

Sigma Tau Delta Meeting

Thursday, February 19th, 2008

Present: David Weber, Sara Jacobsen, Kristen Sitz, Tanner Massey, Samantha Turley, Barnes Anderson, Barbara Astrini, Lauren Meares, Callie Smith, Kimberly Bicknell, and Rose Barra.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by David Weber.

1.0 Minutes from the January 15th meeting were presented for approval; Kimberly Bicknell moved to accept the minutes, Barnes Anderson second, no discussion and all in favor. Interested parties should contact Sara Jacobsen at sajacobs@coastal.edu.

2.0 Rose gave the treasure's report in Brandon's absence. After collecting dues for new memberships and paying the national fees for each new member our account balance is \$429.68. This total includes two pending memberships.

3.0 Announcements

- 3.1 The Induction ceremony will be held in Wall Auditorium on Tuesday, March 3rd at 5pm. New inductees will receive an invitation in the mail next week.
- 3.2 The next Words to Say It will be held on Thursday, March 5th at 4:30 in Wall Auditorium. Lauren Meares and Callie Smith will be helping Rose with the set-up at 3:30.
- 3.3 Members of Sigma Tau Delta have the opportunity to submit poems, non-fiction pieces, prose, etc. to any STD journal. A handout with guidelines and deadlines was handed out. If any members work is accepted, email Rose at rbarra@coastal.edu so she can recognize your achievement on the website.
- 3.4 Ms. Savage-Davis in the Biddle Center has asked STD to help with a service project—Book Boxes. We will be given 75 books—25 different books (3 of each)—and 75 boxes. We will need to read the books and choose five items that are used in the book to purchase for the creation of the book box—STD will be reimbursed for the materials. These items are used as a manipulative to assist with reading comprehension for children in kindergarten and 1st grade. The boxes need to be delivered to Waccammaw, South Conway, and Pee Dee Elementary by the end of the school year. There will be a photo opportunity for STD's involvement, which will be published in the Chanticleer. A list of volunteers was created. Rose will send out an email once the books have been dropped off and everyone will read two. After all the materials have been collected, we will assemble the book boxes at one of the monthly meetings. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Rose at rbarra@coastal.edu.

4.0 Project Director's Reports/Discussion

- 4.1 The COI session went well. About fifteen people were interviewed to use for the promotional video, but more people are needed. Dave put out a call for anyone who would be interested in getting interviewed; contact him at dkweber@coastal.edu. There was an article written in the *Chanticleer* about our project—Brandon, Robert, and Dave were featured.
- 4.2 None of the committee members for the Freshman Essay Writing Contest were present. Rose will contact them to find out what progress has been made. March 12th is the deadline for choosing a winner. A special meeting may be called for members to read the top three essays and decide on a winner.

5.0 Planning

- 5.1 Last meeting, members decided to ask a faculty member to be the keynote speaker at the induction ceremony, but she is unable. New members were asked who they would like as a speaker and decided on their three top choices. Dave will ask the professors – beginning with our top choice - and report back to Rose by tomorrow.
- 5.2 The Professor of the Year Award will be awarded in late spring and this faculty member will be invited to be the keynote speaker for next year's induction ceremony. Members chose not to create specific criteria for voting, but instead to just nominate teachers and vote. Rose will send out an email for nominations or create a way to vote through our website.
- 5.3 Sigma Tau Delta National will be notifying grant applicants of the results in early March. The date previously chosen, April 17th, needs to be changed because the Academic Center is involved with Relay for Life on that day. The new proposed date is April 3rd. Members decided on participation costs--\$5 for Faculty/Staff and \$3 for students. There are many ways to get involved including selling refreshments at the game, writing a press release, creating flyers, etc. Barbara Astrini volunteered to make the flyer to advertise the event. Dave is finding out deadlines for the *Chanticleer* so we can place an ad in the newspaper. If you are interested in helping contact Rose at rbarra@coastal.edu.
- 5.4 Members brainstormed ideas for a late semester fundraiser and decided on a bakesale in the EHFA courtyard on April 13th. Members also discussed their desire to plan another acoustic forum for the fall semester.
- 5.5 For furthering faculty relations, members decided to put together Easter Basket treats for the department, similar to the Halloween treat bags. Additionally, members would like to plan something for the end of the semester or finals week for the faculty. Ideas such as assisting with administering evaluations to classes, running scantrons for final exams and having snacks and coffee available

were presented. Members would like to discuss more ideas at the next meeting.

6.0 Other News

6.1 Upcoming Meeting Dates

Thursday, March 12th at 3pm in EHFA 165

Thursday, April 9th at 3pm in EHFA 165

6.2 Call for News and Announcements

Archarios is calling for submissions and an email will be sent out within the next few days.

Please join the Sigma Tau Delta Facebook page.

All current officers are seniors and graduating in May; please be thinking about becoming an officer. Rose will have descriptions of each office available at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm by David Weber.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Jacobsen

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