

**OSU Boone Pickens School of Geology Advisory Board  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 3:00 pm CT**

via Teleconference @ <https://zoom.us/j/3260207880> or (669) 900-6883 Meeting ID: 3260207880

**2023 Executive Committee: Chair: Mike Gaskins; Chair-Elect: Mike Kuykendall; Secretary: Rebecca Hillman; Past Chair: Patty Walker; Directors: Robert Williams, Kristie Ferguson, Barrett Cieutat**

**Attendance:** \*Daniel Lao Davila, Rebecca Hillman, Kristie Ferguson, Mike Gaskins, Bart Gaskill, \*Tracy Quan, Preston Doll, Barrett Cieutat, Jay Gregg, Robert Williams, Dylan Morton, \*Nick Colburn, Justin Evans, \*Jim Puckette, Kelsey Bufford, Kent Bowker, Mike Kuykendall, Andrew Katumwehe  
\*OSU Faculty and Staff

**Call to order:** Mike Gaskins at 3:03 pm

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Rebecca Hillman

**School**

**Report of the Head of the School:** Dr. Daniel Lao-Davila (filling in for Camelia who is unable to attend)

- Dr. Todd Halihan has been named Interim Head of BPSOG, starting October 23. He was not able to attend this meeting but said that he is looking forward to working with the alumni board in his new role.

**Advisory Board**

**Report of the Chair:** Mike Gaskins

1. Highlights from BPSOG Advisory Board Retreat October 7 & 8
  - a. Executive committee will share presentation slides and notes from Retreat soon
  - b. Patty and Rick Ely are working on creating a shared drive for AB
2. Need new committee chairs for several standing committees – please consider helping us with these. If interested in joining a committee, please email Mike Gaskins or Rebecca Hillman for more information.

Save-the-date Reminders:

- 2024 Annual Meeting & Banquet April 13, 2024
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Field Camp in 2024 (June 7-9, Canon City)

## Standing Committees:

### Academic Development: Lawrence Walker

#### Petroleum Development

- Highlights from Retreat & Plans
  - *Should there be a third subcommittee? What would that topic be?*
  - *Any faculty resources that could help students?*
  - *Discussion regarding AI benefits and challenges to student development.*

#### Water Resources

- Highlights from Retreat & Plans

### Capital Development (Foundation): Mike Gaskins (Nick Colburn)

- Nick to provide updates from the Retreat on disposition of Pickens Estate and funding raising status
- Notes from Retreat:
  - *Immediate funding needs:*
    - *Field camp: \$3-6 M*
    - *Student enrichment: \$20 k/yr, \$500 k endowment*
    - *Outreach/Summer camp: \$20 k/yr*
    - *Fix the boat*
  - *Longer term needs:*
    - *Truck: \$100-125 k*
    - *Student lounge: \$2.5-3 k*
    - *Post doc. Fellowship: \$3 M*
    - *Professor funding: \$50 k/yr*
    - *Discretionary fund*
    - *New chair: \$2-3 M*
    - *New geoscience building: \$100 M*
  - *Potential Sources:*
    - *Battelle – outreach program*
    - *Boone \$3 M endowment (~\$125 k/yr) – discretionary fund, student enrichment, and banquet*
    - *Philanthropete & Orange Giving – outreach*
    - *Alumni events e.g., field trips, short courses*
    - *Field camp 75 yr celebration associated giving challenges*
  - *Next steps:*
    - *Understand endowment agreement*
    - *Help Dean promote field camp within administration*
    - *Develop a “road show” to promote field camp (highlight the new facility, describe new and existing activities, create giving opportunities for 75 year celebration)*
    - *Fall and Spring events to promote outreach*
    - *Engage students to understand lounge needs and costs*
    - *Understand boat repair needs*
    - *Set up monthly capital development committee meetings*

**Communications:** Rick Ely / Patty Walker

- Highlights from Retreat & plans
  - *Having a champion for each decade of alumni to reach out to fellow alumni and creating a contact list.*

**Honors and Awards:** Rebecca Hillman

- Nomination from Jay Gregg: Drs. Atekwana should be considered for awards
- Looking for volunteers to join this committee. Please email Rebecca Hillman for more information.

**Nominating:** Logan Chatterton

- NNTR

**Professional Relationships:** Jake Jones

- Seismic Inversion workshop with Josh Bedell from Devon Energy
  - Dates TBD
  - Hosted at Devon's OKC campus
  - Other Updates

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** Kelsey Bufford

- Highlights from Retreat & Plans
  - *Agreement that having diversity within the Alumni Board and student body is a priority and a benefit to the school.*
  - *An objective is to talk to alumni who chose not to join the Board to have an honest discussion of what we can do better.*
  - *Want to communicate better with students.*
- Looking for more committee members. Email Kelsey if interested.

**Past Chairs:** Patty Walker

- NNTR

**Special Committees:**

**Field Camp:** Barrett Cieutat

- Highlights from Retreat & Plans
  - *Determine details related to the cost estimate received from GH2*
  - *Confirm deed restrictions related to the property, including building restrictions*
  - *Identify projected minimum expenditures necessary in order to keep the field camp operational*
  - *Clarify other potential uses for the property*
  - *Confirm remaining budget related to architectural work, and if funds allow, schedule site visit with GH2 in order to confirm scope/costs*

**Strategic Planning:** Kristie Ferguson

- Highlights from Retreat
  - *CAS new strategic plan is being sent to departments to review by January for the department then to develop a strategic plan that will be in line with the CAS plan.*

- *Committee will have monthly meetings to create a new strategic plan and work with faculty to help.*
- Kristie will send out a survey for meeting times.
- Considering setting at least an internal deadline

### **New Business**

- Ad hoc Banquet Committee
  - *Notes from Retreat*
    - *Establish a banquet committee to plan the event; committee to include students, faculty, staff, and board members.*
    - *Objectives of committee to include increase engagement time, reduce overall time duration of banquet, make it an event that our participants look forward to attending.*
    - *Banquet committee plans to be socialized with and approved by Head of School and Chair of AB*
  - Barrett plans on convening this committee by the end of October. Email Barrett directly to join the committee.
- Retreat Feedback
  - *Consider Stillwater*
  - *Consider other venues*
  - *Encourage more/broader involvement*
  - *Consider unique destinations to drive up participation*
  - *Need some "open time" and blue sky time*
  - *Incorporate student engagement*
  - *Conduct more prework*
  - *Be creative about being present, how do we make sure people can be present?*
- New members approved: Preston Doll, nominated by Kristie Ferguson, and Larry Gerkin, nominated by Rick Ely
- Geoscience careers breakout session
  - *No federal oil/gas grants for funding. Can we do more of a grassroots campaign to raise funding.*
  - *Need for marketing to highlight school as producing desirable hires for any company.*
  - *AAPG has a site for students to look for current job openings.*
  - *Need for a faculty advisor for students.*
  - *Plan to meet again.*
- Jim Puckette will contact Mike Gaskins about an alumni list regarding PhilantroPete

### **Next Meeting:**

Teleconference on Wednesday, December 13 @ 3 PM

**Meeting adjournment: at 3:36 pm**