

From the Association president...

This space highlights current issues and meetings as well as upcoming events, decisions, and volunteer “opportunities”.

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August 11, 2007 –“A-Section” Family Day was a success. Eva White (Student Affairs Department) did her usual outstanding job, providing tables in the Campus Center and a wealth of materials for new parents. Sue & Mark Rieger, Ken Walker, Ralph Gruss and I sold t-shirts and Gold Cards and added a few names to our email notification list.



The association meeting kicked off at 11:15 just before brunch and after introducing the current board members I asked Dr. Michael Harris, the new Provost, to introduce himself and describe his responsibilities. Michelle Vyskocil, currently the Registrar, is now also the acting interim Associate Provost, taking over for Dr. Shotick. I look forward to working with her and her people over the next year.

We covered a lot of ground during the meeting. Please read the meeting minutes for the details.

Board Elections

In the Family Day board meeting we overwhelmingly approved that the board should have a position for both an A and B section Vice President in order to ensure that both sections are properly represented. The by-laws will be updated accordingly.

Julie Blalock was unanimously elected as “A-section VP”. Thank you as well to Joyce Hendrick for volunteering to be an A-section representative.

Anyone still interested in one of the open board positions please **contact me by email or phone**. Our secretary Sue Rieger has offered her position for a new candidate. (She’s had the job for two years and would be happy to pass the job on to someone new.) Primarily, the Secretary’s responsibilities involve documenting our meetings and the decisions and issues discussed and resolved. It’s a good “excuse” for coming to Kettering where, since you’re already in the neighborhood, you can check up on your student.

I heard about a web service at “www.isitnetworks.com” that provides many of the features we’ve discussed and at a reasonable price. It would involve a monthly fee for service but might provide an easy way to implement many of our more interesting ideas. We need to look at our budget and see if it would work. (To be discussed at our next meeting.)

Our Email Notification list now has 107 names. If you are on that list, you should have received an email from me in July. Expect another note in October after B-section Orientation.

Finally, don't forget to ask your student about their co-op interviews and jobs. The university does a wonderful job helping them prepare for these but it is not unusual to have several interviews before finding one that produces a job. I remember the anxiety we felt during my son's first term as we waited for that first job offer. He eventually received a good offer and has been working for that company ever since. So don't get discouraged.

Finally, if you think of anything that would have been helpful to a new parent that we did not do but could have, please let me know.

Cordially,

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