



Meeting Minutes – Class Advisory Senate, 13 October 2020

1. **Call to Order:** Doug “Mush” Brower ’72, called the (virtual “Zoom”) meeting to order at 1800.

2. **Members in Attendance:** See Attachment 1

3. **Others in Attendance:**

Cathy McClain, ’82, Chair, AOG Board of Directors

Mike Gould ’76, USAFA AOG, President and CEO

Marty Marcolongo ’88, USAFA AOG President and COO

Mark Hille ’97, AFA Foundation President and COO

Corrie Grubbs, USAFA AOG Senior Vice President, Operations

Michele Bergeman, USAFA AOG, Vice President of Alumni & Constituent Relations

Capt Loyd Bradley, ’14, USAFA Way of Life Alumni Group

Capt Joy Johnson, ’13, USAFA Way of Life Alumni Group

Cadet 2C Elijah Beauplan, President, Cadet USAFA Way of Life Committee

Daniel Kuhn, AOG IT Support specialist

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

- Previous minutes posted here:

<https://aog-websites.s3.amazonaws.com/usafa-org/documents/aog/governance/CAS/CAS+Minutes+-+14+July+2020+meeting.pdf>

- Jeff Schofield ’67 pointed out a correction to the minutes: that in Mike Gould’s ’76 remarks, 4th bullet, 2nd point should read “(2) Install in more Grads a thought process that involves giving back to their school, and creation of a culture of philanthropy in time, *treasures*, talent;” vice “measures, talent;”.
- Dick Sexton ’60 moved that the minutes be approved as amended.
- Dan Beatty ’79 seconded.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. USAFA Way of Life Committee:

- Capt Loyd Bradley, '14 and Capt Joy Johnson, '13, and Cadet 2C Elija Beauplan presented a slide briefing on the USAFA Way of Life Committee, Alumni and Cadet groups.
- Their purpose: to get and then retain quality minority cadet candidates for USAFA.
- Capt Johnson, '13, briefed that the focus is on Revitalization, Communication, Retention, and Progression. They try to do this by insuring that everyone knows about scholarships, they create a pipeline for mentors and sponsors, and “taking care of home and getting back to our roots.” “The Academy is so much of what we are!”
- Capt Bradley, '14, explained that they find creative ways to get with members, foster community engagement, work with admissions offices across the country, sit on Congressional advisory boards, and perform tours of AFA. They recently started SAT and ACT prep at schools.
- Cadets have sponsored an Air Force AFSC “Fair.” Every AFSC was represented.
- The graduate community tries to bring back prominent graduates to interact and encourage. AOG involvement is also preferred.
- They hold fundraisers throughout the year to fund their activities. They have about 300 members, with eight people in the Colorado Springs area.
- This Committee started in 1972 when T. Thompson, '73 was a cadet. He advocated for African-American cadets to come to the sports tables at lunch meal in Mitchell Hall so that they could talk to upper classmen and ask questions.
- C2C Beauplan said that they reach out to cadets on I-Day each year to get the new class started in this program. Then they have events during the Parents Weekend, and service academy football game including tailgate participation. In the Cadet Program, they have a high percentage of Cadets in the upper two classes reach out to the Cadets in the under two classes.

6. Michele Bergeman, USAFA AOG Vice President of Alumni and Constituent Relations:

- Michele gave a slide presentation updating several AOG programs.
- There have been several features added to ZoomieLINK: (1) Map View; (2) Discussion questions; (3) Bookend a friend; (4) You can now see who else is on-line at any given moment
- There should be an app completed in early 2021.
- She showed a video on “ZoomieBRIEF” explaining webinars and graduate on-line attendance in Cadet classes. Because of covid-19 restrictions, the AOG has tried to expand on ZoomieLINK.
- She explained that due to the covid-19, all 2020 reunions have been pushed back to 2021.
- The AOG is looking for new “engagement events” for the upcoming Army football game.
- There is a new AOG Ambassador Program: Young Alumni ambassadors, Graduate ambassadors, Parent ambassadors, spouse ambassadors.



7. Cathy McClain, '82, Chair, AOG BOD Remarks:

- We have an important AOG Board election coming, 8 Feb 2021 – 22 March 2021. These positions are 4-year positions, where half of the Directors swap out every two years.
- There will be proposed Bylaws changes this time. The focus will be on who does the AOG need to be for grads in each future stage. Right now, the bylaws say it takes 25% of the membership to vote in any election for the bylaw changes to be accepted, if the majority votes to approve.
- The proposed change is to add a way to change the bylaws by allowing the BOD to approve changes with a majority board vote so that we can adapt quickly to support future AOG needs. There will still be two additional ways that members can act as a check and balance to this method: (1) Any member can bring up any issue to any Director for presentation to the Board for reconsideration. (2) Can petition a vote of the AOG membership.
- The next AOG Board meeting is this Friday, 16 October 2020, by Zoom meeting.

8. Mike Gould '76, USAFA AOG President and CEO:

- He did a quick review of his five-year goals as the USAFA AOG President and CEO.
- His GOALS for the are:
 - (1) Grant Life membership in the AOG for all grads beginning at Graduation;
 - (2) Instill in more Grads a thought process that involves giving back to their school, and creation of a culture of philanthropy in time, treasures, talent; create a spirit to give back to AFA;
 - (3) Gain recognition that the AOG Doolittle operation is valuable to USAFA (Superintendent, Commandant, Dean, Athletic Director); that AOG and Association are adding to their lives;
 - (4) Support and empower all AOG chapters, making AOG benefits and opportunities understood and available to grads all around the country and the globe;
 - (5) Unite a universal advocacy for the Capital Campaign (public phase moved to Fall 2021) that trains, educates and motivates Cadets both across the USAF and the Graduate Community; ignite a universal advocacy for the Campaign.
 - (6) Champion Integrity First, Service before Self and Excellence in all we do.
- He said he was happy to hear about the success that the Way of Life Group was having. It is clear that they are improving on the success in attracting new African-American cadet candidates. It has always been difficult.
- Gen Gould thanked Mush for his hard work and successful term as CAS President, and he also thanked all of the CAS Senators for their love of our Academy.

9. Marty Marcolongo '88, AOG President/COO:

- The covid-19 pandemic is still impacting AOG activities; it seems like everything is always a moving target.



- The AOG Board will have an election this year. In the past, CAS Senators have tried hard to get the membership to vote. That is much appreciated. Please continue and encourage classmates to vote.
- The Capital Campaign is very important; Participate and help someone, when you help the community, you also help yourself.
- All grads should realize that we are all serving for a lifetime. We can achieve great improvement through graduate community involvement, as we all strive to make a difference.
- It's great to hear that we have two candidates in tonight's attendance that intend to run for the AOG Board of Directors. Capt Loyd Bradley, '14, and Senator Joseph Bledsoe, '11. (After the meeting we realized there are 2 other Senators running for the Board: John Cinnamon '91 & Forrest Underwood '09. We wish them all the very best in the coming election.)
- [Jeff Schofield, '67, pointed out that there are great videos on the AOG website of the Chapel Renovation project and the Chapel Organ refurbishment project.]

10. Mark Hille '97, AFA Foundation President/COO:

- The Foundation is bearing up quite well in this very difficult year. At this point, we are recording the second best year ever due to the generosity of our fellow graduates.
- Project status: The Air Gardens Restoration project (sponsored by classes '72, '75, '76) is underway and is now due to be completed in mid-May 2021, due to some of the plantings not being ready for this Fall. Thanks again for a keystone gift from the Moller Fund.
- Project status: The Cyber Center project is located on the east side of the CTAF, (sponsored by classes '77, '78, '79, '82, '83, '87): The design was awarded today 13 October 2020. Its completion is forecasted for late 2023.

11. Other Business:

- Derek Hess, '80 briefed that the Team Building meeting/dinner with the AOG Board of Directors has once again been impacted by the covid-19 pandemic and will now be slipped tentatively to be held in conjunction with the 12 Feb 2021 AOG Board meeting.
- Bruce Mitchell, '75, Chair of the CAS Nominations Committee, announced results of the recent CAS Election of Officers. Survey Monkey was used as the election voting mechanism. There was about 70% CAS participation.
 - President: Randy Helms, '79;
 - Vice President: Jason Harris, '01;
 - Secretary: Tom Hayden, '74;
 - Executive Directors: Dick Sexton, '60; Tom Berry, '71; Dan Beatty, '76; Turk Hess, '80; Heidi Schlagheck, '03; Forrest Underwood, '09; Kristen McKinney, '20;

12. Round Table:

- Nothing further.

13. Next Meetings:

- AOG Board, 16 October 2020
- CAS Executive Committee, 8 December 2020
- CAS, 12 January 2021

14. Close/Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1932.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Hayden '74, CAS Secretary

Minutes approved by: Mush Brower '72, CAS President

Attachments:

1. Members in Attendance
2. [USAFA Way of Life Committee Presentation \(Alumni & Cadet groups\)](#)
3. [AOG Vice President Presentation on Alumni & Constituent Relations](#)

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY



Atch 1: Members in Attendance:

59 Larry Fortner	91 John Cinnamon
60 Dick Sexton	92 Rick Bailey
61 Patrick Buckley	93
62 Dave Holt	94
63 John Borling	95 (Tim Gillespie - B)
64 Doug Jenkins	96
65 Denny Murphy	97
66 Larry Bagley	98
67 Jeff Schofield	99
68 Hartsel Beckett	00
69 Tom Fleming	01 Jason Harris
70 Roger Hill	02
71	03 Heidi Schlagheck
72 Doug Brower – President; (Ski Wagaski - B)	04
73 A J Ranft	05
74 Tom Hayden - Secretary	06
75 Bruce Mitchell	07
76 Dan Beatty	08 CJ Thompson
77 Joe Niemeyer	09 Forrest Underwood
78	10
79 Randy Helms – Vice President	11 Joe Bledsoe
80 Derek Hess	12
81	13 Sara Esau
82 Jim Ratti	14 Nico Rudd
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84	16
85	17
86	18
87 Dave Hollenbach	19 Tony Cabri
88	20 Kristen McKenney
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90 Cathy Almond	

Names in () are non-senators

“B” = Backup