

# Adelphi University Parents Association Annual Meeting

October 14, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m

Center for Recreation and Sports: Campbell Lounge

## MINUTES

Introduction: Barbara McElroy, a Vice President the Parents Association called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. She first introduced an audiotape address by Melissa Gates, President. Mrs. Gates was unable to be present due to a prior commitment. Mrs. Gates provided a welcome and “State of the PA.”

Mrs. McElroy introduced VP/Treasurer, Geri Faiella who was present. She thanked Melissa Gates for her service as President, Donna Nugent for her service as Secretary, and Salma Asif, a Member at Large for her service and announced that Salma intends to stay on with the Board for another year.

Mrs. McElroy introduced Jeffrey A. Kessler, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs; Della Hudson, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; and Kathleen Watchorn, Coordinator for Projects and Programs, Division of Student Affairs and our main contact for the Parents Association.

Treasurer’s Report: Geri Faiella, VP/Treasurer provided a report indicating that we have \$1,641.88.

New Business: An election was held for Board Officers for 2017 – 2018 by attendees. The election was conducted on written ballots after all those running introduced themselves. Bios of each candidate were provided on the ballot and are now available on the PA webpage. The voting revealed the unanimous decision for the following:

Barbara McElroy, President  
Geri Faiella, Vice President  
Antoinette Bellomo, Vice President/Treasurer  
Charlotte Armstrong, Co-Secretary  
Joanne Matassa, Co-Secretary

Introduction of Guest Speakers: Geri Faiella introduced Della Hudson, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and member of the Adelphi Community Reads Committee who spoke about this year’s Adelphi Community Reads book *No Impact Man* by Colin Beavan. Dean Hudson led the discussion of this book about one family’s attention to its environmental impact as well as Adelphi’s initiatives during “No Impact Week” which began on Oct. 15.

Ms. Faiella then introduced Kathleen Watchorn, Coordinator for Projects and Programs, Division of Student Affairs and member of the Campus Sustainability Committee who spoke about

Adelphi's many sustainability initiatives, including encouraging students to become environmental stewards --- both at home and on campus.

Announcement of Future PA Events: Barbara McElroy detailed upcoming Parent Association events, which are recapped on the Parents Association webpage.

She made particular mention of our next Parent Association workshop:

**Tuesday, Nov 14:** Come to our seminar: ***Are there bumps in the road? We can help.*** All college students go through rough patches. But what happens when those rough patches lead our students astray in some way? How can parents help their student get back on track without overstepping? This seminar will be held in UC 210, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Parents and AU Students welcome. Please RSVP to [parents@adelphi.edu](mailto:parents@adelphi.edu).

Chat with your new PA Board as we enjoy a light dinner together. 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Hear from the **Student Counseling Center** about the many services available to our students and ways that parents can be instrumental in helping their student reach out for help. 6:00–6:30 p.m.

Then hear from the **Office of Academic Services & Retention** who will address issues related to falling behind in classes, use of the academic supports at Adelphi, and advisor issues. 6:30–7:00 p.m. Q&A for all presenters 7:00-7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. so that attendees could attend President Christine M. Riordan's *Momentum* and Reunion Luncheon held as part of Spirit Weekend.

***For updates throughout the year, please check the PA webpage <http://parents-family.adelphi.edu/parents-association> or follow us at [facebook.com/AdelphiParents](https://www.facebook.com/AdelphiParents).***