

**Class Advisory Senate Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017**

1. **Call to Order:** Garry Dudley '68, President of the CAS, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Doolittle Hall.
2. **Garry** conducted Roll Call.
3. **Members in Attendance:** See Attachment 1  
New Senators introduced – Dennis Murphy '65 and John Tamasitis '05
4. **Others in Attendance:** James P. McCarthy, General USAF Ret, ARDI Professor of National Security, Roger Carleton, AOG Board Chairman, William "T" Thompson, President and CEO of the AOG, Gary Howe '69, Executive Vice President of the AOG, Marty Marcolongo '88, Chief Operating Officer of the AOG, and Johnny Bollman, Help Desk Specialist.
5. **Gen (Ret) Jim McCarthy** introduced Cadets Sarah MacKinnon, CS18 and Michael Johnson, CS11 who filled us in on the status of the Remotely Piloted Aircraft program at the Academy. Note: Thank you letters sent to their AOCs April 24<sup>th</sup>.
6. **"T" Thompson** shared some final remarks on the Single CEO issue. We gave a round of applause in recognition of his service to the AOG as this was his last CAS Meeting.
7. **Roger Carleton** discussed the Single CEO concept from his point of view. The official election results are here – <https://www.usafa.org/Election>. The Single CEO decision is fluid. The CAS made an official input – more further down!
8. **Endowment** – not this meeting – very busy schedule . . .
9. **Other Business**
  - a. Garry discussed the participation and the survey of the CAS Senators. David Hollenbach, '87, suggested we provide feedback to the Board reference the survey in a formal voted fashion. All agreed it was an excellent suggestion and we did so. I put out an email with our position and asked for a vote. I received 40 replies! This is a CAS record! I thank you all for a quick response and I appreciate the record participation. The votes were 40 for as written and no "no" votes. THANKS See Attachment II for the official reply previously sent to the Senators in an email 12 Apr.
  - b. Decorum  
Concerning a few of the emails I saw during the survey  
When seeking classmates' opinions, it might be best to offer your opinion last.
    - Your communications to your classmates is your business, however, when sending letters to other senators please maintain a level of decorum. I was frankly embarrassed by some of the emails I saw.
    - Do your research, read what's available online and get the facts straight.
    - Don't represent opinions as fact. There's already too much misinformation in the conversation for a Senator to introduce more.
    - If you need information or need clarification, please call me and I'll do my best to discuss the facts with you.If anyone takes offense to me offering these guidelines please give me a call to talk about it.

# ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY



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| <b>10. Round Table</b>       | All          |
| <b>11. Next Meetings</b>     |              |
| a. AOG Board                 | May 5, 2017  |
| i. Invited – let me know     |              |
| b. Ex Com                    | Jun 12, 2017 |
| i. Invited– let me know      |              |
| c. CAS                       | Jul 10, 2017 |
| <b>12. Adjourned</b> at 1942 |              |

Good read - <https://www.usafa.edu/on-the-cutting-edge-academy-supt-hosts-state-of-usafa-forum-march-22/> AND video!

Minutes by

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CAS President

Attachment One - Attendees

CL	F Name	L Name
59	Curtis	Cook
60	Dick	Sexton
61	Patrick	Buckley
63 BU	Lou	Matjasko
64	Douglas	Jenkins
65	Dennis	Murphy
68	Garry	Dudley
69	Tom	Fleming
70	Chris	Dunbar
72	Mush	Brower
73	Dale	Birch
74	Tom	Hayden
75 BU	Jeff	Hackett
76	Dan	Beatty
77	Joe	Niemeyer
79	Randy	Helms
87	David	Hollenbach
91	John	Cinnamon
94	Bill	Stein
03	Heidi	Schlagheck
05	John	Tamasitis
11	Joe	Bledsoe
15	Richie	Sapp
Guests		
61	Tomas	Eller

## **Attachment II**

Many, but not all, Senators of the Class Advisory Senate (CAS) canvassed their classmates as requested. Below are the summarized results and the official recommendation of the CAS as voted on by the Senators. The recommendation is based on the following factors:

- Hundreds of emails and personal contacts
- Wide range of answers and inputs
  - Some graduates expressed support and confidence in the Board and stated the Board should proceed as it feels is in the best interest of the AOG
  - Other graduates expressed they are adamantly opposed to a single CEO organization (smaller number)
  - The majority expressed a concern about the process being tainted. Even those who were in favor of a single CEO were not willing to proceed without a 25% minimum participation since it was initially emphasized.

The CAS doesn't think it would be wise to proceed with the single CEO proposal without the 25% membership support. It would appear to members to be an end run around to implement a change that didn't meet the criteria established up upfront by the Board. It would cost us membership.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The CAS strongly recommends letting the members know that a high percentage of those voting approved of the change, but given the 25% wasn't met, moving forward with the proposal at this time would be unwise. An information campaign should be implemented to get more graduates informed of the proposal and the status, and look ahead to another vote in the future, either on the current proposal, or another option that might be developed.

**Added for CAS Minutes** – the official tally is 40 for this official position of the CAS with none opposed. An email was sent to the Board Apr 12<sup>th</sup>.