

## Minutes from October 26, 2015 AU Parent Association meeting

In attendance : Melissa Gates, Kathleen Watchorn, Dorothy Kalicki, Sylvia Hubschman, Barbara McElroy, Salma Asif, Donna Giordano, JoAnn Russo

### Open House 10/25/15

Attendance seemed light and Barbara circulated with families in the lobby to encourage them to visit the tables in the Ballroom. There was a discussion on having an AUPA pamphlet available at upcoming events such as Accepted Student Day, open houses and college fairs. The pamphlet had been used in the past and offered information about upcoming events and the association.

### Treasury Report

Dorothy read the current report to those in attendance.

### Brunch debriefing

A suggestion was made that if we use the President to speak again that we may not need an additional speaker as it seemed to run a bit long due to student questions.. Also brought up was do we want students to be in attendance at this event since this is a "parent brunch". For next year there will need to be some re-wording on this event as it may have been mistaken to bring your student due to the registration process. An email will be sent out to all who registrants thanking them for their interest.

### AUPA Constitution purpose and goals

The Board would like Dr. Riordan to sit and discuss with us to see what her vision is for AUPA. The Board feels that we have not been able to meet our goals and objectives that are stated in the Constitution due to constraints from the University. Salma offered to write a few lines of information that she found helpful that would benefit Section 2 Part C. Barbara had worked with Melissa & Carol in writing new By Laws which will be reviewed at the next meeting. Kathleen would like us to write up what our ideas are that would fulfill the goals and objectives of the Constitution to help them decide if our Constitution should be rewritten.

### Website

This will be reviewed at our next meeting.

### Fundraising

It was stated that our main goal is not to fundraise but to try to raise parent participation. At our next meeting we will discuss which event we will host in the spring.

### Facebook

Kathleen has sent in the 35 topics needed to launch the Facebook page. There is concern that the Facebook page is for parents but not being represented through the AUPA. Ideas were discussed on how to get AUPA into the discussion by sending in posts of helpful tips or reminders of upcoming events.

#### App for communication

A possible App was discussed to use due to technical problems from texting.

#### Upcoming events

Volunteers are needed to be at the Fall Open House on 11/21/15. Cards will be available to get parent email addresses as to keep them informed of future events.

Our next meeting will tentatively take place on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Time and location TBA.