



Pi Lambda Phi • PA Alpha Delta Alumni Association

University Relations Committee Meeting with Temple Administration

Monday, September 17, 2007

Temple University

Attendance:

Ainsley Carry, Ed.D.: Associate Vice President/Dean of Students

Amy Hecht, Assistant Dean of Students

Jen Fitzwater, Program Coordinator, Office of Student Activities (Greek Advisor)

Gary Sanders, Director Pi Lambda Phi IHQ

Mike Naegele, President PA Alpha Delta Alumni Association

Meeting began approx 10am and ended approx 11:30am

Meeting Summary:

The Dean began the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and getting right to it. He is still very concerned that the “dissolved” fraternity is operating as itself and that is a violation of the student code of conduct. The undergrads must have recently registered for a flag football team as “Pi Lam”. That will have to be undone quickly. They are not permitted to act as a group as it involves anything with the University. They are dissolved and therefore by the rules of the university should no longer exist. While this was admittedly a hard line approach, this is what the current rules state.

Dean Carry pointed out the numerous instances from the Temple Police blotter (that occurred within/around the fraternity) after the University dissolved the group. You could tell what bothered him the most were the many instances of fighting/violence. He questioned Gary on the level of suspension from IHQ and when it began. The inference was that if these young men blatantly disregarded University sanctions, blatantly disregarded IHQ sanctions and were nearly as violent as the police blotter stated, why would anyone support their reinstatement?

He was interested in hearing what Pi Lam (IHQ and Alumni Association) have accomplished and/or are interested in accomplishing. Mike and Gary informed the panel of the establishment of the AA and its five core committees as well as the appointment of co-chapter advisors Tim Bryan and Ron Savarese. We told the panel about the reorganization process and gave them the numbers of people who went through the process and estimated we had 12 active members for the fall of 2007.

We talked a great deal about goals.

The Dean's goals:

- Establish a relationship with Pi Lam
- Maintaining student safety
- Adherence to the Student Code of Conduct

T.U. Staff goals:

- Accountability within Pi Lam and for the University
- Concern for T.U. community (can't have “underground” fraternities)

Pi Lam goals:

- Get to the point where we can rush/recruit.
- Renegotiating terms of dissolution
- Handle the property at 2000 N. Broad

Amy Hecht stated that she would not have voted to dissolve Pi Lam and seemed to have agreement from everyone. Everyone recognized that the people in the room were all “new” and willing to try to find somewhere between dissolved and suspension that allows for the development of young men. (I believe that might have been the key point of the meeting.)

Amy Hecht thought about treating Pi Lam as a colony, but the idea was shot down because of the rules of being a colony couldn't apply to Pi Lam.

Dean Carry stated that he was aware that people in a dissolved organization could have the “screw you, T.U.” attitude and he was interested in trying to do something “outside the box” in order to get Pi Lam back and avoid having an underground fraternity.

He referred to a timeline often that the university dissolved Pi Lam in 2005 and they were suspended by IHQ in 2006. From 2005 to 2006 they continued to act as Pi Lam. Since May of 2006 they have had meetings but have generally flown under the radar. (that was deemed a good thing) Dissolved status for others has never been less than a five year sentence. Suspension usually lasts 2 years. Under their normal guidelines the dissolved status would exist until 2009 and the chapter would be on probation until 2010. Dean Carry is looking to do something different than that. He showed concern that if exceptions are made for Pi Lam than other organizations would wonder why exceptions were being made in our case. His comment was “would it be because their (Pi Lam) alums give more money.” If I take that statement combined with his later statement that our meeting and its outcomes are of great interest to the president of the university, I would assume that Eli Hoffman has been doing some diligent campaigning on our behalf.

Several times throughout the meeting Gary and I asked that inside whatever plan they were thinking of, we needed to include the ability to rush in the spring.

As a matter of my personal opinion, Dean Carry seems interested in helping and willing to try something new to make something good happen. Amy Hecht seems willing to help. Jen Fitzwater does not seem interested. My guess is that she has had more direct contact with the undergrads and has been unimpressed by them (to say it nicely).

I gave everyone my business card with home and cell numbers. We told them about the removal of the previous chapter advisor and they were all pleased to hear it. We did not agree on a future meeting date but we left off with the Dean saying that he needed to confer with the people on the panel and get back to Gary and/or me as soon as he could. He let us know that this was his decision to make but he would run all of it by the president of the university.

If we are able to establish a working relationship with the University it will be imperative that one or many of the undergrads spends a great deal of time getting to know Jen and Amy. They will need to run all of their activities through Jen's office for quite some time. We will need to get to the point where Jen and Amy are very fond of them and interested in working with them.

Mike Naegele
President, PA Alpha Delta Alumni Association
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