

Phi Delta Kappa Chapter #0015
Executive Board Meeting
January 23, 2012

Members Present: Jessica Rivera, John Creswell,
Jody Isernhagen, Sue Heine, Doug Christiansen, Carrie Campbell,
YJ Moses, Mike McDonald, Alicia Dallman, and Ryan Mueller



Members Absent: Tim Golden, Anastasia McNulty, Jaime Pella, Ron Joekel,
Melissa Casper, Jackie Florendo, and Harriet Gould

Meeting Place: NWU, Smith-Curtis #120

1. The minutes from the September 19th, 2011 executive board meeting were previously reviewed and approved “as is” on the Google document site, September 26th and are also available on the PDK website.
2. Ryan discussed the treasurer’s report, November-January, 2012. It was recommended that Ryan, internally separate the monies for the scholarships so we can track them. Doug made this motion and Jody seconded the motion to approve the report which was unanimously approved.
3. Harriet asked members to suggest possibilities for our five awards (refer to pdk.unl.edu) by February 10.
4. The rationale and cancellation for the February 7th, PDK event were discussed. Jessica discussed the tie to the April 17th “Showcase of Teaching, Leadership and Research.” It will be held at Union College. Alicia and Jessica are working on logistics with YJ. Doug has confirmed that three, research presentations will be completed by his students. Jessica is assembling a slate and strands. We are focusing on previous presenters whom were “snowed-out” last year.
5. John, Alicia and Jessica updated the Board on several, noteworthy Research Committee initiatives. First, \$5,500.00 was generously donated by two, anonymous donors which means \$1,500.00 will be awarded to the 2012 Joekel Scholarship winner. Second, Jessica discussed the updated application and evaluation plans for this year. Last, the Committee discussed their presentation last November at the UNL Graduate Student Research Conference. It was well-received and is one step toward the Research Committee’s three goals for 2011-2012 (promote and strengthen the Joekel research award; continue the visiting scholar program; and create a mentor partnership between graduate students and professors to help guide research and foster research discussion in PDK which is being developed this Spring).
6. An update on the attendance and costs for Ryan and Jessica at the International PDK Conference in February at Baltimore for the awarding of the National Emerging Leader to Jessica was provided. Jody made a motion to support registration costs for Ryan. This was seconded by YJ. The motion was unanimously approved. Doug will lead sessions for the Emerging Leaders.

7. The March 28th event with the University of Nebraska at Omaha PDK chapter will be held at the Ashland County Club, 5:00-8:00 (5:00-6:00 social and registration, 6-6:45 supper, 6:45-8:30, interactive panel facilitated by Doug Christensen. Tim Golden and Mike McDonald are coordinating this event. The program is entitled (tentatively) “The Pros and Cons of Tying Students’ Achievement to the Evaluation of Teachers and Administrators.” The panel of presenters represent different sectors of education. Confirmed panelists are: Rob Slauson, Lincoln Southwest (repr. CO and NE perspectives); Frank Harwood, Bellevue Superintendent (repr. KS and NE perspectives); Fred Skretta, Lincoln Northstar (repr. KS, IA and NE); and Senator Greg Adams will be contacted.
8. YJ and Mike updated the process for the 2012 scholarships, high school seniors and preservice educators. The applications will be mailed (to approximately 10 schools) or emailed to the remaining 60 schools in our region by mid-February.
9. Doug and Mike discussed the steps with the Future Education Association. A newly formed State Committee for FEA will be held at Parker’s Steakhouse on Febr. 23 (time tba). Dave Hemphill, PDK regional repr. and Carol Ringenberg, NDE FEA contact are coordinating the setup. Please contact Mike by Febr. 1 if you want details and to serve.
10. The Board discussed four, possible options for the future of the chapter. The open and positive discussion identified four options (in no order of prioritization):
 - reshaping and identifying ourselves as a national v. a locally affiliated chapter;
 - re-approach UNO and develop one chapter for the State;
 - determine the viability of our present direction;
 - discuss formal steps with UNL and explore options with CEHS, particularly EDAD, TLTE, the newly formed graduate student organization. Mike will meet with Brent Cejda on Jan. 24th than update the Board. Viable, future steps will be identified this spring in consideration of the high turnover of Board members, retiring members, the national landscape and International PDK's goals, the viability of a slate of future officers, and centennial plans.

Please record the upcoming events and recruit present AND future members:

Last Executive Board Meeting for 2011-2012: Monday, April 2nd from 5:00-6:30 pm at NWU, Smith-Curtis #120

Activity Dates:

Wed. March 28th, Tues. April 17th, and

Tues. June 5th (initiation, 2012 Joekel Scholarship Awardee presentation, HS and Preservice Scholarships, awards, grad. sts. (being finalized).