

Adelphi University Parents Association
Minutes of General Meeting November 16, 2006

Board Members Present: Joyce Serra, Joe Caraccia, Pat Russo, Jeremy Marchese
Parents in Attendance: Vickie Wegh, Marshall Wegh, Toma Wegh, Toni Galgano (Adelphi University interpreter), Angeline Low, and Balbina Leonardo. Guest speakers Joseph Geraci and Jennifer Boglioli from Alumni Relations, and Chris Vaupel and Rory Shaffer-Walsh from University Advancement.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Joyce Serra.

Guest Speakers Rory Shaffer-Walsh and Christian Vaupel from the Office of University Advancement gave a rundown on the progress of the 1st phase of the campus enhancement project. This phase, the new parking grove next to the Ruth S. Harley University Center, is now complete. Construction of the new recreation/sports center and the performing arts center are underway. Many of the existing buildings were from the 1930's, and badly in need of upgrading. In order to continue the rest of the renovations, the University Advancement Office has begun what they refer to as the Leadership, or silent, phase of their plan. This includes looking to establish a relationship with alumni and parents of current students who might be willing to make large donations to help fund the project. "Large" donations are those in the 'five figure' and up category. By identifying those parents of current students who might fit this 'profile', the Advancement Office will be sending them a letter asking them to join them in a "parent council" capacity (the AU parents association asked that the letter make a clear distinction between their group and ours, so as not to 'off-put' anyone interested in joining our association.)

The next phase of the project – which is estimated to last about 3 years – is the "public solicitation" of funds. This will be the reaching out to the general public, parents, students, and community for donations in any amount – both small and large.

Joseph Geraci, Director of Alumni Relations, and Jennifer Boglioli, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, joined our meeting to speak to us about a new organization they are beginning at Adelphi –Future Alumni Leaders Association (**FALA**). Joseph explained that the goal of **FALA** is to have students be thought of, and treated like, the future alumni they will be, for the rest of their lives. This organization encourages the students who have joined to mingle with alumni at Adelphi events, using this opportunity to 'network' and make connections with alumni in the business world. The mission of Future Alumni Leaders Association is to encourage alums to give back to Adelphi of their time, talents, and/or treasure. (They are *not* a fundraising group.)

Jennifer gave a short talk on the COACH program, also a part of the Alumni Relations Dept. COACH stands for **C**ount **O**n **A**lumni for **C**areer **H**elp. The basic principal is to bring students and alumni together to provide industry and career information to students

in their chosen field as a resource and/or mentor. The COACH program is currently available to business majors, but the Alumni Relations dept hopes to expand this in the future to other majors.

Joe Caraccia gave the treasurer's report:

- ending balance from last year	\$4,783.79
- collected this year, from craft fair vendors	\$ 520.00
- current balance	\$ 5,303.79

Other news:

- our holiday craft fair, scheduled for November 27 & 28, has only 5 vendors who have committed to date. If anyone has any potential leads on more vendors, contact Jeremy.
- Michael Gatto sent in information on hosting a comedy night at Adelphi, as a possible fundraiser, as we discussed at our board meeting last month. We will continue to pursue this idea, as it sounds like a possible "hit". We are looking at late February /early March for a date.
- Adelphi President, Dr. Robert Scott has graciously offered to host this year's Parent Social at his residence. The date for this social is Wednesday, April 25th, 2007 at 5:00P.M. Please make plans to come!!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next meeting will be on February 13, 2007, at 7:30pm.