

**Wright State University
Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 252
Minutes – October 19, 2009**

President Jack Dustin called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Attending were: Anthony Ballis, Susan Carrafiello, Barbara Denison, Lori Dock, Jack Dustin, Michelle Hudnell, Mary Kenton, Kate Lash, Charlie Mann, Stuart McDowell, and Catherine Queener.

Announcements

Following introductions, two award announcements were made. First, sophomore Baylee Butler was the first student at WSU to receive a PKP Emerging Scholar Award. Also, our chapter was recognized as a “Chapter of Merit” for meeting certain participation criteria and received a \$100 award, which was deposited into the PKP Scholarship fund. The next level—“Chapter of Excellence”—could be attained by satisfying a few more criteria, e.g. submitting additional scholarship and award applications, participating in Society-sponsored meetings, media ads, etc. The award for “Chapters of Excellence” is \$500, which would help the chapter fund its scholarship.

August Cluster Meeting

On August 26, our chapter hosted a regional cluster meeting for PKP officers. One idea that arose for our chapter was to host one of the free Princeton Review sessions for graduate students. The cluster meeting was a great opportunity to see what other chapters are doing and to exchange ideas.

Fall Induction

This fall’s induction ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Apollo Room. Online acceptance is a little behind last year; about 75 students have accepted to date, compared to last year’s final enrollment of 120. The last day to enroll this year is October 29 to participate in the ceremony. The group decided to invite six honorary faculty and staff for 2009, namely Early Career Achievement Award faculty recipients (Dana Duren, Kathy Koenig, and David Wilson), faculty member Robert Fyffe, and staff members Roberta Boyd and Alex Wenning. Speakers for the ceremony were discussed, including VP Lillie Howard and Mary Donahoe in Theatre. Jack Dustin will follow-up to confirm the speaker.

It was also decided to have two Turn-in Daze in the Honors Office on October 27 (10:30 am – 2:00 pm) and October 28 (3:00 – 5:00 pm) to encourage more initiates. Last year’s one-day event was successful, even though there were server issues at the Society’s headquarters. Assistance from the officers and members is encouraged to help with these two dates. Dock will coordinate communication and logistics.

Budget

It was reported that although our operating budget is approximately \$1,200, the increase in the Society’s initiation fee would decrease some of our profit this year and cut into this reserve. Last spring the chapter agreed to not raise the total initiation fee above \$55 for this fall, thus we will only

collect \$10 per initiate instead of \$15. We may have to revisit this for Fall 2010. We will look at reducing ceremony costs for this year's event to help our reserves.

Fundraising for the scholarship fund was also discussed. Although achieving "Chapter of Excellence" status would get us \$500 toward the fund for next year, additional fund raising is needed now. Requesting donations from PKP members was suggested, emphasizing that all gifts are tax deductible. This also led to a discussion of having a Facebook page started for PKP members, to facilitate communication about events and assist with fundraising. Student VPs Kate Lash and Michelle Hudnell will begin work on this.

Election of Officers

Spring 2010 will bring the need for an officer election. The one-year Student VP positions will expire, as well as several other officer positions. This will be discussed further at the winter meeting.

2010 Activities

The chapter will again sponsor the Honors Institute. The 2010 events will be held on February 16 and 17; this year's topic is "Connecting with China." PKP members will be invited to all activities, including the private reception and book signing with James Fallows, the February 16 keynote speaker.

Dustin also introduced the idea of participating in the April Student Research Forum on campus. This event is interdisciplinary and could be a collaboration with colleges and departments who are already hosting their own student research events in the spring. Dustin will secure additional details for the winter meeting.

Finally, the Student VPs were tasked with inquiring about the benefits of our chapter becoming an active participant with the campus Student Activities organization. This could be beneficial both in our communication efforts and in obtaining financial support for student participation in Society activities and other chapter-related activities.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.