

**Wright State University
Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 252
Minutes – April 4, 2008**

Present: Christopher Calhoun, Naomi Cowan-Barkley, Lauren Cuff, Barbara Denison, Lori Dock, Jack Dustin, Wenhong Huo, Mary Kenton, and Nancy Scott.

President Jack Dustin called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in 238 Millett Hall.

Introductions

Members in attendance introduced themselves, and Jack Dustin (President) thanked everyone for attending, especially the four students who were attending for the first time.

Fall 2008 Induction

Lori Dock (Secretary) announced that this year's induction is scheduled for Thursday, November 6 in the Student Union Apollo Room. There was some discussion about changing the start time from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 or 7:30 p.m. to avoid conflict with final exam times. In general, about 1,500 invitations are sent each year (based on the top 7.5% of juniors and top 10% of seniors/graduate students) and about 170-180 new students are inducted. This year's initiation/dues fee will increase to \$55 (from \$50) to reflect the Society's increase in fee from \$35 to \$40 per initiate. The list of new initiates will be determined after spring and summer grades are posted. This year we will provide for initiates the option of accepting their invitations online through the headquarters office. Members agreed that the mailing is a very attractive one but that additional email reminders might be helpful to encourage students to elect membership, with subject lines like "WSU Invites You to Membership" or "Invitation Only". Keeping the induction speaker to approximately 10 minutes was also suggested.

Honorary inductees for fall will be determined at a September meeting.

Budget / Membership Report

Mary Kenton (Treasurer) reported a balance of \$1,068 in the operations account and approximately \$178 in the scholarship account. The members discussed awarding a \$500 scholarship to a nominee for the annual Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship (to be announced by headquarters soon). Barbara Denison (PR Officer) offered to send an email about scholarship donations, because the Campus Scholarship and Innovation Campaign will kick off soon. (Scholarships cannot be awarded from the operations account.) The WSU chapter has 373 active members (dues current) and approximately 2,400 inactive (dues not current) and suspended (inactive more than 5 years) members.

Scholarships and Awards

Additionally, two award programs sponsored by the headquarters will have summer deadlines: 1) the Emerging Scholar Award for WSU sophomores – July 14, 2008; and 2) the Love of Learning Award for graduate study or career development – June 30, 2008. Both applications are available at the Phi Kappa Phi Web site. Lori Dock will send emails about each award to the appropriate

audience. Also, an amendment to the chapter bylaws about awarding an annual scholarship will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

2008 Election of Chapter Officers

Terms expiring in June 2008 are Vice President (formerly President Elect), two Student Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer. Forms for nominations, followed by the ballot, will be emailed to active, dues-current members in the next few weeks. (It was also suggested that all members—including those who are inactive—receive the nomination email, which might encourage them to reinstate their memberships.) It was agreed that the two Student Vice President positions should be for one undergraduate and one graduate student.

Bylaws

Jack Dustin reviewed the changes to the chapter bylaws, which reflect changes made to the Society's bylaws. These changes were primarily: 1) the chapter President Elect will now be called Vice President; 2) two Student Vice Presidents will now be elected to the chapter; and 3) chapter bylaws may be amended to address changes at the national level without a vote. The members present unanimously agreed to add to the chapter bylaws a statement reflecting Item 3 above. The WSU chapter bylaws will be updated to reflect the Society's amendments and emailed to the membership for their information.

Chapter Activities

The WSU chapter will try to partner with the Honors Program for its 2009 "free speech" keynote address and symposium. It was suggested that a smaller, related event be hosted for PKP members, such as a small reception before a Presidential Lecture Series event. The Honors Program will look into this as a possible spring event. It was also suggested that more meetings or social activities be scheduled, so that additional interested student members might be able to attend and become more involved in the chapter.

Other

There is a May 30 – June 1 Partnering for Success Workshop in Salt Lake City being hosted by the headquarters. A delegate from the WSU chapter is expected to attend. Headquarters covers the cost of airfare and meals; the chapter would be responsible for the hotel only. Also, Lori Dock will check the calendar for an additional summer networking opportunity.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.