Dominican University of California
Parent Council

Minutes from the meeting of
November 1, 2005

In attendance were John Kennedy, Paul Raccanello, Gary Gillard, Katie McCulla, Kathryn Gant Bradley and Ken Silva.

1. **New Parent Member**: We welcomed DU parent Kathryn Gant Bradley to our group.

2. **Fall Newsletter**: Compliments were made on the recent Newsletter issue, but the E-scrip signup form did not go out with parents’ letter. Parents can obtain E-scrip by going to the parent page on the University website.

3. **Phone-A-Thon**: We made about 150 calls to DU parents and were gratified by the positive response. Mark Jaime and his staff did a great job of prepping us, and the forms were very easy to follow. We will finish up the calls at our December meeting.

4. **Conference Call**: Our December 6th meeting will be open to all parents who wish to join us via conference call from 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Pacific Time). We hope that parents around the country will participate. The toll-free call-in number is 1-888-323-6763.

5. **Student Rep**: We welcomed Katie McCulla to the group as the ASDU Rep.

6. **Security**: Parent Jim Barrington communicated to us a concern about security in the form of nighttime escorting of students from one area of the campus to another. John Kennedy assured us that current security staffing is adequate and available to provide this service. He expressed the hope that more students would take advantage of this assistance.

7. **On-Campus Parking**: Jim Barrington would also like to see additional parking to replace the Meadowlands lot, which is now the construction site for the new Science and Technology Building. The overflow lot at the Conlan Recreation Center will be kept open to provide additional parking.

8. **Future Open House Days**: One parent complained that, at Open House Days, the Admissions Dept. puts too much emphasis on selling parents on the benefits of their child attending DU, rather than convincing prospective students of the benefits. John Kennedy agreed to pass this concern on to Admissions Director Art Criss.
9. **Library**: John Kennedy was asked to check into the library hours on Sundays. Paul Raccanello said he thought the hours were from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We asked our new student rep to look into this and report back at our next meeting.

10. **Parents Basketball Night**: John Kennedy will let us know when we can have parents night at a DU basketball game.

11. **New Campus Committee**: John said that, in response to student complaints, the University is establishing a Committee to rewrite its Visitation and Cohabitation Policy. He said that DU will make sure all students and parents are aware of the policy’s provisions. Kathryn Grant Bradley requested that the new policy should address the issue of Internet visitors coming onto campus. We will keep parents updated as this committee’s work progresses.

Next meeting will be Dec. 6, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. in Guzman Hall. Our conference call will be followed by completion of the Phone-A-Thon.

**Addendum to the minutes:**
The Parent Council members Gary Gillard and Jim Barrington attended the November 3 groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Science and Technology Building. In all, around 400 people attended, including many trustees, dignitaries, students, administrators and alumni. The speeches were excellent, as was the luncheon that followed. Completion is expected in April 2007.