

AUGUST 2, 2007 MEETING MINUTES
WPI Greek Alumni Council

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

Members Present

Mike Andrus, Alpha Chi Rho, 1997
James Melvin, Theta Chi, 1985
Chris Banker, Phi Sigma Kappa, 2007
Geoffrey McElroy, Zeta Psi, 2001
Emily Perlow, Student Activities Office
Adam Wilbur, Phi Kappa Theta, 2006
Shawn Gloster, Phi Kappa Theta, 2005
Jake Rocznik, Lambda Chi Alpha, 2003
Caitlin Bell, Alpha Gamma Delta, 2005
Wally Towner, Phi Gamma Delta, 1983
Tom Collins, Alpha Chi Rho, 2001
Chad Tino, Lambda Chi Alpha 1999

Chapters Represented - ΦΣΚ, ΑΧΡ, ΛΧΑ, ΖΨ, ΑΓΔ ΦΙΙ,ΦΚΘ, ΘΧ

Chapters Not Represented - ΣΦΕ, ΣΑΕ, ΑΤΩ, ΦΣΣ, ΤΚΕ, ΣΠ,

Officer Reports

President – no report
Vice President – no report
Treasurer – not present, written report issued (attached)
Secretary – no report
Public Relations – not present, no report

Other Reports

- IFC & PanHellenic Presidents – not present
- WPI Greek Life – upcoming Greek schedule includes Greek move-in, Greek country fair (orientation, replaces old luau), Greek life publication will be mid-September, hazing speaker prior to homecoming.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Jim Melvin motioned to move the monthly meeting night of GAC from the first Thursday of the month to either a different Thursday or another night of the week, as

the first Thursday interferes with a long-standing (25 years) Theta Chi alumni supper. Motion was tabled pending further discussion as to what night is best.

Discussions

- IFC/GAC Resume Critique is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 7-9pm, in the Campus Center Odeum. Volunteers are requested, both among GAC members and the various alumni groups.
- Grease Traps & Kitchen Hoods & Ducts Cleaning – the question was posed as to who would be interested in pooling resources, to see if enough houses are interested to make a group strategy worthwhile. GAC members may want to remind undergrads about basic City inspector items – extension cords, blocking sprinklers, etc. that pop up every year.
- Mayor Lukes – GAC needs to determine what we are going to ask her to participate in. It was questioned as to whether Homecoming was the best way to get her involved.
- Greening the Greeks – after some discussion, it was generally agreed that it would be a good idea to have some sort of house competition to encourage energy reduction. The first step is for houses to calculate their energy use and/or ecological footprint. GAC then needs to formulate how the competition is going to work – reduction of energy cost per member? Per house? Gross energy reduction per member/house? **[ACTION ITEM]** Caitlin Bell to develop a worksheet for distribution to the chapters on their energy usage.
- Parents Weekend Q&A Session – GAC participation is on the schedule, Tom Collins and Adam Wilbur volunteered to represent GAC.
- Homecoming – discussion as to whether GAC wants to have a presence at homecoming this year. It was agreed that we should make an effort to reach out to alumni that aren't aware that GAC exists, and that homecoming is the best venue for that. GAC needs a pamphlet, merchandise, or something else to get name exposure. A calendar of all Greek events will be posted by Emily & IFC/Panhellenic at Homecoming. **[ACTION ITEM]** Wally Towner to plan GAC presence at Homecoming.
- GAC Website – to increase GAC exposure a website would be helpful. Emily will work with marketing and communications if provided with content. **[ACTION ITEM]** Jake Roczniak to look into establishing a website through WPI. **[ACTION ITEM]** Jake Roczniak and Chad Tino to develop content and give it to Emily.
- GAC Funding – last year Alumni Association funding was granted to GAC as a \$5K lump sum. It may be advisable to request funding on a per-event basis this year, since it will have a higher likelihood of being approved. Individual applications will require more work, however. Other funding sources - \$1K left over from SAO funding last year, with an additional \$1K to be given this year. IFC & Panhellenic give a combined \$1K specifically for the GAC Awards. **[ACTION ITEM]** Rachel Yamartino to develop a rough annual budget to determine what we will require for funding.
- Planning the calendar for the upcoming academic year (see announcements).

Announcements

- Upcoming Events:
IFC/GAC Resume Critique – Sept. 10, 7-9pm, WPI Odeum
Greek Move-in – August 19
Homecoming – September 29
Parents' Weekend Q&A Session – October 6, 10:30am, Salisbury 105
Women's Bids Night – November 12
Men's Bids Night – November 30
WPI GAC Leadership Conference (WGLC) – February 2 (tentative)
GAC Awards – April (date TBD)
Senior Week – April/May
Reunion Week – June

New Action Items:

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2. Wally Towner to plan GAC presence at Homecoming.
3. Jake Rocznik to look into establishing a website through WPI.
4. Jake Rocznik and Chad Tino to develop website content and give it to Emily.
5. Rachel Yamartino to develop a rough annual budget to determine what we will require for funding

Next meeting: Thursday, September 13, 7pm, Chairman's Room