



## Alumnae Alliance Council Call

May 16, 2024

7 PM

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sweetbriarcollege.zoom.us/j/99359409055?pwd=ejZNYmFmTHZTZlJBeVpFUVJnemR3Zz09>

Council members present: Shanthi Ramesh Eleanor O'Connor, Vikki Schroeder, Arielle Morgan, Alexis Meares, Cortney Lewandowski, Meredith Eads, Jess Hively, Natalie Carrol, Jane Dure

#### 1. AR&D Update (7:00-7:10PM)

##### a. Reunion update from Rachel Pietsch

- i. Registration closing on Tuesday
- ii. 340 registrants—271 alumnae, 69 guests; 80 registrants for Class of 1974, celebrating 50th Reunion
- iii. Tour of the Barn has been added to the schedule
- iv. Saturday night—50th and post-50th will have dinner dance at Wailes; others in Prothro
- v.

##### b. Update from Claire

- i. Fancy Hat held in Pannell because of rain;  $\frac{3}{4}$  of senior class attended, as did co-chairs of YAS
- ii. Fancy Hat was followed by toast at Sweet Briar House
- iii. Senior project funded a dogwood, which was planted in the Quad
- iv. Professor Penfield speaking at Baccalaureat; class photo to be taken on Friday in case of rain on Saturday
- v. Because of threat of rain, graduation will be held in FAC
- vi. New registrar ordered diplomas from proper printer instead of printing on campus; College will send grads diplomas; the tubes will hold message from the AAC
- vii. A head of AR&D has been chosen, council asked to embargo info until official announcement

2. Questions/Discussion with AR&D
  - a. Reminder about the State of Women's Colleges even May 29—posted on AA FB page
  - b. Looking forward to our suggestions for All-Alumnae call—Board Chair and new head of AR&D—timing will be an issue in fall with Inauguration
  - c. Slate for new council will not be available before Reunion, but handouts will have QR code linked to linktree, which will have enough information
3. Working Group- Information update and what you need help with (7:10-7:25PM)
  - a. Young Alumnae Support (*Arielle Morgan*)
    - i. Attended Fancy Hat and delivered notecards to seniors
    - ii. SWW YA weekend is July 12-14; goal is 10 attendees, have 6 so far; additional social media pushes coming
    - iii. Working on survey of members and appropriate thank-you
  - b. Class Leadership (*Eleanor O'Connor*)
    - i. Reaching out to leaders that have not given yet
  - c. Alumnae Clubs (*Shanthi Ramesh and Cortney Lewandowski*)
    - i. Keeley coming to Richmond after Reunion to work on rejuvenating club; College paying for gathering
    - ii. Discussing President Hutson Inauguration watch parties
  - d. Alumnae Communications (*Alexis Meares*)
    - i. After meeting with Clelie last week, focus will be on seniors in near terms; see post with link to graduation live stream
    - ii. Next up pushing Reunion, SWW, and the Summer Retreat; Vikki will provide graphic for SWW
    - iii. Magazine should have arrived in the mail
    - iv. Asked Clelie that when the Campus Climate survey is available, AAC would like to see results
  - e. Admissions Ambassadors (*via email*)
    - i. No news about replacement for Heather Colson Ewing
    - ii. Encouraging AAs to reach out to accepted students with congratulations
    - iii. Do not have an Admissions Ambassador email address yet
  - f. Sweet Work Weeks (*Vikki Schroeder and Meredith Eads*)
    - i. In recent meeting with Rachel and Claire, some work at Alumnae House; work at the barn on hold because of upcoming construction; late camp will move housing to another dorm

- ii. 44 registrants so far
- g. Governance and Strategic Initiatives(*Jessica Hiveley*)
  - i. Assembling Working group to update the AAC Missions Statement
  - ii. Nominations committee has started its work—co-chairs running for another term will be contacted soon
- h. Council Operations (*Jane Dure*)
  - i. Notes from on-campus meetings coming soon

Important Upcoming Dates:

Next Council Call → June 20 at 7pm