



**Chapter/Graduate Advisor & House Corporation Board Meeting
February 26, 2009 IMU, Room 245, 6:30pm, Meeting Minutes**

I. Introductions & Welcome

- a. Present: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Delta, Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Zeta Tau Alpha
- b. We had many new advisors at the meeting, of which most were from chapters outside of Iowa. We are looking forward to the new ideas and suggestions to improve upon our community.

II. Alcohol Skills Training Program (ASTP) Update – Katie Langesen

- a. The following chapters have already completed the training:
 - i. Phi Beta Chi
 - ii. Sigma Lambda Gamma
 - iii. Sigma Lambda Beta
 - iv. Delta Sigma Theta
 - v. Phi Beta Sigma
 - vi. Phi Kappa Psi
 - vii. Chi Omega
- b. The following chapters have ASTP scheduled for this semester so far:
 - i. Alpha Xi Delta – March 23rd
 - ii. Alpha Phi – March 29th
 - iii. Beta Theta Pi – March 29th
 - iv. Zeta Tau Alpha – April 13th
 - v. Alpha Epsilon Phi – April 19th
- c. **Katie reminded the advisors that ALL CHAPTERS MUST COMPLETE the ASTP program this academic year.**
- d. The ASTP flyer was handed out again and will again be provided to the chapters.

III. TAGARISTA Awards/Greek Week Schedule

- a. The schedule of events was handed out along with the pairings. Katie explained that the theme for this year was: *No Matter the Letter, Service Makes It Better*. The focus of this week will be on service to the UI and Iowa City community. Every chapter has drawn a service project to work on between now and April 9th.

Greek Week Schedule of Events
April 2nd - April 9th

Thursday April 2	Follies – Singing/Dancing variety show (IMU Main Lounge)
Friday April 3	“UI Greeks Appreciate Me” Button Day for Faculty & Staff
Saturday April 4	“Haze” Educational
Sunday April 5	Greek Olympics & BBQ
Monday April 6	Blood Drive

Tuesday April 7	Tagarista Greek Awards
Wednesday April 8	Letters at the library
Thursday April 9	Educational Program
Friday April 10	Faculty & Staff Appreciation Breakfast and final Winners Announced
Saturday April 11	NPHC Step Show

2009 Greek Week Pairings

Alpha Chi Omega/Phi Delta Theta
 Alpha Delta Pi/Phi Kappa Psi/Zeta Phi Beta
 Alpha Xi Delta/Lambda Chi Alpha/Phi Beta Chi
 Alpha Phi/Sigma Pi/Sigma Lambda Beta
 Chi Omega/Sigma Chi/Phi Beta Sigma
 Delta Delta Delta/Alpha Epsilon Phi/Pi Kappa Phi
 Delta Gamma/Sigma Alpha Epsilon/Kappa Alpha Psi
 Delta Zeta/Sigma Phi Epsilon
 Gamma Phi Beta/Sigma Nu
 Kappa Kappa Gamma/Tau Kappa Epsilon/Delta Sigma Theta
 Kappa Alpha Theta/Delta Chi
 Pi Beta Phi/Alpha Epsilon Pi/Sigma Lambda Gamma
 Zeta Tau Alpha/Beta Theta Pi

IV. Follow-up from Greek Leadership Advance

- a. Possible Accreditation Program – after our long conversation about the breakdown of the Tagarista Awards process and how chapters are not completing them, we brought the issue up at the Greek Leadership Advance. There was a huge interest in creating an accreditation program that would be an on-line process and would be completed each semester. Each chapter would be asked to complete it in order to show that they meet some minimum requirements/expectations of chapters at Iowa.
- b. Advisors suggested looking at current National accreditation programs to insure that the information asked is the same, to hopefully allow for one program to “help” the other program...versus causing more work.
- c. Iowa State University evidently has an accreditation program, and it was suggested to check it out.

V. House Director’s Report

- a. The Professional House Director’s Conference, June 25 – 28, 2009, Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada
- b. Go to www.mgca.org for more information
- c. The House Directors had Liz Christianson from the of Office of Sustainability come and speak with them about simple ideas they could implement in order to be more “green” at the chapter structures.
- d. For their next meeting, the House Directors are going to watch the documentary “Haze”, which is about the alcohol culture on today’s college campuses.

VI. Other Agenda Items

- a. CHIA & Hill Visits in Washington, DC – April 19 – 21, 2009
 - i. We have two UI students attending the Hill Visits
 1. John Rigby – current chapter president for Phi Kappa Psi
 2. Olivia Piercy – past chapter president for Alpha Xi Delta
 - ii. Marsha Grady from Alpha Chi Omega will also be attending, along with Kelly Jo Karnes, in her role with the Association of Fraternity Advisor.

- b. How are chapters enforcing your own Academic Policy vs. the University's Academic Probation Policy?
- i. Kelly Jo had been asked by a few advisors about what the University's Academic Probation Policy was and whether it was stricter or easier than many chapter's policies. In doing some searching, Kelly Jo found that there seems to be no university UI Policy as it relates to Academic Probation; however each school offers their own standards. The three main college policies are in an attachment with these minutes (College of Engineering, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Tippie College of Business).
 - ii. Many chapters enforce their National Standards more often, because they are often higher than the UI standards.
 - iii. The enforcement includes restricting social activities.
 - iv. A few chapters mentioned that their HQ will NOT cancel members unless they have consecutive semesters below a 2.0.
 - v. In 2010 – Delta Delta Delta chapters will have a university set minimum GPA and a policy for enforcement of the standard includes:
 1. First semester below – no socials during the week and no voting rights
 2. Second semester below – all social privileges gone and no voting rights
 3. Third semester below – membership will be terminated
 - vi. The question was asked about the Admissions Standards at Iowa and are they lower than other state institutions? Kelly Jo is going to do some checking on this and will have information about the April meeting.
 - vii. Alpha Xi Delta reported that they do not have much time to allow their women to raise their GPA's. They will release members based on grades and can do so quickly, if needed.
- c. How do chapters work with members not being “full time” at Iowa, because they may be taking classes at Kirkwood or other colleges?
- i. Mary Jane Beech was able to share that the NPC policy states that members must be matriculated students at a 4-year school, which means that someone from a community college only, could not become a member.
 - ii. Some of the fraternity advisor's reported that they have had members who were only Kirkwood students, and were not taking any classes at Iowa.
 - iii. Kelly Jo reported that the UI policy as it relates to student organizations does not require that members of clubs and organizations have to be UI students.
 - iv. Tri Delta reported that their policy states that the member must be enrolled at Iowa, however their number of hours they are enrolled in does not matter.
 - v. Beta Theta Pi reported that their members must be enrolled at Iowa, however if they need to leave for one semester to take community college classes, that they can remain a member and will resume their membership when they fully enroll back at Iowa.
 - vi. The question was asked about what is considered “Full Time” at Iowa? Kelly Jo is going to check into this and will report back in April.
- d. Which chapters have a Faculty Advisor? Are they members of your organizations? What is their role?

- i. Currently, the University of Iowa does not require Faculty Advisors, however some chapters have such a person on their advisory team.
 - ii. Some chapters reported that they do have a Faculty Advisor, they may or may not be a member of their chapter, but many were not sure on what their purpose was.
 - iii. The question was raised as to whether or not we might be able to work with Tom Rocklin to get the Deans of the various colleges to allow faculty advisors to count as “service” in their portfolios.
 - iv. There is a high need for a faculty advisor position description. Kelly Jo is going to try and collect some samples and then work on creating such a description.
 - v. It was mentioned that the Law School offers service hours for students who volunteer their time and it was mentioned that maybe a “Faculty Advisor” role might be considered “service”. Kelly Jo is going to check into this.
- e. What Academic Incentives are chapter’s offering to their members who do well?
- i. Many chapters host a scholarship banquet for members with a certain GPA and then they provide gift cards or other gifts to the members in different GPA categories.
 - ii. A chapter mentioned that if a women makes the Dean’s List, they chapter will buy them a “pearl” for their badge.
 - iii. Higher priority in room picks for those living in with higher GPA’s
 - iv. A chapter mentioned that at Mom’s and Dad’s Day, they do a recognition ceremony with a certificate and gift cards.
 - v. A chapter stated that they invite faculty members to their scholarship dinners.
 - vi. Phi Delta Theta offers up to \$30,000 in scholarship money for their current and incoming members.
 - vii. Questions were asked about how a chapter might go about endowing a scholarship through the UI Foundation or whether it is best set up through the HQ’s foundation. Kelly Jo is going to do some checking and will report back.
- f. Chapter Advisors were given a copy of “Connections” magazine. This is a magazine distributed through the Mid-American Greek Council Association and is for the leaders of fraternity and sorority communities. Melissa and Kelly Jo are using the Connections magazine in their Fraternity & Sorority Life Class.

VII. Chapter Announcements

VIII. Next Meeting:

- a. Thursday, April 30, 2009, 6:30pm, 245 IMU

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