

FEBRUARY 12, 2009 MEETING MINUTES
WPI Greek Alumni Council

Meeting was convened at 7:10pm.

Members Present

Andrea L. Portnoy, Alpha Gamma Delta, 2008
Joseph Mann, Sigma Pi, 2008
Tom Collins, Alpha Chi Rho, 2001
Alexander Gorski, Alpha Tau Omega, 2010
Nick Pelletier, Phi Kappa Theta, 2009
Lena DesPlaines, Alpha Gamma Delta, 2010
Ashleigh Wood, Phi Sigma Sigma, 2010
Wally Towner, Fiji, 1983
Sean McDermott, Zeta Psi, 2008
Matt Schulze, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 2008
Jean Leider, Alpha Xi Delta
Emily Perlow, Student Activities Office
Jake Messier, Office of Development and Alumni Relations

Chapters Represented - AXP, ΑΓΔ, ΣΠ, ΦΚΘ, ΦΣΣ, ΑΞΔ, ΑΤΩ, ΣΑΕ, ΖΨ, FIJI

Chapters Not Represented - TKE, ΣΦΕ, ΦΣΚ, ΘΧ

Officer Reports

President – Funding letter revision to come later this week, GAC awards make sure chapters have all points listed with proof.

Vice President – not present

Treasurer – Budget update

Secretary – none

Public Relations – CHIA PAC letter working on, getting quotes for banner

Other Reports

- IFC President – need faculty advisors for some chapters still. Budget passed. Greek week is going to become more incorporated into a homecoming week for the entire school. Keep up to date on IFC happenings via the IFC website (<http://ifc.wpi.edu/>). Working on getting new members involved with different boards. Northeast Greek Leaders Association Annual Meeting (Feb. 19th-21st, 2009) looking to winning some awards. Working on putting articles in Tech News. Looking to working with GAC on how to transition seniors to alumni. Potentially having seniors come to GAC meetings and being able to represent one undergraduate vote if there are enough spots open in a house. GAC calendar difficult to incorporate with undergraduate schedule.
- PanHellenic President – not present
- WPI Greek Life –Greek leadership Institute coming up. Recruitment help from GAC for IFC.

Old Business

WPI GAC Leadership Conference (WGLC)– Approximately 260 students in attendance. In the process of going through surveys for feedback. General feedback. Students had good retention after lunch. The undergraduate/ alumni tracks were excellent the new member portion needs work. Feedback on the new member portion was that the programming in the morning was difficult. The afternoon sessions with ice-breakers/games were very good. The keynote speaker was slightly lengthy. Try to incorporate more games to help develop problem solving vs. self evaluations. Don't overkill ideas; end at your own pace.

Alumni Association- Jake Messier, Office of development and alumni relations, wants to help alums with whatever help they need. Two major events coming up Reunion weekend June 4-7th, 2009 expecting approximately 1,000 people. Hoping that chapters can have open houses on June 5th from 3-5pm to help accommodate all the alumni. Homecoming will be held on October 31st, 2009. Alumni Connect will be relaunched in April to go along with facebook integration. Join the WPI Alumni facebook group. How we can work together is by keeping alumni development informed about our events. They can also provide WPI paraphernalia for free as giveaways. Utilizing Alumni Development for GAC recruitment. PR ourselves to alumni as an alumni for lifetime, way to give back to your chapter, high energy people, rewarding, ask people to be involved, state the commitment 8 meetings and potentially 2-3 Saturdays for major events. Alumni Development would like GAC to cosponsor alumni golf tournament at Stow Acres on June 4th, 2009. GAC would only need a few people to drive a golf cart around and pass out water. Also encourage houses to enter multiple teams. Alumni development may be able to help with funding for alumni association. Alumni association executive meeting Feb. 23, 2009 to get funding for GAC put on agenda for annual alumni association meeting on May 2, 2009 8:30am-1pm in the Odeum.

Discussions

Website – PR is working on it

GAC Awards- March 5th packets will be completed by fraternities and sororities. Need help with judges let Emily know if you can help out. Andrea helping plan event for April 8th at 6:30pm in Odeum.

Senior Social Event- TC will put together for Thursday May 15th at the Sahara.

Collective buying- postponed to next meeting

GAC structure- Rework meeting structure to have committee meeting prior to GAC general meeting. Include going out to Goat's Head Pub/ Boyton to socialize after GAC meeting.

Dates, Action Items, Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	ACTIONS	CONTACT PERSON
GAC Award Judging	March 5, 2009	Via email	Please help out with judging for GAC awards.	Emily Perlow/ Andrea Portnoy
GAC Meeting	March 12, 2009	Chairman's Room	Show up and go to the Goats Head Pub after the meeting	n/a
GAC Awards	April 8, 2009 at 6:30pm	Odeum	Plan out event	Andrea Portnoy
Annual Alumni Association Meeting	May 2, 2009 from 8:30am-1pm	Odeum	Show up to vote.	Matt Shultze
Senior Social Event	May 15, 2009	Sahara	Plan the event	Tom Collins
Reunion Weekend	June 4-7 th 2009	Various	None	Jake Messier
Alumni Golf Tournament	June 4, 2009 at 1pm	Stow Acres Golf Course	Consider cosponsoring	Jake Messier
Open House for Chapter Houses	June 5, 2009 from 3-5pm	Chapter Houses	Chapters please consider having open house for your alumni.	Emily Perlow
Homecoming	October 31, 2009	WPI	none	n/a

Meeting adjourned: 8:50pm

Next meeting: March 12 2009; Chairman's Room

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea L. Portnoy