jackson Scholars/Selection Procedures/Questions
   a. The board reviews the applicants’ information. Amber Eckersley tells the board how many students from the College of Humanities applied for the Program and what majors those students represent.
   b. Nils Rauhut invites the Board members to be a part of the Jackson Scholar interviews on November 11. He briefly explains the interview process and asks if anyone has any questions. Laura Hoy asks if any Board members have confirmed to be at the interviews, and Nils Rauhut responds that none have confirmed.
   c. Nils Rauhut asks if the Board has any suggestions for interview questions. He and David Killoren describe some of last year’s interview questions. The Board members agree that last year’s questions are fine to use again.
   d. Nils Rauhut informs the Board that the current Jackson Scholars have been very involved in the review process.

B. Induction Ceremony for Jackson Scholars on December 04
   a. Amber Eckersley explains the purpose of a new induction ceremony for Jackson Scholars. The ceremony will function as an induction for new Scholars and a farewell ceremony for those Scholars who are completing the Program this semester.

C. Planning for After-School Ethics and Leadership Academy
   a. The program will be extended from 3 weeks to 4 weeks, with the addition of a campus tour for the students.
   b. The Jackson Center will also provide the students with additional incentives, including discounted basketball tickets.
   c. Preston McKeever-Floyd asks about Phillip Jenkins, a former Jackson Junior Scholar who is currently a freshman at Coastal Carolina University. Phillip was featured in the Jackson Center’s October Newsletter. Laura Hoy suggests that he should attend some of the After-School Ethics and Leadership Academy sessions.
d. Nils Rauhut tells the Board that he was invited by Cindy Elsberry to speak to representatives from Horry County Middle Schools about the After-School Ethics and Leadership Academy. This will hopefully bring in more students from across the county.

D. Ethics Bowl Update
   a. David Killoren updates the Board about the progress of the Jackson Scholar Ethics Bowl Team. David is the instructor for the course and tells the Board that the class has gone very well. The team will travel to Clemson on November 14 & 15 to compete in the Regional Ethics Bowl.

E. Update Leadership Capstone Course
   a. Nils Rauhut is the instructor of the Ethics of Leadership Capstone course for Senior Jackson Scholars. He invites Dan Ennis, Dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, to speak about his experience being shadowed by a Jackson Scholar. He reflects about being shadowed by Jackson Scholar Nick McKinney and says that the experience was very positive. He praised Nick McKinney and Jackson Scholar Darcy Barr’s presentation to the Board of Trustees meeting.
   b. Claudia McCollough asks if there will be a reflection paper at the end of the course. Nils Rauhut informs her that there will be a reflection paper that the Scholars must turn in by the end of the course.

F. Planning for Spring Semester
   a. Nils Rauhut invites the Board to review the Spring 2015 Event Schedule provided in their folders. He also gives a special thanks to Claudia McCollough for setting up the “Current Issues in Medical Ethics” event. Claudia McCollough explains the significant involvement of community member and surgeon, Dr. Kimberly Goh, who was a strong advocate and supporter of the event’s genesis.
   b. Nils Rauhut also highlights the “Race in the Classroom” event and invites Preston McKeever-Floyd to be a member of the panel.

5. Budget Report
   The Board briefly reviews the budget report. Nils Rauhut points out that the majority of the Jackson Center’s funds are spent on Jackson Scholar awards.

6. For the Good of The Order
   Nils Rauhut thanked the Board again and gave a special thanks to all of the Jackson Family sisters who were able to attend the Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by: AEckersley