

# BSU Construction Management Alumni Chapter Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, March 21, 2007

**NEW Location:** Chicago Connection Pizza, off of eagle just south of Overland Road

**Time:** 12:00pm (noon)

**Lunch provided the BSU CM Alumni Chapter**

## **Attendees (all area codes 208 unless otherwise noted):**

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## **CM Program update by Chairperson Dr. Rebecca Mirsky:**

- Accreditation committee was on campus, overall the committee visit was positive
- Committee was impressed with the spirit of the students, faculty and administration
- Many areas of weakness were addressed
  - Out come assessment issue has been solved
  - Curriculum was on good order
- Areas of concern for the Accreditation Committee:
  - Low pay, not competitive salaries, for faculty positions
  - Not complete facilities for curriculum/No. Of students
- Accreditation Committee stated if these areas of concern were addressed then BSU would have one of the top Construction Management Programs in the USA.
- Department has raised more that \$130,000 for new faculty position, the goal is another \$200,000
  - There are 220 declared BSU Construction Management majors
  - There are 4 full time faculty positions
  - There are 80 declared Sophomores
  - There are 70 declared Freshman
  - Ratio 55 students per each instructor
  - Marv Gabert reported that it was first thought once the program reached 125 students then a fifth professor would be required.
  - Students expressed concern to the Accreditation Committee of graduation times for sophomores from 6 to 7 years because of limited class scheduling.

**Post Meeting note: I was in Dallas last week and interviewed a candidate for a Construction Manager position. This Texas A & M graduate, Bachelors in Construction Science, stated there are 760 students in the Construction Science program with 20 faculty; 38 students per**

**professor. At this ratio BSU should have 6 professors. This same candidate stated the Alumni gave “millions” to the program.**

**The program urgent need is for at least one additional faculty position.** The BSU Foundation has The Construction Management Instructor Fund, NR048, in place; \$130,000 is in this fund. BSU CM Alumni are urged to personally give to this fund.

- Half of your donation is an Idaho State tax credit; thus a donation of \$400 would realize the maximum \$200 available tax credit. Please be reminded that this example of a \$200 tax credit would be deducted from the Idaho State tax you pay.
- Checks need to be made out to Boise State University Foundation
- Make sure to write in the bottom left of your check: NR048, The Construction Management Instructor Fund.
- Contact the Boise State University Foundation at (208) 426-1326
- We have over 450 alumni that date back to 1980; 27 years of graduates.

### **Discussion of \$20,000 gift from Student chapter (CMA)**

- The CMA made the decision independently, without outside persuasion.
- One time gift from the CMA is unprecedented by any student organization
- The CMA decided donate \$20,000 to the Construction Management Instructor Fund, NR048, because the urgent need for a faculty position
- Why should the students pay for their education twice, once at tuition and again through this donation?
- Many fellow alumni were concerned and upset about not getting consulted about the donation
- Many fellow alumni have worked hard and are passionate and proud of the fund size and were displeased how one expenditure/gift decreased the fund from \$27,000 to \$20,000 (75% reduction)
- Marv Gabert was displeased with the size and non-consulting aspect of the gift.
- Casey Cline thought the gift was too large.
- This gift does not come without risk; after 3 years the state may or may not decide to fund a new faculty position thus much of the instructor fund would be used.
- Can we really rely on the State of Idaho to adequately fund the CM program? Do you think the State of Idaho and Boise State administration have a priority to make this program one of the top in the nation? What group can make it a top priority?
- The CMA and the Construction Management Department are two separate entities.
- Almost all active CM Alumni are also past CMA members.

### **Social Hour**

- Nick Ploetz working on getting the Crescent Bar
- BSU CM Alumni Chapter will pay for the Social hour

### **Golf Tournament (Mark Ciavarelta, Mike Sis, Andy Conner, Tom Spearin)**

- Sponsorship levels, same as last year, was approved by all in attendance
- The use of Pay Pal was approved by all in attendance
- Tournament was approved for 144 golfers. The reserved cut off will be 132 then a waiting list to 144 golfers
- Student involvement will be helping the night before the tournament and during the tournament. Students to do a call-A-thon

- Student golfing fee is \$30 each
- There will be a couple of Big Raffle items, not many small raffle items
- It was approved that golfers to pay through Pay-Pal
  - Pay-Pal monies to go to the Boise State Foundation
- Payment and registration deadline was approved to be April 6, 2007

Boise State Construction Management Golf Tournament:  
**Shadow Valley Golf Course**  
**Friday, April 27, 2007 starting at 9:00am**

Josh Martin reported that all student slots are filled for the golf tournament. Students are to call sponsors and individuals for the golf tournament.

As discussed student and business golfer interaction is the tournament's most important function. Many business golfers want to get to know students to fill full or intern positions.

Next monthly meeting is Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at Chicago Connection Pizza on Eagle, just south of Overland Road. Lunch will be provided at 12:00pm (noon) and all Construction Management Alumni are invited. **If you're travels have you in Boise, by all means drop in.**

Go Broncos!  
Greg Beall (87)  
President, BSU CM Alumni Chapter