

Meeting Minutes – Class Advisory Senate Jul 11, 2016

1. **Garry Dudley, '68**, President of the CAS, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Roll call was conducted
2. **Minutes:** Previous minutes are posted on the website
<http://www.usafa.org/AOG/ClassAdvisorySenate>
3. **Members and Guests in Attendance:** See **Attachment I**
4. **Others in Attendance:** Gary Howe '69, Executive Vice President of the AOG; Johnny Bollman, AOG Help Desk Specialist.
5. **Special Guest:** Col Benyshek, Director of Admissions – See her slides in **Attachment II**

Colonel Benyshek expanded upon the presentation she brought with several details dealing with the admissions process at our academy compared to the US Military Academy, the US Naval Academy, and the US Merchant Marine Academy.

All of the aforementioned academies are governed by Title 10; however, the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) operates under different guidelines as it is in the Department of Homeland Security. The three major academies have specific guidelines dealing with diversification.

Colonel Benyshek, who has been in this position for eight continuous years, told us that applicants are placed in pools. The academy attempts to meet diversity goals by affecting the size of the pool and by aggressively targeting through marketing; the Academies do not have quotas. The Academy Board selects from those pools those who will be offered a slot to enter the next class. The Academy Board is chaired by the Superintendent. Colonel Benyshek does not select athletic recruits but ensures the rest of the admissions process is followed.

The Directors of Admissions from all of the academies meet at least annually to discuss their policies and procedures. When the academies arrange for a major presentation designed to encourage candidates to apply for any one of their schools, each academy is represented to ensure the candidates get a balanced feel for what the respective school has to offer. She did mention that Army has elected to offer early admission letters months before the other schools send out their selections.

6. **Gary Howe** gave us the briefing he prepared for the Basics as they toured Doolittle Hall and the Heritage Trail that included a video created for the Founders Day event this year. The entire presentation and program was put together in short order; the video is particularly noteworthy. Share this link with all those in your sphere of influence! You really sharp Senators will note that this link was provided in the April minutes when we discussed Founders Day! Thanks, Gary!

<http://usafa.org/Videos/Movie/3126>

7. *Moving Forward* document

Giving feedback to the Board of Directors (BOD or Board) of the Association of Graduates is one of our core responsibilities. Our charter is found in Article VII of the AOG, USAFA Bylaws, and 6 May 2011.

<http://www.usafa.org/Documents/AOG/ClassAdvisorySenate/Misc/BylawsArticleVII.pdf>

“...The CAS will be advisory to the Board and will inform the Board on relevant issues.”

The CAS and the CAS President have regular communications with the Board; the Board Chair regularly attends our CAS meetings, and the CAS President is a member of the Board. In concert with these communications, the CAS submits a *Moving Forward* document to document feedback and to emphasize key issues when appropriate. Current circumstances indicate that now is the time to submit another installment of *Moving Forward*.

As a result of previous coordination, the CAS was ready to vote. The decision to approve the document as is was unanimous. Attachment one indicates those who voted with an asterisk *.

Note: The document was sent via email to the AOG Board and the Directors.

Garry's next topic was elections. He was soliciting volunteers for the Executive Committee. Larry Bagley, '66, will not be running for Vice President of the CAS due to his commitments to the Colorado Springs City Council. Garry will run for the position of President of the CAS. PLEASE contact Garry if you are interested in getting more involved in the CAS. I am looking for a couple of more people to run for the Executive committee; I need more diverse opinions!

8. **Garry** provided an update on 3 *temporary* committees

- a. Roster committee – changed hands
 - i. Work load and school assignments impacted progress – thanks to Bruce Mitchell for assuming lead of this committee. Thanks for Larry Bagley and Jason Harris for their work to date
 - ii. Progress is being made
- b. Social media – coming back; attempting to control scope
- c. *Moving Forward* – already covered above

9. Round Table

Dan Beatty, '76, reminded the CAS that there still is a need for volunteers to host a Bed and Breakfast for the in-coming preparatory school students. He also reminded the CAS that the Rampart Chapter annual picnic was to be held at the Brooms this coming Saturday and that the Chapter day at Sky Sox stadium will be on July 24.

George Larson, '62, asked for an update on where we are with regard to a possible merger of the AOG with the UE. The response was that this initiative was being worked hard, but results may not be finalized until mid- to-late 2017. The AOG Board will be soliciting as much help as the CAS can provide to get at least 25% of the graduates to vote with reference to any changes to the Bylaws.

10. Next Meetings – Get involved

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| a. AOG Board | Aug 5 2016 |
| b. Ex Com | Sep 12 2016 |
| c. CAS | Nov 14 2016 |

Note: If you plan on attending the Ex Com or AOG Board, please contact me in advance.

11. Adjourned at 1956.

Two Attachments – Attendees and Col Benyshek’s slides

Drafted by Bob Muldrow and Garry Dudley

Respectfully submitted,

Garry

Garry W. Dudley
President, Class Advisory Senate
USAFA Class of ‘68

Attachment I – Senators in Attendance

CL	F Name	L Name	Vote
59	Curtis	Cook	Yes
60	Dick	Sexton	Yes
62	George	Larson	Yes
63	John	Borling	Yes
64	Douglas	Jenkins	Yes
66	Larry	Bagley	Yes
67	Bob	Muldrow	Yes
68	Garry	Dudley	Yes
69	Tom	Fleming	Yes
70	Chris	Dunbar	Yes
72	Mush	Brower	Yes
73	Dale	Birch	Yes
75	Bruce	Mitchell	Yes
75 BU	Jeff	Hackett	
76	Dan	Beatty	Yes
79	Randy	Helms	Yes
92	Rick	Bailey	Yes
95 BU	Tim	Gillaspie	Yes
07	Rich	Mickelsen	Yes

Guests

64	Rod	Wells
67	Roy	Miller
91	Pat	Romero
91	John	Vaughn