

Board Members Present:

Melissa Gates, President
Barbara McElroy, Vice President
Geri Faiella, Vice President/Treasurer
Donna Nugent, Secretary

Board Members Excused:

None

Members at Large:

Salma Asif

Adelphi University representatives present:

Della Hudson, Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Kathleen Watchorn, Coordinator of Special Programs & Projects, Division of Student Affairs

The Parents Association Board held a meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Melissa Gates who welcomed our two new Board members, Geri Faiella and Donna Nugent. Contact information was shared.

Next, we debriefed the Annual Meeting and Brunch. It was reported that the Brunch was well received and there was a lot of positive energy in the room. Parents seemed to really enjoy Dr. Grogg's presentation and the Q&A. Many past board members were present and seemed to really enjoy being back on campus. It was reported that we should figure out ways to make use of these past board members in future events, as they are wonderful ambassadors of Adelphi.

Mrs. Gates requested that we get an updated Treasurer's Report for next meeting. We know that no funds have been received, however, there is an issue as to the fund's balance that needs to be resolved.

Mrs. McElroy reported that there may be a way to fund an outside speaker for a PA event. She is looking into it.

It was reported that the Adelphi Parents Facebook page is being more actively worked on.

Upcoming Events:

Undergraduate Open House on Sunday, October 23: Mrs. McElroy, Faiella and Nugent will represent the PA Board.

AU Human Ribbon in support of Breast Cancer on Friday, October 28 at 11:30 a.m.:
Mrs. McElroy and Mrs. Faiella will represent the PA. They will meet up with any parents/guardians in front of the UC and proceed over to the event by 11:45 a.m.

PA Board meeting and Seminar on November 14: The PA Board will hold a Board meeting at 6:00 p.m followed by a 7:00 p.m. Parent/Guardian Seminar sponsored by the PA on diversity and inclusion on the college campus.

Undergraduate Open House on Saturday, November 19: Mrs. McElroy, Faiella and Nugent are expected to represent the PA Board.

Associate Dean Della Hudson led us in a discussion of the parameters for a seminar on diversity and inclusion (which we decided to hold on Nov. 14). Further details will be ironed out during the month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 so that we could attend our PA Seminar on "Campus Involvement: The Full College Experience." Mrs. Gates welcomed our panelists:

Lauren Purcaro, Associate Director of the Center for Student Involvement
Jason Spradley, Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement
Georgia Linaris, a senior student
Kendell Mason-Francis, a senior student

The seminar was attended by about twenty parents/guardians and a few students. It was a lively exchange of ideas of how students, particularly freshman and transfer students, can get more involved in the clubs and activities offered by Adelphi. The seminar seemed to be well received.

The Seminar ended at approximately 8:00 p.m.