



Faculty Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 3rd, 2007

Minutes by Cornelia Griggs

Meeting Moderated by Jason Sulkowski & Robert Neely

I. Welcome – Jason Sulkowski

Introduction of new P&S Club Student Representatives

- Robert Neely – President, P&S 2008
- Paula Brady – 1st year rep, P&S 2001
- Dan Pizzarello – 1st year rep, P&S 2001

II. P&S Club Activity Overview

TeamWoRx (June 19, 2007) – Hadi Halazun & Daniel Stephens

- TeamWoRx was a success. Rotation groups participated in community service projects to promote team building among group members. Projects included gardening at a local school, dancing with seniors, working literacy in pediatric clinics, among others. A class dinner followed a few days later to allow students to reflect upon and share their experiences with their classmates. Overall the program ran smoothly and it was more organized than last year.

First-year Orientation (August 20-24th, 2007) – Geoff Konopka

- Orientation was well-received and enjoyed by the first year class and the enhanced leader training was a success.
- The formal welcome from the administration was a good addition to the week's schedule, as well as the academic overview, more structured Hippocratic Oath discussion, and the Center for Student Wellness' game-night event.
- A survey to the first year class is forthcoming.

Fall Fund Appeal (November 5, 2007) – Rob Neely

- We are making a few changes to our appeal this year, including a more targeted mailing to those likely to donate instead of all alumni in an attempt to reduce the costs associated with the mailing. We are also sending personalized with a new, flashy brochure.
- We are considering holding a spring fundraiser. Concerns and suggestions arose: Target past club presidents? Tell faculty what the P&S club is? Include photos,



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DVD, web link? Add a specific paragraph with club updates? Highlight notable achievements?

- Dr. Lefkowitz suggested incorporating a “P&S Club Corner” section to the *P&S Journal*. Dr. Lefkowitz and Andrea Sturtevant will look into the feasibility of this.

III. P&S Club News

Reconnecting with Alumni – Jason Sulkowski

- A goal of the P&S Club this year is to reconnect with P&S alumni.
- The P&S Club representatives are thinking of starting an e-newsletter for alumni that links to P&S club website. The e-newsletter would be updated by officers and include a list of upcoming events and a link for donations.
- We are trying to improve the connection between the Club and the Alumni Association. The first step in strengthening this connection would be to include the Alumni Association President as a member of the FAB.
- Move is made to approve adding a permanent position on the Advisory Board for the President of the Alumni Association: *Motion is approved unanimously.*

Representative Retreat – Rob Neely

- One of the main goals of the P&S Club Presidents this year is to promote inter-class interaction. The P&S Club representatives are holding its first retreat for all officers to discuss school-wide events and their roles as campus life representatives on October 13, 2007.

Club Updates – Cornelia Griggs:

- **P&S Roadrunners** (led by Tim Rice P&S 2010) have been leading runs of upper NYC every Friday afternoon. These runs attract 10-40 students from all CUMC schools each week.
- **Bard Hall Players** is putting on a production of “Kiss Me, Kate” the weekend of November 15-18th.

IV. Club Presentations – facilitated by Geoff Konopka

CUMC Multicultural Show – Vijay Yerubandi '10, Damani Taylor '10, Schonmei Wu '10

- In order to promote multi-cultural awareness and display talents of the student body, second and first year students are holding a multicultural talent show on November 4, 2007. They are still looking for more acts and would like more faculty involvement.
- Concerns about time conflicts with the NYC marathon were raised and different ways to publicize the event were discussed. The Dean's office offered to send an e-mail to faculty.



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Walker Percy Society – Kelly Fahl '10

- The Walker Percy Society has been reinvigorated, taking the form of a book club. Approximately 40 students are actively involved in the club. The current book list for the year can be found on the website: <http://psclub.columbia.edu/clubs/walkerpercy.html>
- The club has been working with the Narrative Medicine department in order to collaborate with other groups such as Reflexions.
- With the help of Dr. Charon, the club is working on starting a lending library in Bard Hall for those interested in “non-academic” reading.

V. New Club Presentation – facilitated by Cornelia Griggs

Big Brothers Big Sisters – Comron Saifi

- Big Brothers Big Sisters at P&S informally started last year. It has been coordinated with Sandra Harris from the Office of Government and Community Relations and Big Brothers Big Sisters Program of New York City.
- The group serves as a mentoring group for high school students from the new health sciences-focused high school on 155th St. Last year fourteen P&S students made visits to a local school every other week during the spring semester.
 - The primary incentive for BBBS to become an official club is for publicity and the use of campus resources to help the group.
 - Concerns over reliable attendance from second years and long-term mentoring relationships were discussed.
 - Move was made to approve the club. *Motion is approved.*

VI. Budget Update – Andrea Sturtevant

- Overall we enter October with a balanced bottom line; however some red flags have been raised:
 - Merchandise: Scrubs have not sold as aggressively as planned as only 60 out of 170 pairs of scrubs were sold. Fortunately scrubs are still usable next year.
 - Orientation: Money was lost on orientation because theater and baseball tickets did not sell well.
 - Photocopier: The P&S Club is purchasing a new copier to replace the broken one that has been sitting around since March. It should arrive soon....
 - Revenue sources are coming in, thank you to the annual Alumni Association donation and the Gold Foundation donation for TeamWoRx.



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- While we have encountered a few financial set-backs, with careful management throughout the year, we should be OK.
- Dr. Lewis asked about the P&S Club Endowment Fund. The Fund currently has approximately \$400,000, which is not enough for us to use the interest as a revenue source. Anke Nolting suggested targeting specific alumni during her road trips to help us build the fund.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the P&S Club!

We look forward to seeing at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2008.