1. Welcome

Attendees: Lynne Conroe, Deb Steinberg, Jonathan Bloom, Stephanie Seely, Patty Gallagher, Kathryn Warlick (minutes), Lisa Daughen (Chairperson), Kaitlyn Delengowski (Director of Special Events)

Special Guest – Meghan Lovett, Director, COVID-19 Testing & Health and Immunizations

Operations have been running very smoothly, and count overall of Covid infections very low on campus. Students are good at wearing masks and following through on mandatory testing. There is a need for continued oversight and emphasis on mental health in the dorms of those in quarantine. Those in quarantine all have meals delivered to them daily.

There are three current Covid cases that were found through mandatory testing. Testing is free.

Deb Steinberg shared her son’s situation with challenges with roommates and Covid. Ms. Lovett and department provided great help in time of need. Situation highlighted that there is always a place for a student to go if worried about being exposed through roommates, and that there are procedures in place for all students, on campus or off campus.

2. Admitted Students’ Day Reflections
   a. Parent Panel over 400+ parents attended two sessions
   b. Great turnout and sessions – energy was strong
   c. Great movie at the end of sessions – City of Brotherly Love

-Recruitment & Retention Updates
1. Covid webinar available for parents and new students – Link to all University Town Halls available here.
2. Webinars will also try to meet student needs
3. Welcome Week – discussion on Zoom fatigue and how to go about engaging students safely
4. Student life – masking heavily enforced. Students find and create pods. Guidance to this sent out two to three weeks ago, ongoing help and guidance available possibly through webinars.
5. Question on how instruction continues and training? How are teachers instructing – parent shares a scenario with daughter in nursing program and how to work with faculty on instructing and getting student needs met. Kaitlyn will work to resolve this challenge. On campus, recommended (CDC) double masking.
6. Fall 2021 – SAT/ACT Test optional
7. Fall 2020 – New start in January rather than Sept. Several students opted for this option.
8. Admissions virtual – revamped campus visit page and reimagined event platforms.
9. See guided walking tours including residence hall tours.
10. Check out Dragon Bulletin Board – what is happening?
11. 1:1 Admission appointments

3. Winter Move In
   Went well and smoothly. Per approved move in plan with the City of Philadelphia, no parents/guests allowed in residence halls, however, students were moved in 5 students per hall. Cruise ship style move in day – fabulous! Students will quarantine in hall until testing results received.


5. Drexel Family Portal
   A. Adding content
   B. Driving communication to portal
   C. Need to register for portal and to see updates
   D. Monitor for questions and comments
   E. Student has to authorize parent use of portal

6. Chairperson Election/Transitions
   a. Chairperson changing – we will miss you Lisa!
   b. Anyone interested apply; could be co-chair
   c. This is an organization that plays a large role in working and supporting parents in Drexel – we need continued interest

7. Open Discussion (to conclude by 7:30PM)

Next Meeting: Tentative Tuesday, April 6th, 6:30 PM via Zoom