Meeting Minutes – CLASS ADVISORY SENATE 9 April 2018

1. **Call to Order:** Garry Dudley, ’68, President of the CAS, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
   - Roll call was conducted.
   - George Larson introduced his replacement for the class of ’62 – Dave Holt. Thanks for serving, George!

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Previous minutes are posted on the website [http://www.usafa.org/AOG/Class Advisory Senate](http://www.usafa.org/AOG/Class Advisory Senate)

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

4. **Others in Attendance:** Marty Marcolongo ’88, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Association of Graduates (AOG); Steve Simon, ’77, AOG Vice President of Academy and Non-Profit Relations; and Johnny Bollman, AOG Desk Specialist.

5. **Wally Moorhead ’69, Vice-Chairman, AOG BOD Remarks:** Wally passed on greetings from the Chairman, Cathy McClain, ’82, who was out of state and could not attend. He had the following to report to the CAS:
   - AOG & UE signed a new MOU in January, 2018 with no significant changes from the past one.
   - The Endowment is working individually with each foundation to create an MOU similar to the one the AOG and Endowment signed.
   - AOG BOD member, Tamara Rank, ’83, resigned from the board to take a position with the UE as liaison work. The board will be filling the vacancy.

6. **Marty Marcolongo ’88, President/CEO, AOG:**
   - Watch the Superintendent’s State of USAFA 2018, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOEAwcMK2D4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOEAwcMK2D4).
   - He also gave us the insight into relations between the 7 USAFA Foundations, stating they are like family in that they will occasionally disagree, but are all working towards the benefit of the academy.
   - Good news – bad news: Our AOG Help Desk Specialist and very important CAS technical support personnel, is leaving for another position outside of the AOG. His friendly and helpful personality will be greatly missed by all.

7. **Garry Dudley’s Remarks:**
   - Richie Sapp, ’15, could not make the meeting due to military duty, but he is continuing his development of a media list (hyperlinks) to improve communications with the graduate community. The goal is to provide graduates with the unfiltered word from the Academy on topics of interest.
   - We need graduate volunteers to man the Heritage Trail for the incoming class of 2022 during the Heritage Trail visit by the Basics. Contact MJ at the AOG to volunteer. The Class of 1972 is the Legacy Class for the incoming Basics.
• CAS nomination process will begin in June. Please let Curtis Cook, ’59, nomination chair, know if you are interested in running for any office (Pres, VP, Sec & ExCom).
• If you want to attend the BOD meeting on 4 May 2018 please let Garry know so he can coordinate with the board.

8. Round Table:
• Cathy Almond, ’90: The AOG has uploaded every class’ “Polaris” yearbook online, go to https://www.usafa.org/Heritage/Yearbooks to view.
• John Borling, ’63: The National Commission on Military, National and Public Service will be in Denver on 19 April at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd from 1500-1700 hours seeking input on the subject. Commend SOS America – Service Over Self to the Academy Class Senate and expressions of support at the meeting. Contact John Borling for details at John@sosamerica.org or 602 820 3608. It is all about nation building in America. John is Founder & Chairman of SOS America.
• Garry: There will be an article in the June “Checkpoints” explaining the new procedures for class reunions.
• Randy Helms, ’79: “7258’’ will have a link to the current CAS Minutes.
• Vince Rusinak, ’68 (visitor): He and Mike Peterson, ’87, USAFA/CM (Alumni Relations), are working on formal tours (via bus or audio) of the academy for any visitor. Presently, USAFA doesn’t have any formal tours; however, both USNA & USMA have found these programs very valuable in getting public support of their institutions. Vince & Mike are looking for volunteer docents to lead the tours.

9. USAFA Superintendent, Lt Gen Jay Silveria, ’85: See Attachment 2
• The Supt has already attended 15 alumni/parents’ club events in his first 8 months at the academy. He is willing to talk with any of these groups that would like to host him.
• Our cadets are unbelievably good! This spring break, 99 cadets gave up their free time to participate in Habitat for Humanity across the nation. That is just one example of how cadets selflessly give up their free time to contribute to their nation.
• The Prep School “racial” event as given the Supt national recognition as a spokesman for equality within our military. CNN did a piece where the Supt stated how our diversity makes our military more lethal.
• Cadets have 3 satellites spaceborne at this time and control them from USAFA. That is more than many countries have.
• We did $40M in undergraduate research which is way more than Stanford ($4M). Granted, most universities do most of their research as postgraduate programs.
• In November the 39th cadet to receive a Rhodes Scholarship, C1C Jaspreet Singh, was selected. We also have 2 new Truman Scholars in this class.
• In June we will graduate our 60th class. The 207th graduate to receive his commission will be the 50,000 USAFA graduate.
• This class will have more graduates going to UPT than any recent class. Between UPT & RPA training they will have about 500 slots.
• AETC will be visiting our RPA training. The goal is to have some cadets graduate as RPA operators, 18X AFSCs. We are also working on having some cadets graduate with a 13S (Space) AFSC.
• 1,180 new basics will arrive in June.
• We are in the process of recruiting cyber students in the same way we recruit athletes.
• USNA & USMA have maintained their student bodies to 4,400. The Supt would like USAFA to return to 4,400.
• We now have women making up 26% of the wing, but our goal is to raise that number to 35%.
• Curtis Cook, ’59, raised his concern that our faculty is becoming more and more civilian. The Supt said our faculty is presently 33% civilian and 67% military, compared to USNA’s 50%/50%. We are looking to increase our civilian faculty to 37%. Curtis’ concern is these faculty members are role models and should be war fighters. In some cases the Dean is converting some military positions that are historically difficult to fill with military. (e.g. PhD in English) One mitigating factor is that quite a few of the civilian faculty are veterans.
• DOD is the beneficiary of a very substantial budget; USAFA is receiving enough to fund most of our requested programs, with the exception of new dorms and classrooms for the Prep School.
• Our AD, Jim Knowlton, USMA ’82, is leaving the academy to be the AD at University of California, Berkeley.
• Some coaches and cadets from the lacrosse & swimming teams have been disciplined for hazing.
• In exchange for building a new visitors’ center, a developer is being allowed to lease the land immediately east of the North Gate. There will be 2 hotels, retail & office space and a skydiving simulator. Please see the Supt’s slides for a diagram of the development.

10. Next Meetings:
  • AOG Board, 4 May 2018
  • CAS Executive Council, 11 June 2018
  • CAS, 9 July 2018

11. Close/Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.
Minutes Submitted by: Doug Brower ’72, CAS Vice President
Minutes approved by: Garry Dudley ’68, CAS President
**Attachment 1:** Members in attendance (in-person or by phone)

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Attachment 2: Supt Slides

Class Advisory Senate: 9 April 2018
Jay Silveria • 1st
Lieutenant General at U.S. Air Force Academy
USAFA Visitor Center…a partnership with Colorado Springs

- Public/Private partnership to make 57 acres near North Gate available for development

  - Air Force land leased to developers in agreement that they will build new visitors center

- Additional commercial developments constructed including:
  - 250 room 4-star hotel and 120 room 3-star hotel
  - Skydiving simulator
  - 15K square feet of retail space
  - 120K square feet of office space

- Provides Santa Fe Trailhead Center

- AF Selected Blue & Silver Development LLC as the Qualified Lessee
Questions: www.sli.do/

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