

**Dominican University of California**  
**Parent Council**  
***Minutes from the meeting of***  
April 4, 2006

Members in attendance were John Kennedy, Gary Gillard, Esther Garrotto, Al Garrotto, Ken Silva, and Jim Barrington.

1. Spring Conference Call: Twice annually, we invite *all* DU parents to “attend” our monthly meeting via telephone conference call. Our Spring call-in took place at this meeting. After a few false starts, we were able to receive calls from parents.
2. Graduation: John will put Graduation Day (May 13) information for parents on the University's newly remodeled Web site, including suggestions for local hotel accommodations. Please look for it if you need more information. For any other questions about Graduation 2006, contact John Kennedy ([JKennedy@dominican.edu](mailto:JKennedy@dominican.edu)).
3. Parent Fund Update: Our goal for the parent-funded lab in the now under-construction Science and Technology Building is \$25,000. Parent donations to date stand at \$4,520. Donations to the separate Annual Parent Fund Drive to date total \$9,075. The Parent Council wishes to express its gratitude to all parents who have contributed to these drives. We also encourage more parents to help out with donations of any amount. We intend to continue raising funds next year (2006-2007) to meet our goal.

At our next meeting, we will be asking for ideas about how to get more parent involvement for funding help and for active Parent Council participation next year (2007-2007).

4. Library Hours: A few parents have asked why the university library does not open earlier than 2 p.m. on Sundays. The answer is simply that the vast majority of students do "surface" until noon or later on Sundays. This has been confirmed by the administration and backed up by Deborah Connors, general manager of Bon Appetit (food service).
5. Science and Technology Building: Construction is on course for 2007 completion.
6. Board of Trustees Meeting Report: The DU Board of Trustees will be working on a strategic 10-year plan for growth. John will report progress to us at each of our meetings.

7. Summer Facility Improvements/Maintenance: The facilities manager will join us at our next meeting to report on what is in store for dorm maintenance and repair for this summer. Parent Council members have offered to do a walk-through with him at his convenience to review the year-end status of the buildings and offer our advice and recommendations.
8. Honors Ceremony: John informed us that the Honors ceremony will be held on April 28, 2006. One of our callers asked how students will know if they qualify for Honors, since final grades will not be in by graduation. John answered that the honors designations are based on grade point averages as of the end of the first semester of senior year.
9. Student Forum Report: John shared with us information from a student forum held on March 29 to hear student concerns. Issues raised concerned tuition, parking, and academics.
10. One-Card System in Works: John informed us that, beginning with the fall semester, DU will be installing a one-card payment system to be issued to students. Students will use their card for entry into resident halls, laundry, food service, vending machines, etc. Parents will be able to add money to the card, as needed. Another feature of the card is its use for security purposes. Use of the card will be tracked, which will allow the University to know who is entering resident halls and at what time.
11. Parent Council Dinner: Since some of our Parent Council members will be "graduating" along with their students, John invited those attending the meeting to have dinner in Caleruega Hall following the May meeting.

Next Meeting: May 2, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in Guzman Hall.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Gary Gillard and Al Garrotto.