An Overview of the Phi Kappa Phi-LSU Chapter

Presented to the LSU Faculty Senate
February 18, 2010

Agenda

Quick Refresher on Phi Kappa Phi
Meet the LSU Chapter Team
Membership: Current & Goals
Scholarships & Awards
Budget Issues
Spring Initiation Ceremony/Reception
Seminar Series
Community Service Activity
Web Presence
Questions, Comments, Suggestions
Quick Refresher on Phi Kappa Phi

- Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine
- The nation's oldest, largest, and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines.
- Chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines.
- Each year, approximately 30,000 members are initiated.
- The national office is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Currently over 105,000 members
- Since its founding, Phi Kappa Phi has initiated more than 1 million members into its ranks.

Phi Kappa Phi-Mission & Motto

Mission:
"To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Motto:
“Let the love of learning rule humanity.”
Meet the LSU Chapter Team

- Rich Vlosky, President
- Qinglin Wu, Vice-President
- Krisanna Machtmes, Secretary
- Witoon Prinyawiwatkul, Treasurer
- Ken Paxton, Membership
- Ruth Patrick, Institutional Memory & Chapter Advisor
- Student Vice-Presidents
  - Michael Collins
  - Lindsay Guillory
  - Shhyam Moorthy
  - Daniel Noel

Membership at LSU

Only two other honor societies, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi have requirements for membership as exacting as Phi Kappa Phi’s.

Membership is by invitation only

- Top 7.5 percent of second-semester juniors by dept.
- Top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students by dept.
- Faculty members, staff—Up to 3% of the number of students invited in any given semester. (Spring 2010=44)
- Honorary, Distinguished Member and Lifetime memberships are also provided if warranted. Paid by the Chapter
### Scholarships & Awards (National)

- Love of Learning Grants
- Scholar & Artist Awards
- Study Abroad Grants
- Literacy Grants
- Fellowships
  - LSU Nominee is Katherine Smith
  - James “Jim” Rabalais (#2)
  - Aimee Hymel (#3)
Scholarships & Awards (LSU Chapter)

- Outstanding
- Freshman
- Junior
- Senior
- Non-Tenure Track Professor
- Scholarships for Fellowship 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place
  - 1st: $500
  - 2nd: $300
  - 3rd: $200

Spring Initiation (March 25, 2010)
1,461 Students Invited

- Vetmed: 4%
- Law: 4%
- Ph.D.: 16%
- Seniors: 43%
- Masters: 17%
- Juniors: 16%
Spring Initiation (March 25, 2010)

- Keynote Speaker: Baton Rouge Mayor Melvin “Kip” Holden
- 30-40 Faculty, Staff Members to be Invited
- 5-10 Honorary, Distinguished Member and Lifetime Memberships are anticipated

Seminar Series

Jointly sponsored: Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society

Dr. John Russin, Director, Louisiana Institute for Biofuels and Bioprocessing (LIBBi) in the LSU AgCenter and LSU AgCenter Associate Vice-Chancellor

“An Overview of Louisiana Biofuels, Bioprocessing, and LIBBi”

Friday, March 5th 3:30-4:30 in Room 142, School of Renewable Natural Resources.

Open to the Public; Refreshments will be served
Community Service Activity

Event name: Helping Haiti 5K Run/Walk

Partners
- The Baton Rouge Chapter of the American Red Cross
- Phi Kappa Phi-LSU Chapter
- International Student Association at LSU
- International Cultural Center

Scope/purpose/segment served: Haiti Victims Relief Effort

Location: Louisiana State University

Date: April/May

Web Presence

Facebook Group: 136 Members

Web site in development: will be up in the next week or so. www.pkp.lsu.edu
Questions, Comments, Suggestions

Contact:
Richard Vlosky, President
578-4527
rvlosky@agcenter.lsu.edu