

PHI BETA KAPPA
Alpha of Oklahoma Chapter
Minutes
October 6, 2021

President Julia Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Members attending: Hayes, Ehrhardt, Cox, Thompson, Pursley, Nelson, L. Levy, Scrivener, Haag

Minutes for the Spring 2021 chapter meeting approved.

REPORTS

- Treasurer (Ehrhardt for Davenport)
 - Written report submitted
- Scholarship (L. Levy for D. Levy)
 - Scholarships to be resumed for spring as usual; committee will send letters to be sent to A&S juniors for Sewell
 - Also, discussion of how to invest expendable funds versus principle
 - Lehr fund has built to expendable income of \$2700 +
 - Thompson recommends one \$1,000 award for spring 2022 and more time to build up to \$1,000, and reinvesting the remainder for future years
- President (Ehrhardt)
 - Triennial Council attended in August and shared information; learned most about good strategies to gain new member registrations
 - Many good students get many invitations as seniors so inform students about PBK earlier in their careers
 - Unfamiliarity with PBK across the board hinders registration
 - Some chapters have President send email to Deans then on to advisors; more publicity
 - One university has main university website with reputable honor societies
 - In addition to scholarship money at the end of academic careers, some universities bought top students a book of students' choice (PBK book award winners) to help publicize the Society
 - Visiting Scholar always help generate interest
 - Founders' Day perhaps more fun and not necessarily a lecture
 - A challenge to PBK involvement for faculty/staff is academics not recognizing service to things like PBK as much
 - Ehrhardt will write to all Deans and Chairs/Directors about the Society
 - Differing responses from Colleges and Departments/Schools in the past
 - Ehrhardt will send OU Mass Mail inviting PBK members to self-identify; will also add something to the Provost weekly newsletter
 - Regarding Members in Course, suggests we have more help with reading and scoring records for consideration of members in course
 - Discussion of criteria for selection and additional help needed for committee to review records
 - Small group will consider criteria for initial consideration and perhaps reducing the number of records
 - Suggestion that Founders' Day be a meet-and-greet this year, opportunity for chapter members and others to gather and socialize
- Visiting Scholar (Haag)
 - Invited departments/schools to consider the Visiting Scholars offered this year
 - Religious Studies and History both responded with interest
 - Religious Studies was ultimately selected as our recommendation back to Nationals

- Donald Lopez will come to campus in Spring 2022 as currently planned (Monday and Tuesday, April 11-12); department in contact with Dr. Lopez for arranging final details
 - The chapter responsibilities include some of the financial support of Scholar, lodging, helping advertise the event, hosting Scholar for a meal
 - Exec Committee will help with on-the-ground work; Ehrhardt can help
 - Haag will connect Exec to the Religious Studies contacts for planned event
- Communications (Cox)
 - Will work on fall newsletter with Exec to get something out in the coming weeks: Jeffers info; Visiting Scholar; Founders' Day event; Triennial report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Founders' Day reception is planned – Thurs, Dec 9 (3:00-5:00)
 - Scrivener will check availability for Library/Collaborative Learning Space
- Initiation Ceremony
 - Friday, May 13 afternoon is planned
 - Ehrhardt will ask Davenport to check with Union on venue
- Ehrhardt calls for vote on:
 - Sending PBK info to Deans/Chairs/Directors introducing
 - Motion by Nelson/Hayes second – unanimously approved
 - Inviting new faculty and staff to come to Founders' Day reception/learn who is PBK
 - Motion by Nelson/Hayes second – unanimously approved
 - Adding PBK to Provost's Weekly Bulletin
 - Motion by Nelson/Hayes second – unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM