

**USM Corporate Partners  
Partnership Committee Meeting  
01/18/05**

**Attendance:** Ed McKersie, Gail Darling, Mike Stoddard, Peter Dufour, Tom Kinley, Mary Ann Benson, Elizabeth Confer (Student Partner), Ben van der Schaaf (MBA Student Partner), Bill Pusey, Ralph Hendrix, Rodney Mondor

**Liaison Reports:**

Music – Don Head

No Report

CAS – Pete Leavitt

No report

Muskie School – Mike Stoddard

Dean Karl Braitwaite had a family emergency and could not attend to make his presentation on the Muskie School. Mike will work with Dean Braithwaite to find another date.

Athletics – Dave Daigler

Dave will not be able to continue as the Athletics liaison.

Alumni – Dave Allen

No report

School of Business – Bob Cooper

No report

Law School – Peter Dufour

Peter is the new liaison for the Law School. He will work on finding a way to connect Corporate Partners with the school.

Chairs Report - Ed

There are a few Liaison positions which we need to fill soon. Open positions: ASET, CONHP, Athletics, Student & University Life. If you are interested, please contact Rodney or Ed.

The conversation continued regarding having student partners fill or co-fill the role of liaison. Could a Student Partner play the liaison role? Would this be an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between students and USM?

Al Bean is looking to strengthen the athletics mentoring program. What role should/can corporate partners play? Is it feasible to have 2 similar programs going at the same time? Do we have enough mentors to fill all the slots? Should we treat the groups as equal and put them through as “CP Student Partners?”

Discussion around creating a Student Partners brochure: marketing the opportunities for involvement and showcasing some of the past student partners. These suggestions will be forwarded to the Student Partnership group.

A question was raised regarding the possibility of creating a CP Speakers Bureau. There are a number of professionals who can present on key academic topics. This is an excellent resource for the university at a reasonable cost.

**Next meeting: February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in 506 Law Building**