

# **Adelphi University Parents Association**

## **Minutes of Meeting, February 7, 2005**

Board Members Present: Michael Cohen, President; Pat Arbore, Vice President; Paula Hardway, Treasurer; Joyce Serra, Secretary. Four additional parents were in attendance, Neal and Kathy Beekman, Ron Johnson, and Marjorie Guttenplan. Dean Kessler and Jeremy Marchese from Student Affairs, Dan Kapps, Lackmann Culinary Services, and Eric Oliveri (and employee) from the Barnes & Noble Campus Bookstore. (Later, Debbie-Ann Chang joined the meeting)

President, Michael Cohen, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Dan Kapps was the guest speaker from Lackmann Culinary Services. He has been at Adelphi since June and came from a hotel background. He addressed the first question raised on recent price increases. He said that less than half of the items had increased less than 2%, and this increase happened at the start of year, not recently. New salad bar is doing well, also a variety of new items and chicken. A question was raised about the long lines. He said they have addressed the lines, and they use 4 cashiers during peak times. The 4<sup>th</sup> register just arrived a week ago, and includes a scale for the salad bar. The addition of the 4<sup>th</sup> register has helped. Prices are the same at all locations on campus. Most people still eat at the UC. A food committee meeting is held once a semester.

The question about cost of meal plans was raised. Cost is per semester. Any remainder can carry over from Fall to Spring semester only. No monies are refunded at end of year. This is the contract that the University has with Lackmann. Most students have \$50.00 or less at the end of the school year. Cost averages to \$13.00 per day, which is reasonable for most students.

UC is open until 8:30P.M. weekdays and until 7:30P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays. Post is open until 1:00A.M. Monday - Friday and until 11:00P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays. Sbarro is open until 9:00P.M. (used to be 7:30P.M.). All open at 7:30A.M..

Eric Oliveri and an employee from the Barnes & Noble bookstore came to speak to the PA. There has been an increase in the need for used textbooks due to the high cost of textbooks. Many of the newer mandatory textbooks come with CD's which helps to raise the cost. Having faculty place their book orders early, and their consideration of student needs has helped. This year they sold \$664,000 over \$318,000 last year. \$270,000 was in buybacks, over \$78,000 last year. Students who keep their books in good condition and sell them for the buyback program usually get about 1/2 back (last semester average was \$300) About 550 titles received 1/2 back.

The Minutes from January 10, 2005 were voted on and approved.

The 2005 fundraising letter to parents, is in the mailroom. 3,000 to be copied and sent out. Also the invitation to parent reception for April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm before the theatre event "A Piece of My Heart" at the Olmsted Theatre.

The website for Fall - planning meeting to be held this Spring.

New Business - Special Meeting held last week to go over plans for future fundraising events so that we will have funds available early for the Senior scholarship next year. Items discussed were a Chinese Auction, a Silent Auction during family weekend dinner event, sponsorships, a Parents Weekend Tea with a "meet & greet" for the parents and PA, etc. Ms. Serra will be making a quilt to raffle during the Fall. Tickets can be sold at various events and be available for sale to students and staff. Hopefully these will go online on an events calendar.

Paula has received a TV to raffle and she has sold 3 phone cards. Phone cards were discussed at the Special Meeting, but were discussed again tonight. Looking for a gimmick to get these sold. They'll try selling on campus to students.

Treasurer's report - \$924.18.

Date application available for Senior Scholarship - March 7, 2005

Date applications due - April 1, 2005

Reading of applications and essays - April 7, 2005 at 6:30 pm

Interviews for scholarships - April 18, 2005 at 7:00 pm

The Parent -Senior dinner, where scholarship will be awarded, is set for Saturday May 14, 2005.

Graduation is May 15, 2005. 2,600 students are expected to graduate, 820 incoming freshmen for Fall 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm

Next meeting, March 14, 2005 at 7:30 pm.