



The University of Arizona Parents Association Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Friday October 20, 2006
9:30-11AM – Sabino Room, Student Union

Present:

Henry Boice
Steve Fenton
Lionel and Ellen Kier, Chairs
Mia Martori
Earl Mendenall
Christine Olson
Albert and Jacque Siqueiros
Eileen Starace
Graham Tubbs

UA Staff:

Keith Humphrey
Carol Thompson
Tina Douglas (recorder)

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

Welcome

Lionel Kier welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

Approval of May 12, 2006 Minutes

Lionel Kier asked for discussion and approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Henry Boice, seconded by Graham Tubbs, and carried (12-0).

Bylaws Discussion and Vote

Lionel Kier opened discussion. There is a section of the first page regarding membership – membership is for family member and parent of student and not just an undergraduate student. The new bylaws reflect the transition from the Foundation to the Dean of Students. The Association has taken advantage of the opportunities of Melissa Vito, Carol Thompson, and Keith Humphrey and they are thankful for their appointments with the Association. Mia Martori expressed a need to put something in the bylaws about membership; the Association does not have dues for membership. Mia also discussed a concern regarding bylaw requiring five days notice of grant funding recommendations to the Advisory Board. A motion was made to temporarily suspend the thirty days notice on this specific bylaw adjustment and change the bylaw to require the campaign committee to provide notice to the Advisory Board in advance of its annual meeting. Mia Martori made the motion; Lionel Kier seconded the motion, and carried (12-0). A motion was made to approve the by-laws by Eileen Starace, seconded by Christine Olson, and carried (12-0).

Budget Committee

Henry Boice met and reviewed the current operating budget with the committee, it is working on a semi-approved basis. Henry made the motion to formally accept the revised budget; Ellen Kier seconded, and carried (12-0). Other items from the Budget committee include diversifying funding sources. A membership proposal has been discussed where parents would join for a \$50 fee – which would include Bookstore discounts, parking, etc. The committee feels this should be pursued, with final approval to come at the next advisory board meeting. Instead of the \$50 fee, a \$100 annual fee could be imposed, or \$250 from freshman parents for a four year membership. Christine Olson is working with the Greek Cat Walk and has a number of community resources that can also be added as membership benefits. A motion was made by Henry Boice; seconded by Christine Olson, and carried (12-0).

Public Affairs Committee

Graham Tubbs discussed the importance for each committee member to make contact with the legislators and to tell them to keep a watchful eye on higher education. Graham was asked to put a blueprint together on how to go about it. This will be used as a resource for parents. Graham made a motion for such a blueprint to be created and to accept the committee's report, Henry Boice seconded motion, and carried (12-0).

Enrollment Management Committee

The official name is now Student Recruitment and Retention. Patti Ota provided an update on student enrollment statistics. This year has provided the largest undergraduate enrollment, increases specifically in Native American, Hispanic, slight increase in African Americans. There is a slight decrease in SAT scores. The committee feels a need to reach out to other parts of the country for student recruitment. Henry Boice made a motion to accept the committee's report, seconded by Eileen Starace, and carried (12-0).

Campaign Committee

Mia and Martori and Eileen Starace provided information on the donors plan, they are open to having a separate President's club or melding into one that already exists. This group would host events in homes across the country, perhaps resulting in possible funding down the road. A silent auction is a great low energy resource for fund raising; there will be one for Family Weekend.

The Campaign Committee recommended the following grants for immediate funding:

Safe Ride	\$26,680
Univ. Learning Center	\$2,000
Career Services	\$5,595
UA Fit	\$7,000
ASUA Webcats	\$1,650
Student-Faculty Interaction	\$10,495
ASUA Library Textbooks	\$6,000
ASUA Service Learning	\$5,580

There was discussion about the need for feedback on these programs and others, such as training for TAs. Many others are not able to have funding because we do not have enough resources. Earl Mendenhall asked staff to create a report on what we are able to fund and what we cannot fund for the Regents and the administration. Keith Humphrey will work with Mia Martori to make sure all of the areas that were not covered are mentioned, and in a format that the Board would like. Henry Boice made a motion to accept the committee's report and grant recommendations; it was seconded by Christine Olson, and carried (12-0).

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.