

2009-2010 University of South Florida Kosove Alumni Society Operating Plan and Budget

Kosove Society Goals

The Kosove Society at the University of South Florida exists as a scholarship society for excellence and leadership, which strives to effect positive change in the world around it. The activities undertaken by the Kosove Society are intended to promote individual and collective social responsibility; societal change for the betterment of humanity; participation in academic discourse; the principles of diversity and cohesiveness in the community; and the development of leadership skills. Membership in the Kosove Society signifies a commitment: to each other, as a network and family of friends; to our country, as an organization dedicated to the improvement of the human condition; to our university, as an association striving to enhance the reputation and prestige of the University of South Florida and the Society; to our neighbors, as leaders and mentors serving the communities within which we will make a difference; and to ourselves, as individuals devoted to the art of learning.

2008-2009 Budget Estimate	Low	High
Annual Retreat	13000	15000
Ellen Gordon Reeves Event	3000	5000
Hope Lodge	1500	1500
Supplies/Miscellaneous	500	500
Social/Dinners	2000	2000
Alumni Shirts/Hats/Sweatshirts	1500	2000
Homecoming Event	3000	4000

Proposed Total: 24500-30000	24500	30000

Annual Retreat

The Kosove Society Annual Retreat is scheduled for the first full weekend in June. The event will take place June 4-6, 2010. This event is a way to bring alumni and on-campus members back together to network, participate in a volunteer event, and to discuss the events of the past year as well as the planned events for the upcoming year. The Alumni elects its new officers, committees are formed, and general meetings occur.

Ellen Gordon Reeves Event

The Alumni group plans to participate in the *Ellen Gordon Reeves Lecture* that will take place in the spring of 2010 and will be open to the entire university student population. Reeves is a well-

known author of *Can I Wear my Nose Ring to the Interview* and a consultant for hiring and resume building. We plan to purchase Reeves' books and hand them out to the USF students attending the event. This event will benefit the society because our logo will be branded on all ads and we will have an opportunity to help USF students and Alumni with their career opportunities. Further, this event is also in sync with the mission of the USF Alumni Association and their 7 strategic directions and our society shares many of these strategic directions such as, Students and Young Alumni (III), Involvement and Services (IV), and Brand Recognition (VI). While we do not seek to Brand Kosove so to speak, we are interested in promoting our society on campus as we have consistently identified this as a problem. Even USF professors have little to no understanding of one of the most prestigious awards on campus. Reeves will be meeting with small student groups to provide direct feedback on their resumes. In addition, Reeves is open to the possibility of having dinner with a small group before her lecture, so we may be able to participate. Also, there is a possibility of giving a small spiel about Kosove before her lecture in front of the entire audience. We want to give book donation because this is a more tangible sponsorship. Books are \$13.95 on Amazon and we can hand out books in person. We will include a bookmark about Kosove Society in each book that is handed out.

Hope Lodge Events

We intend to visit the Hope Lodge in Tampa a minimum of two times this year. This event will entail cooking dinner for the patients and families residing in the residence. It will include on-campus and alumni members. We have been involved with the Hope Lodge for the past several years. We feel that it is a good way to give back to the community, USF, and a cause that has touched many members in our Society.

American Cancer Society's Benjamin Mendick Hope Lodge is located on the USF Campus at 12810 Magnolia Drive Tampa, FL 33612. The phone number for the lodge is 813.490.4700.

On June 3, 2002, the American Cancer Society, Florida Division opened its third Hope Lodge, located next to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center on the campus of the University of South Florida. The American Cancer Society's Benjamin Mendick Hope Lodge is a short-term residential facility designed to offer housing, counseling and referral services free of charge to any cancer patient who travels to the Tampa Bay area for treatment.

The \$8.8 million, 47,000 sq. ft. facility includes 40 suites with private baths, community dining areas, six kitchens, a family room, laundry rooms, a library with computer access and recreational areas. The fourth floor of the Mendick Hope Lodge is reserved for bone-marrow transplant patients who have special needs. In addition, the facility features a Day Center for outpatients and their families who need a respite from the clinical hospital environment as well as a Patient Services Center where patients can access various American Cancer Society programs and services.

Resident Profile

To stay at the Mendick Hope Lodge, residents must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Referral by social service department of a treatment center

- Patients are ambulatory and undergoing outpatient treatment at a Tampa Bay area facility
- Patients of all ages are welcome
- Three-day minimum stay

Kosove Society Role

Cancer treatment is often a long and emotional experience. Meeting the medical needs of cancer patients is only part of the cure. Addressing the human needs is also critical and that's what the American Cancer Society's Benjamin Mendick Hope Lodge is all about. Cancer patients receive support from professionals, families, friends and other patients to help build the hope needed for their personal battle against cancer.

Volunteers help make the difference, by sharing and caring with Hope Lodge residents. Whether you have a few hours once a week or once a month, you can make a difference. You can volunteer as an individual or as part of a community or civic group on an ongoing basis or as a one-time project.

Supplies/Miscellaneous: This shall include any materials need for Alumni Board Meetings, pictures, scrapbooks, ECT. These costs may include folders, copies, pens/pencils, web cams for skype meetings, plaques for outstanding scholar awards, newsletter materials, ECT.

Socials/Dinners:

It is important that the Alumni group remains strong with our relationships and networking. It was important for both Harry and Ruth Kosove that the society remain close like a family. Socials are a great way to interact and network with Alumni and the on-campus group members that attend. Having these socials helps to maintain the relationships that we have formed over the years and gives the group an opportunity to foster a sense of cohesiveness. Also, included in this area are our Alumni Board meetings. We plan to have a minimum of one meeting each semester, but more likely will meet 4-6 times throughout the course of the year.

Alumni Shirts/Hats/Sweatshirts:

The Alumni group wants to be able to show Kosove spirit at events that we partake in, on and off-campus. Having Shirts, hats, and sweatshirts enables the group to feel a sense of unity and be proud to show off there Kosove Spirit. One of our goals is to bring about more awareness about the society and to promote the society as a whole to the community and university.

Homecoming Event:

The Alumni group intends to sponsor a tent and participate in the Bulls Roast at the 2009 Homecoming game on November 21, 2009. We want to sponsor a tent in order to display who Kosove is at the University of South Florida. This will give our group an opportunity to meet alumni and students and discuss the Kosove Society. We will buy Bulls Roast tickets for all Alumni and Scholars to participate in this event and watch the game.

Update Website: The purpose this website is for everyone to be able to get in contact with any other person. This Website will have a calendar of events, event information, retreat information,

scholar information, the Kosove Society goals and history, as well as minutes from meetings, old newsletters, photos, and important links. The group will work on making this a fully functioning website for both the Alumni group and the on-campus group.

Kosove Fund: We want to ensure that these scholarships are located on the Scholarship page where all people who wish to donate, including Kosove Alums, have the ability to donate to the fund. We want to ensure a link is on our Alumni Website as well as our Facebook page.

Professorship:

We want to work with the Alumni Association on understanding and creating a process for giving this award out as it was intended according to Harry and Ruth Kosove and the Contract with the University. We will work with Danny Cooper to reestablish this prestigious award and redefine how this money is used.

Scholar Recruitment:

Our goal this year is to seek the best and brightest applicants for the incoming scholarships. We intend to be proactive in reaching a talented pool of individuals throughout the state of Florida high schools, at the University of South Florida, and other Universities. Action plans for this recruitment will be developed and documented.

Updated Contact List

We want to work with the Alumni Association on obtaining an updated Alumni contact list in order to be able to get in contact with previous scholars. We want to reconnect with those scholars with whom we may have lost communication with over the years. We will form a committee to contact former scholars and try and get up-to-date information for all members. We will let members know about the Website, Facebook page, and potential ways to get re-engaged.

Bylaws

The Alumni group will make drafts of bylaws online (possibly using Google Docs). Our deadline is to have these bylaws updated before the retreat. We have a 2003-04 paper copy of bylaws and we will try and get the electronic copy from the Alumni President from that time to make editing easier. We also plan to utilize bylaws provided by Danny Cooper in order to ensure that we have a working document for the future of our society. This will include roles of officers, financial information including, budget, carryover fund, uses for money, and other rules and roles as they apply.

Create an Operating Manual with Dates and Deadlines to be Used Going Forward

The purpose of this manual is to give dates laid out for completion of set objectives of the USF Kosove Society. It will detail the USF Kosove Society Alumni group's responsibilities for meeting deadlines as well as the USF Alumni Associations responsibilities. We will create a working document and work with the Alumni Association on finalizing this document.

I acknowledge that I have read this document and agree to the 2009- 2010 University of South Florida Kosove Alumni Society Operating Plan.

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Date

Matt Burgess (Alumni Vice President)

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Heather Curtiss (Alumni Treasurer)

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Laura Jordan (Alumni Secretary)

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