

Parent and Family Relations Council Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2008
7:00 PM
Minneapolis, Room, Christensen Center

Attending: Sally Daniels, Debbie Connolly, Dennis Connolly, Charmayne Sletten, Katherine Sanders, Linda Ringstad, Dan Ringstad, Jan Karlstrand, Tamara Karlstrand, Charles Thompson, Tim Matyi, Elaine Matyi, Norm Platsch, Roxanne Platsch, Janet Lestock, Diane Felton, Terri Draxton, Lisa Novotny, Terri Morgan, Jane Brandt, Gail Kociemba, Grace Goggin, Jim Trombley, Laurie Trombley, Kim Stone

The meeting was called to order by President Charmayne Sletten at 7:05 pm. Parent introductions were made.

The first speaker of the evening was Beth Hilderman, Services Consultant, of Unmatched Potential (952/236-4169).

Beth outlined for the parents how difficult it is to find a job without experience. Her job is to build resumes by leveraging experience to get jobs. She also coaches the applicant on how to interview, since she knows what companies are looking for in today's market. The college graduate unemployment rate is 2.7%, which is the highest since 2004.

The two things employers look at are:

1. Education – Degree and GPA
2. Experience – Communication skills, building relationships and partnerships, managing and leading (teams, projects, etc.), accountable and honest, aptitude and capacity to learn.

An important part of the Augsburg Community is “Engaging Minneapolis” as a Freshman and the “Augsburg Experience” as a Junior or Senior. These experiences can be put on the student's resume since they are community building activities.

Augsburg offers the following activities for students to participate, which look very good on their resume: internships on campus, workshops, career services, student government, athletics, clubs/organizations, volunteering.

How to Help

- Discuss goals and interests
- Encourage exploration early
- Help understand importance
- Discuss and take advantage of Augsburg's resources –
- Have fun and enjoy the experience.

Cody Warren, an Augsburg Senior, talked with us about his internship experience. He did an ELCA internship and he presently works in the Auditing Department at Augsburg. He felt that Augsburg's Center for Service, Work and Learning is a great resource to refine your resume, fine tune interviewing skills, help with determining a major and many volunteer opportunities.

The most important factor in employment/internships is to explore options early –

There are 50-100 different after college positions available in the Center for Service, Work and Learning. Contact Lois Olson in that department for help.

Act on internships that are announced in class.

Keep track of all student activities.

Understand the internship before accepting – sometimes they don't have all of the academic components needed for a grade or it may not be what the student anticipated.

Create learning plan for the internship.

Meet with an Augsburg faculty advisor to plan the internship and develop an outcome.

Discuss the plan with the internship company to make sure that everything is on track.

Meet with advisor to make sure that everything has been done with the academic components needed.

Keep information in a portfolio for the next internship/job.

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Thank you to everyone who came to Homecoming and made it a great success.

Vespers will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6 – there is a sign up sheet if you are interested in helping to usher/greet during intermission. Please contact Sally Daniels at daniels@augsborg.edu if you are interested in volunteering.

Velkommen Juul is held on Friday, December 5. It consists of a service in the morning followed by a small Norwegian food gathering in Christensen Center after the service.

Scholarship Day is Saturday, February 21, 2009. This is an event for new students who have been awarded scholarships to Augsburg for the 200-2010 school year. Parents are needed for a panel to answer questions about their Augsburg experience.

Please watch upcoming events/needs at www.augsburg.edu/parents.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Our next meetings are:

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

April – To Be Announced

Have a great holiday!

Debbie Connolly
PFRC Secretary