

Parent and Family Relations Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 15, 2007
7:00 PM
City of Augsburg Room

Attending: Sally Daniels, Debbie Connolly, Dennis Connolly, Vicki Matzke, Al Matzke, Chuck Sletten, Charmayne Sletten, Sue Thomas, Harry Thomas, Katherine Sanders, Barb Kopietz, Kris Swanson, Bev Ransford, Mike Ransford

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Paul Terrio, Director of Student Financial Services gave a presentation on what needs to be done by students for financial aid. The deadline to file for aid is April 15. Financial aid needs to be completed through the Enrollment Center. There are 15 staff members who will help with registration and financial accounts.

For reapplication of financial aid, the FAFSA needs to be completed as well as Augsburg's Verification Worksheet. The worksheet needs to be completed and returned with a copy of the parent and student income tax returns. This worksheet needs to be completed to verify that the information is correct.

If there is a change in family circumstances, the family should contact the Enrollment Center to seek a change.

If these forms are not returned by May 15, institutional funding is affected.

If applications are received after May 15, 25% of the aid will be forfeited; after June 15, 50% of the aid is forfeited; after July 15, 75% of the aid is forfeited and after August 1, there is a total loss of institutional aid.

There is an e-mail campaign to let students know which forms are missing. The signage throughout Augsburg has been a great reminder to the students that financial forms need to be completed. There was financial literacy sessions offered in February for students as well.

A scholarship renewal form needs to be filled out even if no other aid is used.

Awards for returning students will be sent out soon.

Returning students will be receiving their award for next year by e-mail.

There is a proposal to start a pilot project for need-based retention efforts.

The average student loans for Augsburg students upon graduation are \$24,000.

Loans can be applied for on-line.

If you are applying for student financial aid for Summer School, please check with a financial aid officer at 612/330-1046.

If you leave a message with the Enrollment Center, your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Scholarship Day on March 3 during the snowstorm. 17 students received scholarships. They ranged from \$16,500 to a full scholarship.

Sneak Previews will be held on April 10 and 12th. The Parent and Family Relations Council will staff a table. Katherine Sanders, Julie Styrland and Barb Kopietz have signed up for April 10 and Chuck and Charmayne Sletten, Debbie and Dennis Connolly, Al and Vicki Matzke, Sue Thomas and Julie Styrland have signed up for April 12. If your plans change or you would like to volunteer, please contact Sally Daniels.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 5. If you are willing to help with programs and/or ushering, please let Sally Daniels know. The new Kennedy Athletic Center will be dedicated on Friday, May 4 at 5:30.

There have been 1,000 admission applications to Augsburg for next fall. The freshman class will be approximately 375 plus 175 transfer students.

Nominations are now being taken for next year's officers – President, Vice President and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please e-mail me at debco316@comcast.net. A slate of officers will be presented at the April 19 meeting.

Thursday, April 19 will be our final meeting of the year. It will be an informal meeting with a light dinner being served. Please RSVP to Sally Daniels at daniels@augzburg.edu if you are planning to attend as we need to order enough food and beverages.

If you have any suggestions or comments on this past year, please let Sally Daniels know at daniels@augzburg.edu. Any input is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Connolly
Secretary