PARENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING: SAT. Oct. 1, 2016

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY

Board Members Present:

Barbara McElroy, Vice President
Dorothy Kalicki, Vice President/Treasurer
Sylvia Hubschman, Secretary

Board Members Excused:

Melissa Gates, President

Members at Large:

Salma Asif Carol Sedlak, Immediate Past President

Adelphi University representatives present:

Sam Grogg, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President
Esther Goodcuff, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs
Jeffrey Kessler, Assistant Vice President & Dean of Student Affairs
Della Hudson, Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Joseph DeGearo, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
Kathleen Watchorn, Coordinator of Special Programs & Projects, Division of Student Affairs

Guest Speaker: Sam Grogg, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

The Parents Association held its annual Meeting and Brunch on Saturday, October 1, 2016 during Fall Family weekend. We were joined by approximately 75 parents/guardians, the vast majority of whom identified themselves as having Freshman students at Adelphi. We were also joined by approximately 16 former Parents Association board members who were being honored at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Barbara McElroy who invited all present to consider joining the Board and encouraging nominations from the floor for all positions. Next came a Welcome and President's Report prepared by Melissa Gates and shown on video, since Mrs. Gates was not able to be present due to a family matter that took her out of state. The report included a run down on last year's PA activities and a look ahead to future events (a handout of which was available at the meeting).

Barbara McElroy introduced the PA Board members and representatives of Adelphi who were present. She then introduced Dr. Grogg who was present to talk about *Momentum: The Strategic Plan for Adelphi University 2015 – 2021.* Following his remarks, Dr. Grogg engaged in a Question and Answer Session with those present.

Dean Kessler paid tribute to Past AUPA Board Members who were honored for their service to Adelphi, dating back to the year 2000, when the PA was started at Adelphi. Those present were invited forward to receive certificates and for a group photo.

Next, Mrs. McElroy discussed revisions to the PA Constitution. Thereafter, she called for a vote approving the revisions. By unanimous consent, the revisions were adopted. The new constitution will be posted on the PA webpage. Similarly, Mrs. McElroy discussed proposed Bylaws for the PA. Thereafter, she called for a vote approving the By-laws. By unanimous consent, the By-laws were adopted. The By-laws will also be posted on the PA webpage.

Next, Mrs. McElroy conducted the election for Board Officer positions. Mrs. McElroy nominated Mrs. Gates to remain as President for an additional year and spoke of her qualifications for doing so. The floor was opened to other nominations. There being none, Mrs. McElroy called for a vote. By unanimous consent, Mrs. Gates was re-elected. Mrs. McElroy then nominated herself to serve as Vice President for an additional year and spoke of her qualifications. The floor was opened to other nominations. There being none, Mrs. McElroy called for a vote. By unanimous consent, Mrs. McElroy was re-elected. Two parents (Donna Nugent and Geri Faiella) nominated themselves to the positions of Vice President/Treasurer and Secretary and spoke of their qualifications. The floor was opened to other nominations. There being none, Mrs. McElroy called for a vote on the position of Vice President/Treasurer. By unanimous consent, Mrs. Faiella was elected to the position. Similarly, Mrs. Nugent was elected to the position of Secretary.

There being no other business of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.