Welcome and Dinner: Introductions

Welcome Week/Move-In Recap: Positive feedback including Resource Fair in Behrakis resulted in a communal, more approachable outcome for all.

ByLaws Statement Review: DFA Bylaw document was distributed to all who were attending in person and emailed to those on teleconference. This document will be updated since it was last reviewed in 2017. In the interim, all members need to review the current document, sign the last page (Ethics Statement), and return to Kaitlyn. If you need a copy, please email Kait kad427@drexel.edu

Lisa discussed that all of our group’s members have a requirement to volunteer at one of our campus events, if possible. This is part of our ambassador requirement to give back to Drexel. Volunteer opportunities include giving an hour or so of our time at one or two events.

Admissions Events: Enrollment Management is changing their focus on Open House events to include more of a financial aid/academic scope so we will not be participating this year. We will continue to support Admitted Students’ Days in the Spring.

Updates from Shivanthi Anandan, Vice Provost-Undergraduate Education: Kait recently met with Shivanthi to address one of our member’s questions about syllabi and professor reviews.

- Shivanthi shared that per the Faculty Senate, syllabi are intellectual property of the faculty member but that there is a Senate-approved template. Each syllabus should be posted at least a week in advance of the start of term in Blackboard shells so students can review. If there is not an adequate syllabus or no syllabus, students should escalate to their department head.
- There is research being done on a syllabus management tool which would allow students to view vignettes from syllabi.
- In regards to the faculty reviews, those are part of the faculty member’s performance appraisals and as such, cannot be made public as it results in a privacy issue.

Family Weekend Information, Planning, Volunteering: This year’s event is October 18-20 which is earlier than past events. In response to feedback from last year, there will be four offerings of the Two-year Residency Requirement. Activities include Casino Night, Drexel Improv, Ghost Tours, Mural Arts Tour, Museum of Art, Franklin Institute, and Camden Aquarium. New this year will be a Family Weekend Farewell on Sunday at 2pm. Kait will distribute DFA Badges to us during the Resource Fair in Behrakis on Friday from 2pm to 5pm. If you cannot make that day, please email her at kad427@drexel.edu to arrange for pickup. Kait will also provide a parking code for free parking for our volunteers.

We will be having our annual DFA Family Panel at Gerri C LeBow Hall Room 220/221 and Rose Terrace from 1pm to 2pm, followed by Dessert Reception. We encourage as many of our members as possible to attend the Panel. Raffles for Drexel Swag and basketball tickets!

Here is Doodle with opportunities for help on 10/18 (Resource Fair 2pm-5pm); 10/19 (DFA Panel 1pm-2pm and Greeters); 10/20 (Family Farewell 2pm-4pm) Doodle for Family Weekend Volunteer Sign-ups:
https://doodle.com/poll/bdeugc963knznay

Open Discussion (to conclude by 7:30PM)

Next Meeting: January 22 @6pm

Minutes: Lisa Daughen