

Phi Kappa Phi

Augusta State University Chapter (#166)

Minutes of Executive Committee

January 15, 2008 9:00 am PKP Office, Reese Library

Members: Ray Whiting (President), Jim Grayson (President Elect), Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past President), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Pam Jackson (Treasurer), Kathy Schofe (Communications Officer); and Jeff Heck (Webmaster).

Minutes of last Executive Committee meeting approved. Motion by Peggy Ruth Geren, second by Kathy Schofe.

Treasurer's report: Chapter will be required by the IRS to file a Form 990-N electronic card as a non-profit organization. The official name of the organization documented in the Bylaws will be given to the IRS: the Augusta State chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (#166). The official address will be given as: c/o Reese Library, Augusta State University, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia 30904. The Library will provide a mail slot. The Chapter's certificate of deposit matured on January 14, 2008. The Executive Committee approved the roll-over of the entire amount or a change to a higher interest rate CD instrument, if available at another bank. Pam will remind chapter members to send her \$16.00 sponsorships for new students' initiation banquet meals.

Secretary's report:

The Executive Committee was consulted on the appropriate wording for the two commemorative bricks (one for Dr. William A. Bloodworth, Jr., President, Augusta State University, and one for Marya DuBose Free) approved for purchase by the chapter. Depending on how many characters/lines are allowed the brick should have the honorees full names and the name of the Chapter.

Jeff Heck has updated the Chapter Bylaws on the PKP website to include the information about the new student vice-president position passed as an amendment to the Bylaws at the last chapter meeting.

Katherine Sweeney, chair of the Student Nominations Committee, will have the names ready for discussion and vote at the next chapter meeting on January 23. Camilla has set up the Chapter's profile in the new PKP Online Enrollment System which will cut down on some of the local paperwork. She has revised the invitation letter that will be given to nominees during the annual tapping to reflect changes in the enrollment process. She will recruit tappers and plans to conduct the tapping on Wednesday-Thursday, January 30-31. Due to an increase in national dues, the enrollment fee will be \$52.00 this year; the banquet cost will be \$16.00, the same as last year. The Initiation Committee has reserved the JSAC Ballroom for the initiation/banquet and the Hardy Meeting meeting room for robing.

Student Research and Fine Arts Conference: Abstracts are due January 25. After the abstracts are reviewed for acceptance, the committee will meet to find topical relationships and divide the presentations into sessions for the conference on March 14. Ray Whiting and Jim Grayson signed letters which will be sent by the Secretary to all regional PKP officers and local high school and college administrators inviting them to come and bring students to observe the presentations.

Arsenal Speaker Series: The next symposium in the *Is Education a Commodity?* Series is *Consumer Model vs. Traditional Education* on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 2:30 p.m. in 170 University Hall. Prior to the discussion a short video clip of various student responses related to the topic will be shown. The February 14th symposium on “The Perfect Product: Defining the Educated Person” will be in UH170 at 2:30 pm. Presenters are: Andy Hauger, Ruth McClelland-Nugent, Tim Sadenwasser, and Steve Weiss. The March 20 symposium on “The Perfect Professor: Defining the Consummate Academic” same time, same place. Presenters are: Debbie Van Tuyll, Judy Wilson, Brigitte Ziobrowski and Dean Robert Parham.

The agenda was set for the next chapter meeting:

- Vote on student nominees for 2008
- Reminder to faculty to encourage student participation in the research/fine arts conference; January 25 abstract deadline to Paul Harris.
- Call for volunteers to tap student nominees on January 30-31.

The next Chapter meeting is Wednesday, January 23 at noon in Allgood Hall E-158.