

**Phi Kappa Phi**  
**Augusta State University Chapter (#166)**  
**Minutes of Chapter Meeting**  
**February 27, 2008 Noon Allgood Hall, E-158**

**Members:** Ray Whiting (President), Jim Grayson (President Elect), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Kathy Schofe (Communications Officer), Jurgen Brauer, Nancy Childers, Kim Davies, Jim Garvey, Kathy Hamrick, Miyoko Jackson, Charlotte Price, Robert Smalley, Sam Sullivan, Katherine Sweeney, Wes Zamzow.

Meeting called to order by Ray Whiting at 12:05 pm.

Minutes of Chapter meeting of January 23, 2008 were approved.

Pam Jackson, Treasurer, sent a report via Jim Grayson that she had reinvested the \$5,217.06 that the Chapter has in a certificate of deposit into a one-year CD at SunTrust at a 3.4% rate.

Kathy Schofe presented possible names for the new electronic chapter newsletter. Those present voted and the two names with the most votes were: PicKuP and Photon, but left it up to the Communications Committee to make the final decision on the name and design. Various ideas for articles were discussed (see minutes of January 23 meeting). Kathy encouraged all members to send in articles, information, and announcements. It was agreed that the chapter's name should prominently appear in the masthead.

Ray Whiting announced that Christopher Goss, a junior music major, would be the first Augusta State Chapter of PKP Student Vice-President. Chris has the highest GPA in the junior class. Ray contacted the three junior PKP nominees with the highest GPA to tell them about the new Student V-P position and they were all enthusiastic.

Two upcoming PKP events sponsored by the national headquarters were discussed. The Augusta State Chapter will send representatives. Pending no conflict with his classroom schedule, Jim Grayson will attend the "Partnering for Success" event in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 31 – June 1. Kathy Schofe and Camilla Reid will be attending the "Chapter Cluster" meeting in Columbia, South Carolina on April 9, 2008.

Jim Grayson reminded everyone the March 20th event on "The Perfect Professor: Defining the Consummate Academic" will also be in UH170 at 2:30pm. Even though the Arsenal Lecture Series events have been excellent this year, there has been low attendance at the 2:30 time. Jurgen Brauer suggested going back to the noontime "brown bag" format. Jim will speak with the March 20<sup>th</sup> presenters and try to move the event to noon or earlier in the day to see if that boosts attendance.

Jim Grayson reported that things are on track for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual PKP Student Research and Fine Arts Conference. Pay Heyward sent out the preliminary schedule via campus e-mail. The day begins at 11:00 am in University Hall 170 with a lecture on ebola viruses. The poster presentations will begin 12:00 noon in the atrium of Science Hall. Introduction by Ray Whiting, Sam Sullivan and Bill Bloodworth will be made at 12:30 pm, followed by a fine arts performance. There will be four concurrent paper presentation sessions scheduled

beginning at 1:00 pm. There will be a reception for the 81 presenters and 24 faculty sponsors, plus other invited guests at the end of the day in the JSAC.

Camilla reported that there were fifty-six invitations extended to fifty students, four faculty members and two alumni. Acceptances stand at thirty-seven students, four faculty and two alumni. Two student nominees were already PKP members as undergraduates. Two declined the invitation (one from the College of Business and one from the College of Education); neither responded to an offer for PKP to sponsor her membership. Nine did not respond at all to the invitation; all nine were from the College of Education. Of the eleven students either declining the invitation or not responding at all, six of them graduated in December 2007.

Jim Garvey reported that the Initiation Committee met with the banquet staff in the JSAC to work out the details for the initiation/banquet on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The robing room will be downstairs in a room adjacent to the ballroom. There will be ushers to seat family and friends of the initiates as they arrive. The food tables will be set up in the breezeway between the Library and the JSAC to make more room for seating tables in the ballroom and so the food can be set up, hot and ready to serve immediately after the initiation. Jim and Ray will work on the script for the initiation. The initiates' introductions will be short.

Tom Crute sent a report via Camilla that the chapter's PKP Fellowship nominee for 2008 is Jason Sumerau. His friends call him "J" and he is a Political Science/Legal Studies major with a minor in Sociology. He graduated in December 2007, and plans to attend graduate school in sociology with an interest in inequality and social justice. He is published in the *Augusta Chronicle*, *Sandhills Literary Magazine*, and *Phoenix Magazine*. He has been inducted into numerous honor societies, including PKP this year. He has volunteered on campus as a tutor and as part of the ASU Peer Educators program. He has worked as an intern/caseworker in the office of Senator Saxby Chambliss.

Camilla announced that the chapter officers had received a thank you note from Perry A. Snyder, Executive Director of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi for the ASU Chapter's \$500 donation to the "Building for Success" campaign for the purchase of commemorative bricks in honor of President Bloodworth and Marya DuBose Free.

The next Chapter meeting is Wednesday, March 26 at noon in Allgood Hall E-158.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.