President Jack Dustin called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Attending were: Renee Albers (Student VP), Susan Carrafiello (Vice President), Lori Dock (Secretary), Jack Dustin (President), Heather Hughes, Claire Nguyen, and Alex Wenning (Treasurer).

Convention Update

Following introductions, Dock gave an overview from the August Phi Kappa Phi convention in Kansas City. Full “Convention Wrap-Up” can be reviewed at www.PhiKappaPhi.org. The main points mentioned were:

- The Society is changing to a biennial convention format (from triennial) for more frequent opportunities to connect with chapters and more efficient governance.
- Changes were made to the Society by laws to reflect actual practice, e.g., inactive, affiliated, and emeritus membership categories were eliminated. (The chapter’s bylaws will be updated to reflect these changes.)
- Required chapter officer positions are now: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Student Vice Presidents. New: Chapter dues must be current to participate on the chapter Executive Committee.
- The Society’s next goal for its awards program is $1,000,000 (currently $700,000).
- The Society wants to better monitor and strengthen its chapters, increase new members, improve on retention of members, and focus on enhancing name recognition on campus.

Things our chapter might consider:

- Request a list from the Society of all members in our region, to include those inducted at other institutions.
- Partner with the annual research colloquium and provide certificates to those who participate.
- Give medallions to faculty inductees.
- Renew chapter officers more regularly; the strongest chapters are those with an influx of new leadership.
- Consider a scholarship endowment campaign or a scholarship fundraising effort.
- Ask member faculty to publicize the chapter in their offices.
- Partner with a music or sporting event; activities don’t always have to be academic in nature. Have fun!
Fall Induction

Thursday, November 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. is the date and time of the fall induction in the Student Union Apollo Room. A dessert reception will follow the ceremony. The chapter will invite three faculty as honorary inductees: Haibo Dong (engineering), Chad Hammerschmidt (science and math), and Thomas Rooney (science and math), all recipients of the President’s Early Career Achievement award. In addition, Doug Boyd, a 1971 graduate of the Wright State, will be invited as the chapter’s first alumni honorary inductee. Doug will also be asked to provide remarks at the ceremony. As of 09/13/10, 52 students had accepted their invitations.

To encourage new members, the chapter is hosting its annual “turn-in day” on Tuesday, September 21 in the University Honors Program office. Laptops for online acceptance, snacks, and door prize drawings will be set up for the day. Chapter officers are encouraged to attend. Dustin also suggested we announce the event to members still on campus.

Chapter of Merit

The criteria were reviewed for attaining chapter recognition in 2011. Chapter of Merit is realistic if we can submit a fellowship applicant in February; Chapter of Excellence is a possibility if we can submit an applicant in each award category.

Scholarship

As reviewed in the last chapter meeting, the scholarship fund must be built up before another award can be made. Options for fundraising were a raffle (with donated prizes), restaurant partnership proceeds, etc. Dock will consult the Foundation on the parameters for hosting a raffle activity. It was suggested that the induction was an opportunity to fundraise, but the group didn’t decide on whether that was appropriate.

Honors Institute Reception

The WSU chapter will again sponsor the annual Honors Institute private reception with a $250 donation. This year’s Institute takes place on January 31 and February 1, 2011, and will feature a keynote address by Charlayne Hunter-Gault. A private reception with Hunter-Gault will follow her address on January 31, to which Phi Kappa Phi members will be invited.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.