

**Delta Upsilon Chapter at-Large
Faculty Counselors & Governance Committee
Annual Report**

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Membership

- Faculty Counselors from Rhode Island College (Karen Hetzel 2009-2011), the University of Rhode Island (Wylie Dassie 2010-2012) and Salve Regina University (Eileen Gray 2010-2011)
- Kathy Paquette (2009-2011), Michele Siskind (2010-2012) and Nicole Smith (2009-2011) – governance committee members

Number of meetings held

- Board of Directors' meetings, phone, and email communications
- Two actual meetings (11-15-10 & 3-22-11) were effective for accomplishing the business of the Faculty Counselors and Governance Committee. We also had virtual meetings via email to conduct business as well.

Goals for the present year

- Induct new members as described in the procedures for the electronic induction process received from STTI headquarters.
- Increase liaison activities with clinical agencies.
- Update the by-laws to reflect alignment with STTI.

Business Accomplished

- Induction of 116 new members.
RIC – The maximum number of eligible undergraduate students by grade point average (3.0 or above) and class rank order (upper 35%) was 40. GPAs ranged from 3.416 - 3.978. All 40 students were invited for induction and accepted the invitation. 2 students were eligible by virtue of their demonstrated leadership on campus and in the RIC SON and were also inducted. (Their GPA was over the 3.0 criteria.) 5 BSN-RN students were invited for induction and 2 accepted the invitation. 6 graduate students were invited for induction and 4 accepted the invitation. 3 nurse leaders were invited for induction and accepted the invitation for a total of 51 newly inducted members from RIC. 38 of the newly inducted members attended the ceremony.
URI – The maximum number of eligible undergraduate students by grade point average (3.0 or above) and class rank order (upper 35%) was 54. GPAs ranged from 3.4 - 3.85. The 54 undergraduate students were invited for induction and 47

accepted the invitation; 30 graduate students were invited for induction and one accepted the invitation. 11 RN-BSN students were invited for induction and 1 accepted the invitation; 1 Nurse Leader was invited for induction and accepted the invitation for a total of 50 newly inducted members from URI.

SRU – The maximum number of eligible undergraduate students by grade point average (3.0 or above) and class rank order (upper 35%) was 8. GPAs ranged from 3.42 - 3.96. The 8 undergraduate students were invited for induction and accepted the invitation as well as 6 RN-BSN students were invited for induction and accepted the invitation for a total of 14 newly inducted members from SRU. All undergraduate students attended the ceremony. One student was added for induction in April due to an administrative glitch, making the total 15.

- Scholarships were given to LoriAnn Lima - the Brem Award and Emily Cooney - the undergraduate scholarship from RIC; Julia Seddon - the Brem Award, Joelle Gagnon – the undergraduate scholarship & Joyce Hickey - the graduate scholarship at the masters level from URI; Sarah Frazer - the Brem Award from SRU. Eileen Gray received the graduate scholarship at the doctoral level.
- The Chapter Service Award was given to Kathleen Gremel, DU secretary.
- The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Ellen McCarty.
- The Louisa White Award was given to Deborah Clickner.
- Set-up and participated in the Induction Ceremony, December 5th, 2010 at the Quonset O Club. Collaborated on the contents of the program with Induction Ceremony Chairperson and chapter president, Patricia Quigley. Requested that inductees' sign a media release form to allow pictures from the induction ceremony for uploading on DU web site by Mary Louise Palm.
- Selected a new member from each of the academic institutions for a biography to be included on the Chapter web site. These biographies were written by the Faculty Counselors and included with pictures on the web site.
- A community event was organized to collect eyeglasses last spring but did not yield many donations. In February 2011, a kick-off meeting was held to get support to make the drive more successful. Collection boxes were setup at around RI. There were over 200 eyeglasses collected by the spring business meeting. They will be given to the Lion's Club this summer for their use/distribution. The STTI Community Service Star was given to the chapter in recognition of this event.
- Informally communicated with members to encourage them to maintain active status in the Chapter.
- Encouraged students and newly inducted members to attend the spring meeting and program in April, 2011 at the Providence Marriott Downtown. A number of new inductees did attend.
- The By-laws were updated to reflect the present biennium. Minor changes were voted on at the spring business meeting and approved by the members. See attached for newest DU By-laws 2009-2011.
- Attended Board of Directors' meetings or submitted reports to Board.

Unfinished or ongoing business

- Induction process will begin in the summer for the fall 2011 induction ceremony. Will advertise the membership drive for fall 2011 induction by placing flyers in the schools and making announcements in undergraduate classes and faculty meetings, sending e-mails to the graduate students, and planning informational sessions for the fall semester. We will be switching this year to the spring for induction, so there will be a 2nd induction in April 2012 – students will be eligible as 2nd semester juniors with the minimum GPA of 3.0 and in the top 35% of their graduating class.
- Continue liaison activities with clinical agencies - a plan was discussed to get the area institutions more involved in our chapter last year however it did not result in increased activities. We will work on another approach this fall.

Problems encountered

- The electronic induction process continues to present problems for students. Students still need continuous follow up from faculty counselors to complete applications and pay fees.

Budget for present year and expenditures

- Induction expenses managed through the Board of Directors.

Proposed budget for present year

- Induction expenses will continue to be managed through the Board of Directors.

Recommendations for following year

- Continue to analyze the electronic induction process to enable Faculty Counselors and potential candidates to work more effectively in communicating throughout the weeks preceding the induction. All payments will go through STTI website this year.
- Plan another community event for new and recently inducted members to participate in and demonstrate dedication to the chapter with service.
- In the fall, the Chapter Management Manual needs to be reviewed to make sure any changes made over the year are updated to reflect our current practice.

Committee members willing to serve

- Wylie Dassie will be the Faculty Counselor for URI (2010-2012)
- Karen Hetzel will be the Faculty Counselor for RIC (2011-2013) – newly re-elected
- Eileen Gray will be the faculty Counselor for SRU (2011-2013) – newly elected
- Michelle Siskind will be a member of the governance committee (2010-2012)
- Diane Hodrick will be a member of the governance committee (2011-2013)
- Tiffany Hanks will be a member of the governance committee (2011-2013)