Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by President Troy Morris.

Dr. David Bryant presented the State of University report. Some highlights include Panhandle State CIS students’ first at AITP conference in San Antonio, Texas. The Livestock Judging and Women’s Equestrian teams both did well in the year. The rodeo team is proud of Taos Muncy’s accomplishments as NIRA and PRCA Saddle Bronc Riding champion in 2007. SOEA has completed many community service projects. The Science and Ag Building is scheduled for completion in May 2008. Enrollment is up by 6% from Spring 2007 semester. Last, the Centennial Committee, chaired by Dean Sara Jane Richter, has been busy preparing for the Centennial.

The awards were presented to Alumni Ambassador Hall of Fame inductees Diane Murphey and Jimmie and Carrie Lou Draper. Diane Murphey was introduced by Alumni Association President Troy Morris; Jimmie and Carrie Lou were introduced by former Guymon mayor Jess Nelson. Troy Morris noted that a fund has been established in the Foundation for the Computer Science Department to provide scholarship and travel money.

The Honored Classes were introduced. 1918-no members; 1928-no members; 1938-no members; 1948-3 members; 1958-15 members; 1968-no members; 1978-1 member; 1988-2 members; 1998-no members; 2008-6 members. Carrie Lou Draper drew for the free Senior Life Membership—Evany Anne Davis was the lucky senior.

Complimentary enamel commemorative cups were given to the oldest alum and the alum who traveled the farthest. Edythe Boston won for the oldest alum (she won’t tell her age!); Ellen Hoffman from Scottsdale, AZ won for the farthest alum (a cup was also sent to Franklin Dallas who also traveled from Scottsdale, AZ).

Foundation business was conducted by outgoing President Dr. Kenneth Woodward. Duane Schafer will be the new President following the Foundation board meeting April 24. No new directors were elected to the board, all members were renewing their terms. Members up for renewal were Jack Andrews, M.L. Carter, Russell Edenborough, David Petty, Leland Robertson, Carolyn Rothschoff, R.D. Schultz, and Ted Smith. Lloyd Looper moved that all board members be reelected, motion seconded by Jack Strain, motion passed.

The Alumni Association then began it’s business portion of the meeting. Executive Director Janet Kravig reported:

- Unaudited financial report is in the program. Through life memberships the Life Corpus account at the Foundation has grown from $105,000 to over $110,000 this year.

- The Alumni Scholarship fund is now over $12,100. For the first time, $600 will be awarded to the scholarship recipient. The Board was faced with the challenge of
selecting the recipient for 2008-2009. It was a tough decision as there were some outstanding candidates.

- We added 21 new life members or member couples this past year. And since the start of this fiscal year, April 1, we have added one life member: Dan & Carlyn Yokum of Colorado. We also have eight life payment plans in progress for this year.

- We are showing 205 annual members for 2008. We started our membership drive late this year, so renewals are still coming in. We have 728 current Life Members. We are currently tracking addresses on 6151 alumni & friends, and many of those, probably 50%, are married couples, so the actual number is closer to 9,000.

- Exciting news from the alumni office: May 2007 moved to west side of the library. It was musical offices for a few days. Physical Plant generously built us a large closet that we are still working on filling. Lots of room now.

- Homecoming was a great time. We had over 175 alums register and fed over 750 people at the bbq. Dean Kear was the lucky winner of the Mountain Man wood carving.

- In September the Board voted to purchase a digital camcorder to record the “Oral Histories” of Panhandle State. Part of the Centennial projects you will hear about later. Dr. Palmer and Dr. Goodwin are among those being interviewed this weekend.

Dr. Sara Jane Richter reported on behalf of the Centennial Committee. OPSU celebrating it’s 100th birthday November 1, 2009. Kick-off is Homecoming 2008 on October 25 and celebration will run through commencement 2010. Some projects include:

- creating a Centennial logo
- creating banners (thanks to Brent Shoulders and Student Senate for helping with banners)
- completing the histories of the buildings
- writing an addendum to the Heritage of the Panhandle, post Palmer years
- collecting oral histories and creating a digital memories DVD
- Creating a walking trail around campus and Goodwell, highlighting buildings past and present
- Compiling “Aggie Legends”—people who have contributed to the university—to be published in a book
- Centennial brick campaign in the shape of Oklahoma southwest of Hughes-Strong, bricks are $50 each
- Raffle off an afghan made by Lillian Cooksey, tickets are $5 each
- Hooker quilters club is making a Centennial quilt to be raffled off Homecoming 2009 Committee needs time, energy and money. Feel free to make contributions if you like. Also send in your memories of Panhandle State!

The next item was the Centennial Committee auction conducted by Terry Shores of Goodwell. The framed pasture and cattle print donated by Troy Morris sold to Larry Williams of Guymon for $510. The framed and signed rodeo poster of the 2007 national champs donated by Jessica Lofland sold to Joe Williams of Sand Springs, OK for $400. Mr. Williams donated the poster back and Duane Schafer of Texhoma purchased it for $400. The
Centennial Mug limited edition #1 made by Brent Shoulders sold to Jimmie Draper of Guymon for $420.

Upcoming Centennial event is the Friday night performance of “I Hate Hamlet” Dinner and Theatre.

Stacy Metcalf presented the nomination report of officers and directors for 2008-2009 year. Stacy presented the following nominees: Northeast Oklahoma—Bart Rider; southwest Kansas—Alma Lee Powers; At Large—Tito Aznar; Eric Begley will be moved from his current At Large position to the Oklahoma Panhandle position, and Ralph Cramer to fill the remainder of the At Large position. Motion to approve the directors by Stacy Metcalf, seconded by Russell Guthrie, motion passed. Stacy then presented the officers for the 2008-2009 year: President—Troy Morris; Vice-President—Sterrette Coffman; Executive Director—Janet Kravig; Past President—Johnnie Davis. Motion to approve officers by Stacy Metcalf, seconded by Jessica Lofland, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

APPROVED

Executive Director

Date /7/08