



President's Council Meeting April 17, 2008 Minutes

Attendees

Susan Brissenden-Smith, Greg Cochran, Michon Coleman, Jim Comstock, Paula Duarte, Jaime Fong, Michael Guingona, Sandy Irber, Maritess Lagandaon, Carolyn Livengood, Dave Mandelkern, Victoria Morrow, Cherie Napier, Carol Tanzi
Recorder: Rakefet Avramovitz

Welcome

Susan welcomed everyone, and introduced Rakefet Avramovitz the new staff assistant in the Office of Development, Marketing and Public Relations.

President's Breakfast Feedback

Cherie thanked the Council for their role in the breakfast. Sandy reported the total donation count to date as \$67,795 from the breakfast. She noted that this number will increase as donors respond to pledge invoices. Cherie reported that everyone enjoyed the April Fools jokes at the breakfast. Carolyn commended Susan's request/ask at the event. Susan commended the Breakfast Committee on their outstanding work. She also reported that the student greeters and the video were great. Dave thought that the student speakers were great. Maritess commented on the unique point of view in the video. Greg was touched by the Hermanos speaker, Tony Jara. Carol was excited about the progress through the years in achieving steady growth in attendance. Jim felt that that event was done deftly and subtly. He also noted that the event is taking on legitimacy in terms of anticipating it each year.

Cherie noted that student greeters might benefit from more in depth training prior to future events; for example, inviting them to a Breakfast Committee meeting to give them perspective on the process. Susan suggested having two podiums when there are two co-chairs, as sharing the microphone caused hearing difficulty. Greg Cochran suggested having someone to prompt the speakers. It was noted that in the future an accomplished musician or jazz music could take the place of singers. Jennifer suggested via Susan that the student speakers could use more coaching beforehand, although Paula Duarte said that it might take away from the "genuineness" of the remarks. A recommendation was made for more time between when request for donations is made and Vicki says final remarks, as it might give attendees more time to think about giving.

Overall the Council members were pleased with the food, especially the fresh fruit. However, there was widespread approval for switching to fresher bagels, and adding schmears, cheese, butter, fresh sweet rolls, and a deviled egg salad spread without mayonnaise. The hardboiled eggs were controversial, on the one hand being an important source of protein and on the other hand being unusual and difficult to peel at an event. Dave noted that the compromise between a hot and cold breakfast that has been struck seems to be working.

Skyline Shines Award

Vicki defined the award as for people who help Skyline shine and who spread the word about Skyline. One award goes an employee or group of employees and the other goes to a community group. She would like to encourage President's Council members to make nominations. The Call for Nomination forms can be found at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under News and Information/[Skyline Shines Award](#). The deadline is April 30, 2008.

Carolyn recommended an awards space on campus to showcase achievements outside of sports, referring to the newly installed Sports Hall of Fame. Vicki noted that Transfer Stars are currently listed on the website, although a photo gallery may not be up. There was general consensus that it would be good to have the physical awards displayed at Skyline.

Nomination for New Members for the President's Council

Susan reminded the Council that the nomination forms for new members are reviewed during the summer. Council needs and matches in the community are closely evaluated. We are looking to deepen the connection to the community.

Carolyn wanted to know if graduating students were given information about being on the President's Council. How do we educate alumni about the President's Council and other ways to stay involved with Skyline? Sandy explained that the Council is for raising funds and leverages ties to the community. Vicki wants to use this idea for alumni. Skyline is forming an alumni organization now.

Nominations are to be returned by June 1, 2008.

Deepening the Connection Dialogue

Deepening the Connection is about finding out more about what the college departments and offices need and how the President's Council can best meet those needs? The President's Council exists, not only to raise funds for PIF, but also to strengthen the school through bridging connections between its members and Skyline's programs. A few of the Deans have responded. Sandy said that we are working with Denise and Wells Fargo on a panel presentation for young entrepreneurs. There are classes in the business division that would be interested in participating. They will get certificates of participation and/or credit. This is an example of partnering with the business division. The social sciences are interested in having attorneys to come in and talk to their students.

An e-mail poll will be sent out to set a date for the first meeting, either May 19th at 4pm or May 21 at 4pm.

Calendar Review

RSVPS were taken for the Mixer/Student Art Exhibit. Sandy talked about the Pilipino Cultural night noting that for the first time the event will be extended to 2 nights since it has historically been a sold out event.

Closing

Vicki and thanked the Council again for the support and work that went into the Breakfast and beyond.

Calendar

April 30th	Skyline Shines nominations due to Vicki	
April 30th @ 5:30 p.m.	North SMC Chambers Mixer/Student Art Exhibit Board of Trustees meeting at Skyline; They will attend mixer.	Gallery Theatre
May 1 & 3 @ 7:00 p.m.	Pilipino Cultural Night “Lovewrecked: Diary of a Manilaman” Tickets: \$10/pre-sale \$12 at the door	Main Theatre
May 12th @ 4:00 pm	Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony & Reception	Main Theatre
May 30th @ 5:00 pm	Commencement	Gym