



Pi Lambda Phi • PA Alpha Delta Alumni Association

University Relations Committee Meeting with Temple Administration

January 17, 2007
Temple University

Attendance:

Katie D'Angelo, Associate Dean of Students
Chris Hopkins, Faculty Advisor, Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity

Meeting Summary:

Katie was happy to inform me that the guys are staying out of her reports and out of the news. I informed her of our progress as an alumni association and the steps we are taking to get the house back to where it needs to be with the University.

One of her main questions was what is IHQ's role is in all of this. I told her that our chapter is very important to Pi Lam as a whole and that IHQ is VERY supportive of getting the Temple Pi Lam chapter back in order. She wanted to know the language that IHQ uses to describe us. I told her that I couldn't put words in their mouths because I am not involved on that end of the negotiations, but just re-iterated that our chapter was very important to IHQ, otherwise they would have yanked our charter.

I explained to her our new Alumni Executive Board, the committee's created, the appointed advisors, and the intentions to keep the ball rolling. I told her that the excitement and dedication of brothers from that Kovner night was still there and we are moving forward to get our chapter back, not only as a unified brotherhood, but also into 2000 N. Broad St.

There was more candid conversation about how we need to be looking into the future so that we aren't in the same seat in another six years. She mentioned how we really need to go back to our core values and define what makes us different. Why are students pledging our house? Realistically, students can round up their friends and get a keg for their apartment to drink, they don't need to pledge a fraternity to do that (her words)? What separates us from other fraternities? She made a comment about how she has fraternities coming to her when they are in trouble pleading about how much community service they do. Her response: "The students involved in the office of community service quadruple the amount of service you do."

Personally, I know for a fact that a part of the problem with the current undergrad brotherhood is that it is a house divided. There are a lot of people who don't like each other. Not to say that all brothers from the past have gotten along with everyone, but I would venture to guess that it never got to a point where the house was completely divided/civil war. I'm happy to see that we have new officers. Hopefully this is a turning point to that problem. I think we are going to have to think outside the proverbial box. What does make us different? Recruiting quality vs. quantity will be difficult once we have the reins to recruit, especially since we would have gone possibly three full semesters without new members.

The Division of Student Affairs currently does not have a Dean of Students, and doesn't plan to have one until June. They have been trying to work on getting a full-time Greek staff member for

the past 2 years, but have fallen short with other "more important" issues. There are other non-dissolved fraternities who are currently just suspended that are also trying to dig themselves out of a hole with the university. I feel that it will definitely be a challenge to get our proposals approved to become un-dissolved. I know for a fact (from our last experience with this, circa 1998-2000) that there are a lot of meetings with upper administration and a lot of revisions to satisfy their wants. Just getting on their calendar will be a challenge. We're a thorn to them to begin with.

We need to:

- A.) be overly prepared with our proposal, and
- B.) have the undergrad have some ownership to the proposal. A students voice will need to be heard through all of this... otherwise it's just the alumni that want it back.

Meeting adjourned

Observations

Overall, it went really well and she is interested in our progress. I think we need to set some realistic goals because at this point I feel that we won't even be able to get on the VP's calendar until late summer/early Fall.

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