

Parent and Family Relations Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 21, 2008
7:00 PM

Johnson Conference Room, Oren Gateway Center

Attending: Sally Daniels, Debbie Connolly, Dennis Connolly, Vicki Matzke, Al Matzke, Chuck Sletten, Charmayne Sletten, Katherine Sanders, Guy Locke, Jane Brandt, Larry Spargo, Charles Thompson, Norm Plasch, Roxie Plasch, Kerry Krepps, Barb Kopietz

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vicki Matzke, President.

Beth Carlson, Assistant Director and Psychologist of the Center for Counseling and Health Promotion at Augsburg was the first speaker. The Center's counseling services support and assist students to cope with personal difficulties. The Center is staffed with professional psychologists. Most students who seek their services are overstressed and need someone to talk with. The three areas that account for most of the counseling are:

1. Stress and Anxiety
2. Depression
3. Relationships.

Diane Detloff, who also works with the Center for Counseling and Health Promotion, talked about the connection with Smiley's Clinic, student health insurance and sponsoring health fairs on campus for students.

The web page for the Center is www.augsburg.edu/cchp.

Amanda Erdman, Director of Residence Life was our next speaker. She oversees all of the aspects of residence life at Augsburg, from "First Year Experience to the Senior Experience". There are five professional live-in staff that are readily available to handle any issues.

Cindy Rowe is the person to contact with any questions regarding the students' residence life experience. The lottery for next year's housing will take place on March 11. Cindy has been giving out lottery numbers and making sure that students are aware that they need to get a number soon. Cindy is the "backbone of the lottery."

Special interest housing is assigned before the general lottery; students will know next week if they were chosen for this type of housing.

Karina Jones from the CLASS (Center for Learning and Adaptive Student Services) Office was our next speaker. The program provides appropriate services needed to accommodate students with learning, attentional, psychiatric or other cognitive disabilities. The goal of the program is to promote student independence. The program is well-staffed to accommodate all students that qualify for services, which is guaranteed

by federal law. The goal of the CLASS program is “Independence Over Time”, which is met by teaching the students time management, advocacy and classroom etiquette.

Our last speaker was Ann Garvey, Vice President of Student Affairs. The Student Affairs Office seeks to foster students’ integrity and community responsibility, self-reliance and interdependence, respect for differences and critical thinking and leadership skills. They serve as a link for students to faculty, staff and administrators.

On Saturday, February 23, Augsburg is hosting a Scholarship Day for admitted students to apply for the President’s Scholarship and Performing Arts Scholarships. There are 120 students applying for the President’s Scholarship, 90 auditioning for the Performing Arts Scholarships and 27 that are doing both. There will be break-out sessions for parents on Saturday; therefore, the Parent Council is in need of parents participate in a panel to answer any new parent questions.

Upcoming Events:

March 13 --- Parent and Family Relations Council Meeting – 7:00 pm in the Johnson Conference Room of the Oren Gateway Center

April -- exact date to be announced – Sneak Peek for admitted students

April 21 – Parent and Family Relations Council Meeting – 7:00 – Augsburg House.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Connolly
Parent and Family Relations Council Secretary