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Greek Alumni Organization
Lewis Alumni Center
February 28, 9- noon

Minutes:

Attendees: The following Chapters were in attendance: Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Chi, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Pi Beta Phi and the WSUAA.

Guest included: Rise McGill and Beth Monteiro, WSU Foundation; Panhellenic/IFC representatives; Anita Cory and Samantha Armstrong, CFSL.

The telephone conferencing connection was unable to be established for the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions – Debbie Lisser called the meeting to order at 9:05 and asked for all attendees to introduce themselves and indicate which Chapter they represent.

Minutes from October 17, 2008 were approved with the following correction: Pi Kappa Alpha renovated the alumni room and library and dedication of this room as the Phil Lighty Alumni Room during the 2008 homecoming weekend. The Chapter which installed new windows was the Phi Kappa Tau Chapter.

Old Business:

1. University District Update – Bob Cady updated the group on the City Council meeting of February 24, 2009. The City Council rejected the University District concept with a 5-2 vote. Discussion followed with questions of “next steps” and Cougar approved housing.

College Hill Tomorrow Update – Bob Cady gave a history of the various studies which have been commissioned by WSU, College Hill Association and the City of Pullman. Bob Cady represents the GAO on the committee along with property owners, College Hill Association representatives, business owners, Pullman Police Guild, and members of the Pullman Planning Commission. Issues discussed were transportation, safety, housing and policing. All of these studies may be accessed by www.udistrict.wsu.edu/Background.

2. The students commented \$40,000 has been raised through fund raising activities within the Greek Hill community. Some of the funds may be used to help pay for increased lighting on the College Hill area. Tree trimming and working with Avista to correct lighting issues was discussed. Avista may be reached at 800-227-9187 to report a lighting issue. ASWSU is

promoting a “Safety walk” program on the hill. Contact information for Pullman Public works is 509-338-3213.

New Business:

WSU’s Fundraising Initiative to Help the Greek Community - Rise McGill, Director of Development, Scholarships/Equity & Diversity and Beth Monteiro, Staff Attorney, Director of Legal & Human Resource Services discussed a new campaign to help support the Greek Community. Three funds have been established:

1. Greek Leadership Education Fund
2. Greek Upperclassmen Live-In Fund
3. Greek Community Enrichment Fund

(Insert or attach page from Rise McGill)

Discussion followed. Questions: Who would these monies be available to? Ms. McGill explained that these funds would be available for all recognized fraternal groups on WSU’s campus and there is a need for a working committee for the program specifics (i.e. selection criteria). The dollar amount to be attractive for “live-in” awards was discussed with the idea that tuition waivers from enrollment management funds should be considered. Discussion.

Ms. Monteiro was asked to explain building fund contributions for Greek Housing improvements through the WSU Foundation. “Educational space” is a main consideration. Pennington & Company (www.PenningtonCo.com), a consulting/fundraising firm, was discussed as a way to help with a capital facility campaign. Questions relating to WSU architectural help and WSU Foundation acting as the consulting service were expressed. If Chapters are interested in specifics- please contact Beth Monteiro at the Foundation or Amy Kanning at Pennington – email: akanning@penningtonco.com, phone: 785-843-1661.

Bob Cady explained the Certified Local Government designation with the City of Pullman. This is part of the Historic Preservation designation for parts of Pullman. It was suggested that a person from Washington State Historic Preservation should be invited to attend a future meeting and discuss this with the Greek Chapters on College Hill. For more information: <http://www.pullman-wa.gov/>

Let’s Brag about our accomplishments! What is going on in your Chapter?

Kappa Alpha Theta: Gave an update on their major remodel and plans for the future.

Pi Kappa Alpha: They are working with other Chapters on campus – Sigma Chi- to do a fundraiser for the Pullman Fire Department. The Chapter is also working on the Relay for Life event in Pullman.

Kappa Sigma: They will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary with events on March 6-8 in Pullman.

Alpha Phi: Updates in house was discussed along with donations of their used furnishings to other chapters at WSU.

Lambda Chi Alpha: Tolo Club met in Seattle with 50 alumni in attendance. They will be holding a silent auction with their meeting targeting specific renovations needed at the chapter. The Chapter helped with the Humane Society Annual "Fur Ball" which raised \$37,000 for the Pullman group. The Lambda Chi's also collected another \$1000 on the "hill" and ASWSU donated \$1000 for the cause. It was noted that the wall in the front of the Chapter house was repaired and looks great.

Samantha Armstrong mentioned many Greek Chapters helped with the Jefferson School carnival in February. Adopt a Block programs for litter pick up have been initiated (SAE's). Greek Leadership Academy will focus on hazing.

Sigma Phi Epsilon: On April 19, 2009 the Chapter will hold a re-charter Banquet. Two of their members received national recognition: Josh Palmer and Jim Rasmussen.

Phi Kappa Theta: REU program which houses summer interns for the (science institute) 57 students will participate in this summer's program on Greek Row. Sig Eps have also participated in the program. Contact David Bahr dbahr@wsu.edu, 509-335-8523.

Jim Zuba mentioned the Lewis Alumni Center may be used for Centennial Chapter events. They may help with registration, staffing and event organization. If interested, please contact Jim Zuba.

Anita Cory, CFSL discussed the Centennial Celebration on campus planned for September 14-19, 2009. More information is to follow. All Chapters were asked for a 1 page history of their Chapter on campus to be included in a booklet. Please contact CFSL. The Vancouver and Bellevue Stakeholders meetings were discussed.

August 5, 2009 will be the deadline for any student living in resident halls to move to Greek housing without penalties. No mid- semester move outs will be allowed. For more specific information, contact CFSL.

The Greek community asked for future student lists to be distributed earlier to enable Chapters to recruit students. In the past we did not get lists until May and many schools have lists available in the fall. Informal recruitment will be held in September. Sorority Informational Fairs will be held this summer with more information later this spring.

Election of GAO Officers

A Report from Nominating Committee, consisting of Sue Christianson, Scott Floyd and Mike Malcolm was giving by Sue Christianson. The committee presented a slate of officers to be considered for election:

President:	Doug Thomas, Pi Kappa Alpha
First Vice President	Bob Cady, Phi Kappa Theta
Secretary	Kathy Hulbert, Pi Beta Phi
Treasurer	Christina Randal, Alpha Chi Omega

No other nominations from the floor were received.

A motion to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the presented slate was made.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the presented slate of officers.

Other Business:

President Doug Thomas asked all chapters to present ideas for projects and suggestions for College Hill and the Greek community. He stated there is a need for a consistent dialog with WSU to keep a strong Greek system and he believes that President Floyd wants the Greek system to succeed.

He would like for the officers to meet and decide on a strategic plan and then decide on the next meeting date.

The Greek Alumni Organization/ Alumni Association web page will be updated to give new contact information for the officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.