Dominican University of California
Parent Council

Minutes from the meeting of
September 6, 2005

In attendance were Paul Raccanello, John Kennedy, Gary Gillard, Jim Barrington, Mike Mendoza, and Karma Kirkpatrick.

1. **New Parent Members:** We welcome two new parents today: Mike Mendoza, whose daughter is a freshmen, and Karma Kirkpatrick whose son is freshmen. We are very excited about these parents’ future with us.

2. **Student Rep:** A new student rep to the DUPC will be elected tomorrow and will be present at our next meetings.

3. **Phone-A-Thon:** The new VP for Institutional Advancement will join us at our next meeting to finalize the details of the fundraising Parent Phone-A-Thon. He just assumed his position on campus today.

4. **Campus Food Service:** Dave Wilson has been promoted by Bon Appetit to handle catering at the D'Young Museum in San Francisco. His replacement is Deborah Conner who will manage Caleruega Hall dining services. She has requested that students come directly to her with any food-related concerns. We will make Deborah's e-mail available to parents.

   Also, ASDU will not have a food council this year.

   The Café Fanjeaux coffee bar has been moved out of Fanjeaux Hall and is now located in Caleruega. The service is open during hours when Caleruega is not serving food.

5. **Seniors’ Concerns:** Al and Esther Garrotto sent an e-mail expressing concerns related by some of this year’s senior class regarding communication with campus administrative offices. John Kennedy agreed to meet with all parties involved to smooth out problems of communication between students and the departments.

6. **DU Parent Conference Call:** The conference call meeting, during which all parents around the country are invited to call in and participate in our meeting, will take place at our November 1, 2005 meeting. John Kennedy will tell us what phone number to advertise for this event.

7. **Parent Newsletter:** Al Garrotto will prepare a newsletter in time for an October 15th mailing.
8. **Parent Information on the Web:** Paul Raccanello said he will make sure that our parent newsletter, meeting minutes, and parent page are kept up to date on the University's website. John Kennedy said that he will have a parent-friendly school-year calendar for the website by Thursday, Sept. 8th.

9. **Business Office Issues:** Mike Mendoza related some encounters he has had with the business office regarding tuition billing. We will follow up with his issues in October to see if they have been resolved. If they have not, we will ask John Kennedy's advice on how parents can obtain earlier monthly billing.

10. **Million-Dollar Walk:** DU President Dr. Joseph Fink has requested one or two parents from the PC to do a “Million-Dollar Walk” around the campus with him. The idea would be: If the University had a million dollars to spend, how would we suggest allocating that money? Contact Gary Gillard, if you are interested. The walk will be scheduled in late September or early October.

11. **Meadowlands:** Jim Barrington expressed some concerns about flooring and plumbing in Room 51 of Meadowlands Hall. Paul Raccanello agreed to inspect the room after the meeting and get back to us on this matter.

12. **Athletic Teams Transportation:** The Parent Council reminded John Kennedy and Paul Raccanello that sport teams, including the Cheer team, must be transported by the University to off-campus events. For liability reasons, student-athletes and cheerleaders are not permitted to use their own personal vehicles.

13. **Katrina-displaced Students:** John Kennedy shared with us that the University has admitted six students whose lives and educations were uprooted by Hurricane Katrina. These students arrived today and are already enjoying the Dominican experience. What a great gesture!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 4:30 p.m. in Guzman Hall