

**MAY 3, 2007 MINUTES OF MEETING  
WPI Greek Alumni Council**

Meeting was conducted in the Chairman's Room at the WPI Campus center and convened at 7:00pm..

**Members Present**

Yakov Kronrod, Phi Sigma Kappa, 2002  
Mike Andrus, Alpha Chi Rho, 1997  
Emily Perlow, Student Activities Office  
Thomas Collins, Alpha Chi Rho, 2001  
Gene Campbell, Sigma Pi, 2001  
Bob Tupper, Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Sarah Van Oudenaren Panhellenic President 2008  
Andrew Anderson, IFC Interim President 2008  
Chad Tino, Lambda Chi Alpha 1999  
Bill Shaw, Zeta Psi

**Chapters Represented** - ΦΣΚ, ΑΧΡ, ΦΣΣ, ΛΧΑ, ΤΚΕ, ΖΨ, ΣΠ,

**Chapters Not Represented** - ΦΚΘ, ΣΦΕ, FJJI, ΣΑΕ, ΑΤΩ, ΑΓΔ

**Officer Reports**

- President: Not Present
- Vice President: None
- Treasurer: Not present, written report on senior event budget submitted.
- Secretary: Minutes from last meeting were approved and distributed.
- Public Relations: Planning for senior event is underway (see later discussion).

**Other Reports**

- IFC: The Greek Spirit Contest (Greek attendance at athletics and activities) is complete, and was considered a big success. Rush next year will include less events – the IFC Rush calendar has been completed and is as follows: 10/27 – Casino Night, 10/29 – Jillians, 10/31 & 11/1 – House Tours, and 11/30 – Bids Night
- Panhellenic: Two officers will be attending the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI) conference put on by NIC this summer. The calendar for pre-recruiting events has been set.
- WPI Greek Life: Relay for Life (to raise money to fight cancer) raised a total of approximately \$55K, about \$35K of which was raised by Greeks. All Greek organizations participated in the Relay. Phi Kappa Theta will be applying to regain chapter status at their national convention this summer. The quarterly newsletter of the Fraternal Property Management Association (FPMA) was distributed with special attention to the article on the proposed Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act, which would make donations to a fraternal organization for the purposes of building or maintaining housing tax deductible. A copy of the newsletter is attached to these minutes.

**Old Business**

- None

## New Business

- None

## Discussions

- Alumni Resume Critiques: IFC & PH are interested in recruiting alumni to critique undergraduate seniors' resumes. Discussion was had as to whether this was better done on-campus or via email, and if on campus whether it would be better scheduled for a weeknight, weekend day, or over multiple days. TKE has an existing system in which resumes are emailed to alumni who review them prior to meeting with the undergrads. Results of the discussion will be forwarded to Kurt Schebel, IFC Academics Chair for further consideration.
- GAC Awards Recap/Wrapup: Some negative feedback has been received regarding the GAC Awards. Among the criticisms were that too many awards were won by sororities, that the selection process was questionable (including the makeup of the selection committees), and that applications may have been "spun" to look better than they truly were. Discussion consensus was that there was a lack in both quantity and quality of fraternities' applications overall, and that there were some serious difficulties in reducing spin. Further discussion on this topic is warranted, especially early next academic year with the undergraduate leaders regarding how and why to submit a quality application.
- Senior Recruiting Event: The senior recruiting event (cocktail hour) has been scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>, in the lobby adjacent to the Hagglund and Mid-Century Rooms (WPI Campus Center), time TBD. Rachel submitted a budget for the event, which is attached to these minutes. **[ACTION ITEMS]** – Emily to email Yakov the GAC "recruitment" pamphlet for some revision, Yakov to procure some form of sound system (either through Lens and Lights or otherwise), Tom to provide a musical playlist, Rachel to handle food and drinks procurement.
- What to do with the rest of our budget: After the Senior Recruiting Event, the GAC budget will have approximately \$300 remaining. A GAC team-building BBQ was tentatively scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> (during Alumni Weekend), time and place TBD.
- Grease Traps: A report regarding grease traps and the cleaning of kitchen hoods was submitted in absentia by Dick Hooker, and is attached to these minutes. It was generally agreed that it was a good idea to look into having a single company submit a proposal to clean all houses' hoods.
- Mayor Lukes: Mayor Lukes missed the GAC Awards due to illness and oversleeping, and is very apologetic. She would like to do something to make it up to the Greek community. Several ideas were advanced, with the general agreement that having her participate in Homecoming activities (float parade judging, etc.) was the best idea.
- WPI internet access: Network contracts have been distributed, and are requested back to WPI by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- GAC Leadership Conference – Results from the GAC Leadership Conference reviews have been consolidated, and are attached to these minutes.
- Green Study: Martin Driggs is preparing a package to distribute at the beginning of the academic year consisting of "Top 10" type lists of things that houses can do to reduce energy

usage and become more “green”. It was requested that some ideas relevant to house renovations be distributed sooner than the beginning of next year, since most major house renovations are done during the summer break. [ACTION ITEM] – Yakov to contact Marty and try to get this package.

- Summer GAC Meeting: Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, time and place TBD.

### **Announcements**

New Action Items:

- 1) Senior Week Cocktail Hour: Emily to email Yakov the recruitment pamphlet, Rachel to procure food and drinks, Yakov to handle PR and sound, Tom to get Yakov music, Chad is volunteer-at-large.
- 2) Yakov to contact Marty Driggs about green recommendations for renovations.

Upcoming Events:

- Senior Week Cocktail Hour: Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>, Hagglund Room Lobby, time TBD.
- GAC BBQ – Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, Time and Place TBD.
- GAC Summer Meeting – Thursday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Time and Place TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Andrus, Secretary