

Adelphi University Parents Association

Minutes of Meeting, September 12, 2005

Board Members Present: Michael Cohen, President; Paula Hardway, Treasurer; Joyce Serra, Secretary. Twelve additional parents were in attendance, Kathy Beekman, Marjorie Guttenplan, Barbara and German Leonardo, Stephanie and Bernard Alvarez, Paul Mule, Doretta Miraglia, Dwight and Paulanne Simmons, Donna and Lester Lindem. Also, Jeremy Marchese, from Student Affairs.

President, Michael Cohen, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Introduced officers, Jeremy, and welcomed new parents in attendance. He was happy to see new faces and welcomes new ideas. Minutes of the August 8th meeting were read, voted on and approved.

The position of Vice President is currently vacant due to a job promotion. All positions of the Board are open for nomination for 2005-2006, and will be voted on at the October 22nd annual meeting during Family Weekend. If available you are encouraged to get involved, much information is available and questions will get answered at meetings. After October meetings there will be various speakers coming to the PA meetings from various departments and outside organizations. If you have questions, you can also call Jeremy at Student Affairs office.

Paula spoke about the purpose of the Parent Association, to raise funds to support scholarships for graduating Seniors. The interview process reveals much about the maturity and poise gained by Adelphi students. Adelphi is a very nurturing school. It is really a disadvantage for students not to participate in the many programs and opportunities offered by Adelphi.

Paula reviewed the scholarship process and the \$1000.00 set aside for 2006. If we raise more this year we might be able to increase the scholarship.

Last spring, the University hosted a social for parents with a catered reception and tickets to a student production at the Olmstead Theatre, which was fun and informative.

Paula encouraged those attending to become part of the family and to offer fresh ideas. Joyce encouraged parents to make notes of any revisions needed for the Parent Handbook for next year.

Jeremy spoke about Homecoming and Family Weekend combined as one event on the weekend of October 21st. Mailing going out in the next 2 weeks with information on the weekend activities and the Annual Meeting & elections. Next year there will be two positions for Secretary - one for Minutes and one for Correspondence. Meeting dates for remainder of year may change.

The parents were asked if they had any questions and their opinions about the matriculation ceremony. A parent had a question about the co-ed dorms. Thought males and females on separate floors, but at some residences all floors are co-ed. Female to male ratio used to be 8 to 1, now it is 6 to 1. Some thought the matriculation ceremony was too long.

Discussion ensued about the drinking policy at Adelphi and the PBS video, on drinking and driving and having a designated driver if you are drinking, that was shown to parents and not shown to students. Parents who saw the film thought it was an excellent film with a strong message, and as so many Adelphi students drive, they thought it was important that students see this film as well. Jeremy will discuss with staff to see when or if this film is shown. Parents thought it should be part of orientation for all students.

Congressman who spoke was very inspirational. Being inducted into the University was moving. Parents said break between students and staff in ceremony was too long.

In the works, a vendors fair for December 6th on campus. 15 vendors will be invited to campus. A table can be rented for \$125.00, which includes advertising. Pennysaver, local papers, flyers, vendor news (Channel 12 for free?). Event will be open to the community.

Jeremy needs a sub-committee to help out; getting volunteers and notices out. The new position of Correspondence Secretary will be helpful with this need.

Discussion about hazing by fraternities and sororities. Parent thought it might be going on. It is not allowed and University will shut down any organization where it is found to be occurring. Last year a fraternity was closed. It is part of the by-laws of all organizations - hazing is not allowed

Parents are concerned with freshman stress, counseling, and how to deal with roommate problems. We will have speaker come from Student counseling in the future. Joyce asked if they still had the e-mail bulletins sent to parents of freshman, what happened to that program? Jeremy will look into it and see if it still available.

Meeting officially adjourned at 8:29 pm.