Frequently Asked Questions

Does the Giving Committee have meetings throughout the year?

The committee meets only once in September for the Volunteer Training Workshop (9/29/2012). Conference calls may be arranged to supplement communication throughout the year.

How many classmates are on the Giving Committee?

Committees vary in size from 50 people to 100 people. The size of each committee is relative to the size of its class (larger classes will have larger committees).

When do I contact my classmates?

The Giving Committee will be asked to contact assigned classmates four times during the year: once in the fall, before the end of the calendar year, in the spring, and right before Reunions Weekend.

How do I select my classmates and get their contact information?

You will be able to select your classmates through SharePoint, our online Reunion Volunteer Management System. SharePoint will also have your classmates' contact information. Additionally, the Reunion Giving Office will provide you with contact information (e-mail, phone numbers, addresses) for the people you are assigned to contact if needed. Online tools, such as Facebook and LinkedIn are also great resources.

Do I have to call people or will e-mail suffice?

You may contact people by whichever means you are most comfortable, however, nothing is more effective than a phone call from an old friend. Due to varying degrees to which people keep in contact with the University, full contact information may not be available for all alumni and may limit the means by which you can contact them.

How will I know what to say to people?

As a Giving Committee member, your job is to encourage philanthropic support to the University during the reunion year. Your chairs and Reunion Giving Officer will provide you with e-mail and letter templates, talking points, solicitation strategies, and information on giving opportunities.

What else is required of me?

You are expected to be an active member of the committee, which includes participating in committee conference calls (two or three per year) and corresponding via e-mail, as necessary.

Will I have any responsibilities during Reunions Weekend, June 6-9, 2013?

You are asked to attend two events, one sponsored by the President and one sponsored by the Sr. Vice President of Development, during both you will be recognized for your committee service. Committee members are also
encouraged to attend class sponsored events, such as class dinners and class panels. But above all, Reunions Weekend is about reconnecting with your classmates and having fun!

**What gifts count?**

Gifts to any area of the University made between July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 will count toward reunion class totals. This includes annual gifts, planned gifts, matching gifts, endowed gifts, and capital gifts. Five-year pledges are highly encouraged and will provide an expected revenue stream for the University. The entire pledged amount will count toward the class goal. For example, $1,000/year x 5 years = $5,000 towards the class goal.

**Will my name be listed anywhere?**

Yes, your name will be listed on the Reunion Giving website as a member of the Giving Committee and will be listed again once you make a donation during your reunion year.

**Is there an expected donation amount to serve on the Giving Committee?**

Committee members are asked to consider a leadership level gift, but inability to commit does not prohibit the volunteer from committee membership. All committee members are asked to make a gift. Donor interest and capacity varies greatly among the committee membership, therefore no stipulated giving level or amount is expected. The leadership level gift differs depending on the reunion class.

- 5th Reunion – $1,000 over 5 years
- 10th Reunion – $5,000 over 5 years
- 15th – 50th Reunions – $12,500 over 5 years

**Do I have to attend Reunions Weekend?**

Attendance at Reunions Weekend is highly encouraged, but is not a requirement for being on the Reunion Giving Committee. Reunions Weekend is a fun, action packed weekend where you will be able to connect with classmates and enjoy your time on Grounds.

**How do I report on my progress?**

After each contact with your classmates, you will tie a check box in the volunteer management system, SharePoint, to show that the action has been completed. You will also have the opportunity to submit notes on your phone call or e-mail through filing an online contact report.

**What if a donor asks me questions that I am unable to answer?**

If a donor asks you a question you are unable to answer, please contact your Reunion Giving Officer. The Reunion Giving Officer can give you the information to answer the question, or can contact the donor directly.