Attending: Bob Breshock (chair), Larry Adoff, Donald Bowman, Jack Curtright, Jane Curtright, Jeff Davis ’82, Robin Filipski, Geenen Miller, Peter Miller, Jolette Owen, Paul Owen, Dana Vandecoevering ’83.

Staff: Dr. Thomas L. Hellie, President; Susan Hopp, Vice President for Student Affairs & Athletics/Dean of Students; Tomika Dew, Assistant Vice President for College Relations; Debbie Harmon Ferry ’90, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations; Travis McGuire, Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Welcome and Introductions
Bob introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked the group to introduce themselves, to talk about their Linfield experience, and to talk about their students. New members present were Larry Adoff, Robin Filipski, and Donald Bowman.

Update from President Hellie
President Hellie shared a story about a recent dining experience he had with a few students who were new to Linfield and participated on the football team. He then shared information about the new Strategic Plan. President Hellie discussed four points of the Strategic Plan: scholarships for students, newly endowed faculty chairs, experiential learning, and possible expansion of the sciences.

President Hellie continued with the topic of enrollment. Linfield started the year down ten students on the McMinnville campus from budget goals; however, the college is up 25 students overall with the inclusion of the Portland Campus and Adult Degree Program. State universities are becoming less affordable for students who live in California. This may result in new opportunities for students in California to attend Linfield.

The football program is off to a very good start and the team plays Willamette later in the day. President Hellie tends to receive stories regarding rowdy behavior following Linfield-Willamette games.

President Hellie gave the council the opportunity to ask him questions. Topics included: enhancing the sciences, newly endowed chairs, international programs, Linfield’s relationship with large corporations, student preparedness for interviews, and the recruitment of California students.

Approval of notes from meeting of May 5, 2012
Bob asked the council to vote on the notes from the previous meeting. The notes were approved with no objections.
**News on the Street**

Parents were asked to share news that they have heard from their Linfield students. Topics discussed were the following:

- Positive living conditions in the HP Apartments
- Increased security is noticeable by students
- Mostly good reviews of the food at Dillin
- New equipment and renovated fitness facilities
- Issue with keeping wireless internet signal from building to building on-campus – having to constantly log-in
- Kudos to the athletic training staff for rehab work with injured baseball player
- Positive experience for student who is being allowed to lead a political philosophy class
- Problem with sorority getting into Miller for evening meetings
- Underage drinking in the fraternities

**Susan Hopp, Vice President for Student Affairs & Athletics/Dean of Students**

Susan began by discussing the need for a four-year plan for students and the college’s efforts to ratchet up the first-year experience. Linfield is planning on expanding colloquium beyond academic advising. An unconventional January Term class is in the works; Susan feels that this is an exciting opportunity for Linfield students.

A complete resurgence in student leadership is happening at Linfield. Many multicultural clubs and organizations are being formed or restarted. Susan praised the work of Jason Rodriguez, director of multicultural programs.

Susan mentioned that Linfield does have situations where unfortunate issues occur. She mainly focused on the abuse of alcohol. Linfield approaches discipline from an educational standpoint. The discussion briefly focused on the issue of alcohol and the Greek organizations. Linfield is currently working with Greek Life on leadership and accountability. The council discussed issues with alcohol and residence life. Susan praised the RAs and said they are well respected on-campus.

Susan concluded her discussion with a mention about the merging of health services, health education, and counseling. She pointed out that no personnel changes are occurring, and this is a reorganization and combining of departments.

**Outreach, Engagement, Communication**

Debbie informed the parents that a homework assignment will be coming their way with regards to freshening up the Parents pages on the Linfield website. Changes needed are in reference to text and information, not design.

Debbie also informed the group of the partnership between the offices of College Relations and Career Development. Linfield is piloting a mentor program where students are matched with alumni or current parent. Approximately 65 first-year students indicated an interest in being matched with a mentor.

Tomika informed the council that Linfield has passed the $1 million mark for gifts this fiscal year; this is ahead of last year’s pace. Giving from parents is down but that is likely due to timing. Linfield should be on-track with parent giving at the end of the 2nd quarter.
Travis discussed the change from Dad’s and Mom’s Weekends to a second Family Weekend. He said the change came about from suggestions brought up in previous Parents Council meetings. The next Family Weekend will be May 3-4, 2013.

Future Meetings
A suggestion was made to extend future meetings to two hours. Fellow council members agreed.

The next meeting will be during the leadership summit on Saturday, February 23, 2013.