

Parent & Family Council Minutes
Thursday, February 21, 2013
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Oren Gateway, Room 100

Present: Director of the Office of Parent & Family Relations: Sally Daniels
Co-President: Tim Matyi
Co-Vice Presidents: Lyle and Connie Grafelman
Co-Secretaries: Debbie Connolly & Kerry Muerhoff

Guest Speakers: Keith Munson: Director of Strommen Center
Tammy McGee: VP of Finance and Administration, CFO
Amy Gort: AVP of Academic Affairs, Dean of Arts & Sciences
Carly Eichhorst: Associate Director of Financial Aid
Gloria Morales: International Programs
Brittany Kimball: Current Student in URGO program

Parents Present: Tim Mayti, Wanda Radford, Debbie Connolly, Dennis Connolly,
Al Muerhoff, Connie Grafelman, Lyle Grafelman, Mary Fergus
Bev Halvorson, Gail Nylin, Charles Blomberg, Ken Hiller,
Barb Bentson, John Bergstrand, Safaa Sonbol, Ama D'Almeida

Augsburg administrators spent 10 minutes at each parent table, explaining their services and giving recent updates on topics in their area, with parents free to ask questions.

Carly Eichhorst (Financial Aid): Tuition for next year (2013-2014) will be \$32,544 and housing will be approximately \$10,000. This is only a 4% increase, which is one of the lowest increases in many years. The Presidential Scholarship next year is \$22,500. May 1 is the deadline to apply for financial aid for returning families.

Amy Gort (Academic Affairs and Dean): Amy talked about the next software that will be offered to help students plan for the next 4 years.

Tammy McGee (Finance and Administration): Tammy focused on her tools in the learning environment at Augsburg, which are human resources, dining services, bookstore management, and finance at the college (not financial aid). She is involved in the purchasing consortium of private college system in Minnesota. She helps with the Minnesota Itasca Project, which strives to improve education in Minnesota.

Keith Munson (Strommen Career Center): The Center's job is to help students figure out what they want to do and how to implement their plan. They arrange internships, workshops, and help with job search. They occasionally bring employers to campus. They get students involved early at Aug Sem and continue to keep them involved in the career planning process. They recently had 160 students attend a job fair. As an Auggie, the career center is always open to you, even if you have been out of college for many years.

Brittany Kimball (URGO): URGO is a research and graduate program for students. They offer grants to students for research and also help find research positions around the country. This is a wonderful opportunity for experience in preparing for graduate school. This program is available for any major. There is a research grant of \$4,000 offered for a four week summer program.

Gloria Morales (International Programs): Gloria is a volunteer student worker at Augsburg. She helps with the exchange student program. She helps put together study abroad programs that fit with Augsburg.

The Augsburg Fund Volunteer Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 28 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

Midterm break is Monday, March 18 through Friday, March 22.

Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, May 4. If you are interested in volunteering at commencement, please let Sally know. It's a very short commitment on Saturday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Connolly and Kerry Muerhoff, Co-Secretaries