Drexel Family Association
Dean's Advisory Council Spring Meeting

Sunday, March 30, 2014
12 – 2 p.m.

- **Introductions**
    1. Diane Jablonowski
    2. Sue Peckman
    3. Lisa Daughen
    4. Brenda Wilkin (chair)
    5. Bob Everitt
    6. Tammy Everitt
    7. John Shields
    8. Carolyn Shields
    9. Maria D'Arcy
    10. Donna Roberts

- **Dean's Update** (Dr. David A. Ruth): see *Dean's DFA Spring Report* [ppt]

- **Chair's Report** (Brenda Wilkin)
    1. Deferred to Drexel Central due to time.

- **Drexel Central**
    1. Alisa Abadinsky, Assistant Vice President for Financial Planning & Student Financial and Registration Services, spoke to the council to answer questions about transitioning from the Annual Bill to the Quarterly Bill.
        - Beginning fall 2014, students will be billed for the upcoming term rather than the entire year.
        - This puts Drexel's billing system in line with other institutions of higher education.
        - Communication efforts have been made to inform both students and families about this change (webinars, email messages, etc).
        - When students are in classes, they will be billed for tuition & fees for that quarter.
        - When students are on co-op, they will only be billed for fees.
        - Federal financial aid is disbursed equally on a quarterly basis, regardless of co-op/class cycle.
        - Families are encouraged to set up and track direct deposit accounts to ensure that federal aid that is refunded during co-op terms can be used to pay tuition during class terms.
        - Private loan disbursements can be adjusted to match Drexel's billing system.
        - Payment plans (TMS: Tuition Management System) will also become quarterly with the ability to divide the balance into 3 monthly payments per quarter.
    2. The DFA will work with the Drexel Central staff to communicate the specifics of this transition through archived webinars, fact sheets, and newsletters between April and September.

- **Committee Reports:**

1. Development
    - Donna Roberts updated the council on research she did about family associations around the country with regard to development and fundraising.
    - Donna spoke with a person who worked with the Louisiana State University Family Association in development of a 3-year strategic plan, implementation of membership dues, and the various ways the family association supports students through scholarships, emergency funds, and funding student activities on campus.
    - Donna also suggested that we look into the Gator Parent & Family Association at the University of Florida and Family Association at Lock Haven University for more information on best practices, fundraising, and strategic planning.
    - Donna will share the links and files she collected so that a committee can look into what can be incorporated at Drexel.
    - Committee Membership:
        - Donna Roberts
        - Tammy Everitt
        - Brenda Wilkin
        - *Please consider joining this committee if this topic is of interest to you.*

2. Communication *(skipped due to time)*
    - Facebook Updates (Maria D'Arcy, Sherrie Campli, Lisa Daughen)
    - Newsletter Feedback

3. Involvement
    - Accepted Students Days (Sue Peckman)
        - 98 total interactions: Sat 2/22 (24), Sat 2/23 (12), Sat 3/8 (10), Sun 3/9 (52)
        - 4 Sessions To Go: Sat 4/5, Sun 4/6, Sat 4/12, Sun 4/13
        - Sue Peckman shared the volunteer list for the remaining ASD events.
        - Diane Jablonowski shared that the April 9 session got so many interactions because they used the strategy of approaching parents throughout the building to talk about the DFA rather than sitting at the table waiting for parents to approach them.
        - Consider moving the table to a higher traffic area. Many families did not have time to visit our table due to the location (Main Building Great Court).

    - Orientation Dessert Receptions (Carlos Guillen)
        - 6 – 7:30 p.m.: Mondays & Thursdays (detailed information on next page)
        - Family Programs co-op (Jason Mobley) will collaborate with Diane Jablonowski to coordinate volunteer sign ups and day-of logistics.
        - Location is still being worked out; hoping to use the University Club Dining Room (MacAlister Hall 6th Floor).

    - Save the Date: Family Weekend, November 7 – 9, 2014

Next Advisory Council Meeting:
Sunday, September 21, 2014 (no summer meeting)
12 – 2 p.m.

Orientation Dessert Receptions

6 – 7:30 p.m.: Mondays & Thursdays
Location TBD

Purpose: Dean of Students, David A. Ruth, along with the Deans of each academic unit hosts a dessert reception during Summer Orientation for parents and families of new students. This reception is an opportunity to speak with parents in a casual atmosphere, answer their questions, and clarify information presented during Orientation. A variety of desserts are provided along with an open beer & wine bar.

- Session 1: Monday, July 7
  - Arts & Sciences
  - Hospitality & Sport Management
  - Business
  - Economics
  - Freshman Frontiers: First Term in Dublin
- Session 2: Thursday, July 10
  - Nursing & Health Professions
  - Public Health
  - Media Arts & Design
- Session 3: Monday, July 14
  - Computing & Informatics
  - Engineering
  - Business
  - Economics
  - Education
- Session 4: Thursday, July 17
  - Engineering
  - Business
  - Economics
- Session 5: Monday, July 21
  - Computing & Informatics
  - Nursing & Health Professions
  - Business
  - Economics
  - Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems
- Session 6: Thursday, July 24
  - Computing & Informatics
  - Engineering
- Session 7: Monday, July 28
  - Arts & Sciences
  - BS/MD Accelerated Degree Program
  - Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems
- Session 8: Thursday, July 31
  - Arts & Sciences
  - BS/MD Accelerated Degree Program
  - Business
  - Economics
  - Education
- Session 9: Monday, August 4
  - Business
  - Economics
  - Media Arts & Design
- *Tentative Date: Tuesday, September 16*
  - *Fall Orientation*
  - *All Colleges/Schools Represented*
  - *Domestic, International, Transfer*