

Adelphi University Parents Association

Minutes of Meeting, January 10, 2005

Board Members Present: Michael Cohen, President; Pat Arbore, Vice President; Paula Hardway, Treasurer; Joyce Serra, Secretary. Three additional parents were in attendance, Neal Beekman, Ron Johnson, and Marjorie Guttenplan. Jeremy Marchese from Student Affairs and Gene Palma, Associate Director of Public Safety.

President, Michael Cohen, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Eugene Palma was the guest speaker from Public Safety. The Public Safety office covers all services related to school safety on campus. They work with and have meetings with many agencies within the community and within Nassau and Suffolk counties, also including the American Red Cross, FBI Directors, and leading tri-state representatives. Private sector response has been good, due to the history of Adelphi in the community. Adelphi has become a lead information center to disseminate information in a crisis. They can react and respond in a timely manner. They always receive information via e-mails on various incidents, spills, violence, etc. which is then filtered as to what goes out, usually by county.

Garden City is one of the safest communities, and the campus is also one of the safest, due to the area of location and the work of the Public Safety department and all other campus departments - proactive, \$ for initiatives. Call boxes to telephones have been replaced with radio operated communications - 7 out in the field and in the booths. 90 cameras are on campus. The PDZ exterior cameras can be reviewed for up to one month. (15 events were recorded - scratched cars & stolen cars)

Two unfortunate events have happened on campus - a robbery in the New Residence Hall last year by a former student. He knew the victim. Community was alerted and the robber was apprehended. This year, 3 students were jumped by an individual while they were walking back from the train station on South Avenue. They would like to install a callbox between the school and Nassau Boulevard, but the community is against it.

There was discussion about a recent event in Franklin Square, where a driver was pulled over by an individual posing as a cop and then shot. Dial *677 if you feel a cop is pulling you over and you are alone, then put on your flashers.

High ranking administrators from other colleges on Long Island are also part of the community safety group. In an emergency students can go to another campus to get help.

Public Safety also has a website. There you will also find the shuttle schedule. The EOC response plan is online, including alerts. (In the event of a flood, a shooting, etc.) During a power outage, Adelphi contacts the Red Cross for emergency generators. The first to call will get 3 generators.

Fire safety is also important to the Public Safety office, and there have been no problems.

The Minutes from December 7, 2004 were voted on and approved.

Discussion was held on which campus event to tie in with the "parent reception." There is no room available on March 9th, as originally planned to tie-in with the Augusten Burroughs lecture in the University Center Ballroom. We will now try to schedule a parent reception for April 8th at 6:00 pm before the theatre event "A Piece of My Heart" at the Olmsted Theatre.

The 2004 fundraising letter to parents, developed by Dean Kessler, is now going out as a 2005 letter.

The information technology and communication department has had several requests for new links on the Adelphi website, including a link to the Parents Association. They hope to have this approved for the Fall 2005 semester.

Paula wants a raffle commitment. Michael is looking into having another card show

Paula Hardway gave the Treasurer's report. Total in fund is still \$924.18.

Next meeting, Monday, February 7, 2005 with additional meetings scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2005 - Monday, April 11, 2005 - Monday, May 9, 2005 - Monday, June 13, 2005. Orientation will be August 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.