Phi Kappa Phi UNR Chapter Meeting
Minutes: August 13, 2014

Present: Derek Furukawa (President), John Pettey (President ex officio), Kevin Stevens (Vice President), Tamara Valentine (Treasurer), Daniel Villanueva (Secretary), Bill Cathey (Historian)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chapter President Furukawa, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously (Pettey/Stevens).

Old Business
1. Election/Confirmation of New Officers: A motion was made (Pettey/Valentine) to confirm the following officers by unanimous vote. All voted in the affirmative to confirm the following offices/persons for 2014-2015:

President: Dr. Derek Furukawa (current Chapter VP)
President ex officio: Dr. John Pettey (immediate past chapter President)
Vice-President: Dr. Kevin Stevens
Secretary: Dr. Daniel Villanueva (incumbent)
Treasurer: Dr. Tamara Valentine (incumbent)
Historian: Dr. Bill Cathey

Both Stephanie Bor and Nancy Markee declined election to the offices of Public Relations and Member At Large respectively. These offices remain vacant. Furukawa said he would attempt to recruit a Board member for the office of Scholarships and Fellowships, as well as contacting the PKP national office to see what other members they have listed as belonging to Chapter 08, in order to compare it with our active member list.

New Business
1. Faculty Grant Proposal – New Formulation: Hard copies of the reworded proposal were distributed by Pettey for comment and editing prior to the next Chapter meeting. The “due by” date was set as September 15th for this year’s funding cycle, and edits would be sent to Furukawa for final review. Furukawa also suggested that whoever next wins the award should be presented with a certificate at the annual “Honor the Best” award ceremony by a PKP Board member (most likely himself). He will speak with the organizer of the event to see how this might best be done.

2. Calendar for 2014-2015: The induction ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 24th, 2015. Speakers are still up in the air but once again Bobbi Lazzarone was suggested by Valentine. It was also again suggested by Pettey to look through the national database of faculty and emeriti currently resident in Reno to widen the speaker search. Furukawa began a discussion of potential fall events, including a PKP-specific scholarship event in the fall (HON 200B classes and others), an afternoon reception (say, 5:00 PM) for all Reno-area members that may or may not also be a business meeting, and partnering with other academic units putting on guest speakers and the like that we might be able to co-sponsor.
3. **Student Vice-Presidents:** *Furukawa* explained that a student organization of PKP is scheduled to be founded which will support the PKP faculty organization and be composed of the current student Vice-Presidents and other interested student PKP members. One Student Vice-President will generally attend the faculty Chapter meetings to act as liaison. Students would meet approximately once per month informally at a place such as Archie’s or elsewhere to plan student-centered activities that both support academic and social interests of students. Service projects were mentioned as a possibility as well as continuing the Literacy Grant, and potentially making visits to the HON 200B classes to talk about PKP. With regard to the Literacy Grant, *Valentine* reported that our Chapter did not receive the grant this cycle. *Pettey* encouraged the Chapter to resubmit it, with active faculty participation in the drafting and submission.

4. **Finances:** *Valentine* updated the Chapter with the yearly financial report, and confirmed it had been submitted to the national PKP organization. T-shirts, faculty and award plaques constituted the largest expenses this past year in addition to the annual induction ceremony and fall faculty information luncheon. The report can be viewed in the Honors Program office.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 24th at 4:00 PM, Honors Program.

Meeting adjourned by *Furukawa* at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Villanueva (Secretary)