

# **Adelphi University Parents' Association**

## **Minutes of Meeting May 18, 2006**

Board Members Present: Paula Hardway, President; Joyce Serra, Vice-President; Joe Caraccia, Treasurer; Marjorie Guttenplan, Corresponding Secretary. Other parents in attendance were: Kathy & Neal Beekman; Bob & Denise Meekins, and Ron Johnson. Also in attendance were Jeremy Marchese from Student Affairs and Guest Speaker Robert Meekins, President of Student Government Association.

The meeting was called to order by President Paula Hardway at 7:40 PM.

Robert Meekins was introduced. He spoke about the role of the SGA (Student Government Association). In the fall there was the largest turnout. Many committees were formed. There was an independent judicial branch, an allocations committee, and budgeting reform committee. Elections were held online this year—more participation—an increase of 30%. They hope to have the club budgets online next year.

The SGA does two (2) events each year. The Women's History Month with a recognition dinner & award ceremony for women (students, faculty, and staff) and the Brown & Gold Dinner. Information on this is available on the website [SGA.adelphi.edu](http://SGA.adelphi.edu)

Facts also available on E Campus.

They had 2 Town Hall Meetings—commuter forum concerns—"Speak Out"

The SGA worked with the Delphian (newspaper), they worked with PAWS web radio on getting new equipment.

They had the "State of the Student Union Address" where President Meekins spoke of creating a network of students to form a new relationship with the administration.

For the first time ever, the SGA met with the Board of Trustees.

The SGA started a speed-reading course. They have been working on getting more computers on campus.

They gave out Student Leader Awards---4 winners who received \$1,000 & a plaque.

Overall the SGA had a productive year. Parents asked Robert Meekins a few questions. Paula thanked him for a very informative overview of the SGA.

Minutes from the April Meeting were read & approved.

Joe gave the treasurer's report. Balance was \$8, 851.03. Expenses: \$3,684.00 for the PA reception. Senior awards—3 awards \$1,000; \$750, & \$500. \$88.00 for decorations for the PA reception. PA parent plaques-estimate \$250.00. We raised \$5,484.91 through fundraising this year.

New Business: Jeremy spoke about setting up meeting dates for next year. Would like to have these dates on mouse pads to be given out to parents when they come to matriculation day in August. He also suggested that possibly the PA co-sponsor an event with a student organization.

Old Business: Paula spoke about the PA Recognition Awards for 2 parents. An acrylic award will be given to each of these two parents at the Parent Senior Dinner.

The senior awards will also be given out at the dinner.

Paula spoke about the parent workshop on "Financial Health".

Meeting dates for next year were selected: August 8th; Sept. 21st; Nov. 15th; Feb. 13th; and April 25th. Matriculation Day is August 25th. The date of the Family Weekend and PA Annual Meeting are not yet known.

The next meeting for Executive Board Members is June 21st at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.