Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 08 Board Meeting
Minutes: December 3, 2015

Present: Derek Furukawa (President), Kevin Stevens (Vice President), Tamara Valentine (Treasurer), Daniel Villanueva (Secretary), John Pettig (President ex-officio), Luke Tanaka (Student Vice-President), Jenny Kot (Student Vice President)

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 PM by Chapter President Furukawa, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously with two edits (spelling of the name of Mehlhaff, addition of parentheses after Student Vice President in list of members present). (Valentine/Stevens)

Old Business
Student Vice Presidents

i. Report on Student Leadership Summit: Kot attended the two-day PKP Student Vice-President Leadership Summit from July 30 – August 2 in Salt Lake City, UT and gave the Board the following report: The first day dealt with general leadership principles (“5 Practices of Effective Leadership”), and the second day was more PKP focused. There were many “best practices” discussions and it seemed that most Chapters were faced with the same issues as ours as regards needing to increase student participation and interest. Kot reported that representatives from other Chapters attending the Summit mentioned the following activities they did: Teaching the elderly computer skills, book drives, public PKP information sessions, a speaker series, and collaborating with other student Honor Societies on their various campuses.

Villanueva asked what the most valuable part of the Summit was, and Kot stated the leadership styles exercise and the exercise in goal setting were most valuable. Valentine asked Kot if there were any immediate projects to plan that arose from the Summit, and asked the Board if funding attendance at the Summit was valuable overall. Kot responded that the only immediate project might be a student Facebook page. With regard to funding, Tanaka and Kot both agreed it was a good leadership development exercise, and Furukawa stated that if we were able to send a junior Student VP to the Summit in future years, it would indeed be a wise investment.

New Business
A. Confirming Spring Event Planning:
   i. Social Events – Stevens suggested a bowling evening, other Board members suggested a game night. The Game Night was chosen and is scheduled for February 11th at 6 PM at a place to be determined later.
   ii. Service Events – As per Tanaka’s suggestion at the last meeting, Furukawa received Board support to survey Chapter members to see what service activities would garner the most support, as well as what social activities might be the most interesting and popular. Furukawa stated he would draft and administer this survey.
   iii. Student Organization Planning
B. Spring 2016 Inductions:

i. The Spring Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 4:00 PM in the JCSU, Ballroom A. Furukawa discussed changing the time of the ceremony from 3:00 PM to accommodate more students’ schedules. Valentine requested that the time remain as is because there are always people who cannot attend the ceremony at a given time. Furukawa then proposed moving the time from 3:00 to 4:00 PM to avoid conflicting with as many science labs as possible. The Board agreed to this idea.

ii. The two PKP information sessions will be held on Thursday, March 10th, 2016 at 12:15 PM (place TBA) and Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 at 6:00 PM (place TBA.)

iii. Student inductee timeline discussion

iv. Faculty nominations: Prior to opening discussion of which faculty Board members suggest for induction into Chapter 08 in April 2016, the concern was again raised that many newly-inducted faculty members are not participating in PKP activities once in.

The following faculty members were suggested for outreach and potential invitation to membership (names in parentheses indicate which Board member would contact the potential inductee): Daniel Enrique Perez, WLL (Pettey), Katherine Schweitzer, PHIL, and Yftah Tal-Gan, CHEM (both Villanueva), Brett van Hoesen, ART, Kim Thomas, Student Conduct, Blane Harding, Center for Student Cultural Diversity (all Furukawa). Board members are requested to contact Furukawa if they have additional names to suggest, or bring these names up at the next Board meeting.

Other Discussion Items

Pettey mentioned that he is serving on the national selection committee for the PKP Dissertation Fellowship for the second year in a row. There were 69 applications this year, which is down from last year but is a result of better screening of applicants prior to sending the documents to the selection committee.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 28th, 4:00 PM, Honors Program Office

Meeting adjourned by Furukawa at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Villanueva
Secretary