

Phi Kappa Phi
Augusta State University Chapter (#166)
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
January 8, 2009 10:00 am PKP Office, Reese Library 307

Members Present: Jim Grayson (President-Elect), Camilla Reid (Secretary), Robert Smalley (Treasurer), and Peggy Ruth Geren (Immediate Past-President).

Meeting called to order by Jim Grayson. Minutes of the December 2, 2008 Executive Committee meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Meeting dates and times for spring semester Executive Committee meetings and Chapter meetings were adjusted and will be posted on the chapter website (www.aug.edu/pkp).

Geren reported on the December 17th of the Steering Committee for Student Research & Fine Arts Conference Endowment Fund-raising. In attendance were Geren, Whiting, Grayson, Smalley, Reid, Helen Hendee (ASU VP for Development and Alumni Relations), Heather Hopkins (Public Relations & Publications for Schofe); and Michelle Ellington (University Development office). Plans were made for the phone-a-thon fund-raising effort for an endowment for the Student Research and Fine Arts Conference. Notes taken by Geren and Reid at the meeting were approved with some updating. Members not making calls during the phone-a-thon will be asked to make a monetary contribution to the campaign. Geren will continue planning with Whiting and Hendee concerning details.

Smalley reported that in December the chapter received \$96.00 in dues for a total of \$461 for July-December including \$48 from emails to members who paid national, but not chapter dues. Prior year-to-date dues were \$217. Total YTD expenses are \$14.67, but the \$350 bill for the medallions for the new initiates has not been received.

The group discussed the viability of the Arsenal Lecture series, but deferred discussion until the April 28th Executive Committee meeting. Grayson reminded the group that the next PKP Arsenal Lectures in the "Life is Learning" series are: Bill Hobbins from the Department of Music on January 29 at 1:00 pm in the JSAC Coffeehouse (introduction by Chris Goss, Student VP) and Donna Wear from the Department of Biology on February 25 at noon in the JSAC Coffeehouse.

Reid reported that Katherine Sweeney, PKP member and university registrar, and her Nominations Committee plan to have the list of student nominees ready within the next week, hopefully so that they can be voted on at the January 13 Chapter meeting. If the undergraduate and/or graduate lists are not ready, voting will occur by e-mail. Tapping will need to occur the end of January or first of February, so that the PKP online registration deadlines and the Honors Convocation publication deadline can be met.

An agenda item for the Chapter meeting will be the possibility of a scaled down fall initiation. The Executive Committee members present were unsure if the university would continue having the December graduation reception; but were generally supportive of having a brief PKP initiation for graduating seniors in conjunction with that event. Fall nominees would be given the opportunity to wait until the full-scale initiation banquet in March. There remained questions about having the students with GPAs in the cut-off ranges in two nomination pools instead of one.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am. The next Executive Committee meeting will be Tuesday, February 3 at 10am in the PKP office.