



Meeting Minutes – Class Advisory Senate, 18 April 2023 - FINAL

1. Call to Order: Randy Helms '79, called the meeting to order at 1704.

2. Members in Attendance: See Attachment 1

3. Others in Attendance:

Lt Gen (Ret) Brad “BJ” Shwedo, '87, Director of Institute for Future Conflict

Bob Lowe '71, Chair, USAFA AOG Board of Directors

Mark Hille, '97, President, USAFA AOG & AFAF

Naviere Walkewicz, '99, Senior Vice President, USAFA AOG Alumni Relations and
Business Development

Felecia Recker '98, Senior Director, Alumni Programs

4. Previous Minutes:

<https://aog-websites.s3.amazonaws.com/usafo-org/documents/aog/governance/CAS/CAS+Minutes+-+17+Jan+2023+meeting+---+FINAL.pdf>

5. Randy Helms, '79, President Class Advisory Senate:

- Randy introduced the guest speaker, Brig Gen Shwedo, '87, Director, USAFA IFC. He is uniquely qualified to be the IFC Director, having had a career that included experience in the NSA and the CIA.

6. Lt Gen (Ret) Bradford “BJ” Shwedo, '87, USAFA Director of Institute for Future Conflict (slides are not provided):

“The new Institute for Future Conflict (IFC) will focus on research and education that examines the changing character and technologies of armed conflict while providing future officers with the skills to be agile and adaptive throughout their careers. Researchers and faculty will emphasize deterrence and competitive advantage when conflict becomes necessary.”

- BGen Schwedo briefed a current summary of global conflict. He showed a series of IFC slides about the training that Cadets get at the IFC to prepare them and give them the skills that will be needed to perform the mission in future conflicts.
- He described current global threats and conflict areas, and some counters that are being used today.



- The Cadets are being taught how to use a large set of tools to defend against future opponents, in airpower and space-power scenarios. They experience scenarios in training simulators to test their knowledge and skill and ability to improvise.
- All Cadets get warfighting skill training. Cadets that take the IFC training get a grade and course credit toward graduation.
- Lt Gen (ret) Shwedo's Bio: <https://www.af.mil/About-Us/Biographies/Display/Article/1253641/bradford-j-bj-shwedo/>
- Institute for Future Conflict: <https://www.usafa.edu/research/institute-for-future-conflict/>

7. Bob Lowe, '71, Chairman, AOG Board of Directors Remarks:

- Bob thanked Randy Helms and the Class Advisory Senate for their support.
- He encouraged all to vote in the upcoming Special Election for a new AOG Board member. This position was inadvertently left off in the recent AOG Board election and is a full-fledged Board position. He asked that everyone get the word out to classmates.
- Bob announced that Senator Cathy Almond was elected to the Board in the recent election.
- He reminded everyone that the joint CAS – Board dinner is scheduled for 12 May 2023 at the Flying Horse Event Center.

8. Mark Hille, '97, AOG & AFAF President:

- Mark Hille, '97 stated this has been a record year for Foundation fundraising. (\$51.7million). 90% is restricted to Academy programs.
- He announced that they have hired the final staffing piece of the single CEO concept – the new CFO for both the AOG and the Foundation, Ms Kathy Wilmark.
- The AOG has recently received the requested 50-year new lease for AOG use of USAFA real estate.

9. Naviere Walkewicz, '99, Senior Vice President, USAFA AOG Alumni Relations and

Business Development (see attached slides)

- Naviere briefed that AOG membership is up by 9.63 % since the beginning of Membership for All.
- She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Special Board Election. All graduate members are eligible to vote. It will be held 10-24 April 2023, via emails from the "AOG Election Coordinator".
- She provided an update on upcoming Alumni events.
 - Firstie Departure and Young Alumni Conference 24-27 Apr 2023.



- Three Fall Reunion Weekends: 14-16 Sep, 28-30 Sep, 12-14 Oct 2023.
- Additional Reunions: 1965 in San Antonio TX; Classes 61+ years post-graduation in July; Class of 1964 Reunion at USAFA in August; Class of 1978 in November in Colorado Springs/Denver.
- “Long Blue Line” programs: Long Blue Line Portal, Long Blue Line Leadership Conference in July 2023; and Long Blue Line Weekend in July starting with the Basic Summer March Back from Jack’s Valley (Networking and Give-Back weekend).
- She reminded everyone that the Army game this Fall is in Denver at Empower Field in Mile High Stadium on 5 Nov 2023. The AOG is planning a graduate social, and tailgate for the game.
- The AOG is also planning a graduate social and tailgate at the Navy game this year in Annapolis, MD.
- She also stated that they are discussing an idea to move the Army away game in 2024 to London England.

10. Other Business / Round Table:

- Randy Helms, '79 announced that this is Class Senator Cathy Almond’s ('90) last meeting as she was recently elected to the AOG Board. She will be replaced in the Senate by Oliver Washington, '90.
- This is also Class Senator Roger Hill’s ('70) last meeting. He will be replaced by Mick Davey, '70.

11. Randy Helms, '79, CAS President, gave brief closing comments:

- He thanked Senators for their continued support and reminded senators to vote and encourage their classes to vote in the upcoming Special AOG Board election. He then adjourned the meeting.

12. Next Meetings:

- AOG Board, 12 May 2023
- CAS Executive Committee, 20 June 2023
- CAS, 18 July 2023
- CAS Schedule: <https://aog-websites.s3.amazonaws.com/usafa-org/documents/aog/governance/CAS/New+Schedule+July+2022.pdf>



13. Close/Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1900.

Minutes submitted by: Tom Hayden '74, CAS Secretary

Minutes approved by: Randy Helms '79, CAS President

Attachments:

1. [Members in Attendance](#)
2. [AOG Update slides](#)