Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 08 Board Meeting  
Minutes: January 28, 2016

Present: Derek Furukawa (President), Tamara Valentine (Treasurer), Daniel Villanueva (Secretary), John Pettey (President ex-officio), N. Wood, N.N.

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM by Chapter President Furukawa, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously. (Pettey/Villanueva)

Old Business
Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC) Adult Academic WorldQuest competition

Furukawa and Villanueva gave a brief recap of Chapter 08’s victorious team effort at the NNIC’s Adult WorldQuest trivia contest on January 20th. A team composed of Furukawa, Pettey, Valentine, Carmelo Urza (USAC) and Tammie’s husband beat six other teams present that evening in answering the most questions on international relations themes. (Villanueva was not on the team since he MC’d the event on behalf of the NNIC.) The event raised money to defray the cost of a local high school team to attend the national Academic WorldQuest competition in Washington, DC this April. The Chapter is already excited about defending its title at next year’s fundraiser in January 2017!

New Business
A. PKP Game Night
   i. Furukawa confirmed the Game Night for Thursday, February 11, 6:00 PM in JCSU 320. 5 members per team, Furukawa will prepare the questions from online databases designated for particular audiences. Guests are welcome. Wood suggested flyers or other publicity, and Furukawa suggested that not just a Facebook announcement, but a Facebook event posting, would be best.
   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.

B. Spring Inductions:
   i. The Spring Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 4:00 PM in the JCSU, Ballroom A. Chapter officers discussed extending a keynote speaker invitation either to Todd Felts (RSJ) or Margaret Ferrara (EDU) for a 5-7 minute speech on “Active Participation in the Academic Community.”
   ii. The two PKP information sessions will be held on Thursday, March 10th, 2016 at 12:15 PM, JCSU 323 and Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 at 6:00 PM, JCSU 323. Kot will attend both, and Pettey will be present at the March 16th session.
   iii. Furukawa asked for updates on the potential nominees for faculty induction. The news is as follows for those suggested at the last meeting: Daniel Enrique Perez, WLL (Pettey indicated he would consent if he could devote enough time to it, and
will let Pettey know soon), Katherine Schweitzer, PHIL, and Yftah Tal-Gan, CHEM (Villanueva stated that Schweitzer was nonresponsive, but Tal-Gan would also consider induction if he felt he could devote enough time to it, which Villanueva will report back on next meeting), Brett van Hoesen, ART, Kim Thomas, Student Conduct, Blane Harding, Center for Student Cultural Diversity (Furukawa has definite expression of interest from Harding, potential interest from Thomas, and no response from Van Hoesen). No additional names were suggested as per past meeting minutes.

C. Spring Service Event:

Furukawa administered a survey to determine what sort of service projects Chapter 08 members would potentially be interested in performing. The top three categories were environment (park cleanup, renovations), hunger/homelessness (soup kitchens, shelters), and children. Weekends were also the preferred time frame. Furukawa will research specific options given these preferences and report back to the Board.

D. Student Vice Presidents and Organization Planning: Wood brought up that she will be here at least one year after completion of her undergraduate degree and would like to serve as a Student Vice President both now and in the future, assuming she will be a graduate student here in the following year.

Other Discussion Items

Petey mentioned a few statistics from his service on the national selection committee for the PKP Dissertation Fellowship: 2 Dissertation Fellows were chosen – one in SOC, and one in BIOL (?). One successful applicant came from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also suggested mentioning the Dissertation Fellowship at the information session, and specifically that he could be of assistance in preparing potential applicants for what the Fellowship competition is like.

In terms of advertising for PKP across campus, it was suggested by several members that Chapter 08 could solicit photos of graduating students who are PKP members wearing their regalia (both at the main graduation and the Honors Convocation) to post both on our own Facebook page and website, and to send to PKP national HQ to enter in their photo contest.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 24th or Thursday, February 25th, 5:00 PM, Honors Program Office

Meeting adjourned by Furukawa at 5:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Villanueva
Secretary