

**University of St. Francis**  
**Business Alumni Networking Meeting**  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
September 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Welcome – Opening Prayer:** Katie Rodriguez called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and led the opening prayer.

**In attendance were:** Katie Rodriguez, Joseph Ferrallo, Caroline Portlock, Karen Ende, Emily Schrader, Melissa Smrz, Crag Kampmier, J. Jozwik, LaMarcus Hawkins, Taylor Petz, Dr. Orlando Griego, Joseph Ferrallo, and Jessica Conte.

**Alumni Report and Upcoming Events:**

- Jessica gave the Alumni Department update including a status of current events and list of the upcoming events including Saints Across the States, Alumni Board meeting, Yoga on the Quad and Virtual 5k. See the alumni events page for all details and to register.
- Still need business mentors for the SAM program as there are a lot of students interested in the program – apply by 9/25/20 at [www.stfrancis.edu/sam](http://www.stfrancis.edu/sam). Induction reception (virtual) is November 12.

**College of Business and Health Administration Update:** Dr. Griego reported on efforts related to teaching in a COVID world. He also reported on progress degrees that will be available in Viet Nam. The hallway in the COBHA area is being renovated and should be completed by November. Servant Leader program is underway with several projects in the works. Economics program is going well and the PA program is now under COBHA. Exploring the addition of various degrees and certifications. Joseph announced that some adjustments may be made to the Spring term to be sure we are staying safe and healthy. Stay tuned for information on the Business Symposium.

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**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2020 BAN meeting by Joseph Ferrallo, seconded by Karen Ende. Motion carried.

**Events & Ideas:**

- Further discussed virtual workshops for students and alumni – still on the table:
  - -Alumni Paths to Success (career changers, changed industry, etc.)
  - -Mock Virtual Interviews (applying, interviewing, shaking hands/new trends) (Caroline)
  - -Virtual Excel Tutorial (Katie R./Danielle C.)
  - -Financial Literacy (how to invest, save, pay off loans, etc.) (Joseph F.)
- eNewsletter: have several topics for Fall and Spring newsletters (combating zoom fatigue; setting up your background for virtual interviews/presentations; job resources; presenting yourself in a virtual world; work/life balance/maintaining good mental health while searching)

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**Student Representative Position:** with the position approved, now we need to fill the position. A great candidate would serve as the liaison between students and alumni (specifically the BAN group) to help shape our projects.

**Upcoming Networking Meetings:** Our next meeting is November 21, 2020 at 9 am. The focus of the meeting will be small businesses. Jessica will invite a few alumni owned businesses to share their stories.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am on a motion by Joseph Ferrallo, seconded by Karen Ende. Motion carried.