

Parent and Family Relations Council Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2009  
7:00 PM  
Minneapolis Room, Christensen Center

Attending: Sally Daniels, Debbie Connolly, Dennis Connolly, Charmayne Sletten, Chuck Sletten, Katherine Sanders, Charlie Thompson, Tim Matyi, Elaine Matyi, Joan Locke, Guy Locke, Kim Grzesiak, David Radford, Wanda Radford, Tamara Karlstrand, Jane Brandt

The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Chuck and Charmayne Sletten at 7:00 pm.

Emma Sutton, a biology major at Augsburg, was our first speaker. She talked about her experiences with the URGO (Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunities) Program. As a result of her involvement with this wonderful program, she applied for and received a Fulbright Scholarship and will be spending a year in Indonesia.

Dixie Shafer, Director of URGO at Augsburg, described to the Council what the department does for the students. Her purpose is to prepare students for post graduate studies. Her services include:

Advising  
GRE and GMAT Preparation  
Running academic and summer research programs

The research programs that she offers are 10-week summer projects, which pay a generous stipend for appropriate projects. These can be applied for after the first year at Augsburg. There are 21 positions through Augsburg and 5 from outside donors. There are opportunities in many fields of study. A Research Fair is scheduled for April 15 in the East Commons from 3:30-5:30.

The applications for summer research are due in early March with a decision made by the end of March.

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