

Alpha Lambda Delta UMASS Amherst Chapter
First Chapter Meeting of 2008

1. Introductions (President and Secretary)
 - a. Bill reminded everyone you do not have to maintain a 3.7 once inducted
 - b. Open for any questions
 - c. Break up into three committees to discuss future events
2. Community Service Committee
 - a. Began with an icebreaker to get the members of the community service committee acquainted with one another.
 - b. Mike and I asked the thirty-five members of our committee to divide into groups of five and then we ask each group to decide which month of the academic school year they would like to represent. We then had each individual group to brainstorm ideas for a community service event that they could plan, organized, and carry out for their particular month. For example, the September group thought of holding free tutoring sessions for students at a near by elementary school and the December group thought of collecting coats, hats, and mittens for needy children.
 - c. Those who were able to attend this meeting don't worry there are two other months, February and March, that the other members didn't select. At the next meeting those who couldn't attend the first meeting can enter into one of those two months and decide on an event.
 - d. We decided that working in conjunction with the fundraising committee might be beneficial in reducing the cost of participating in community events.
 - e. Since the date for the Relay for Life is so rapidly approaching and there isn't enough time for sufficient planning, we decided not to participate this year, but are hoping to get a team together for next year.
 - f. There is an event called Push America that we are hoping to participate in, which takes place on Saturday, April 26 beginning at 9 A.M. Participants can run or walk a mile. There is a ten-dollar fee for students. There will be raffle prizes, free t-shirts, and food. More information about this event can be found at www.pushrace.com. About ten members have already signed up and if anyone else is interested send an e-mail to our president, Bill Floyd.
 - g. Mike and I would like to have our society represent a major community service event on campus so next year we are hoping to plan and organize a large event. We would like our society to be well known for making a significant contribution to the community, so we hope all members will remain interested and actively involved.
 - h. If anyone has any questions please feel free to e-mail me. There will be another meeting before the end of the year, so hopefully those who were able to attend the first meeting will be able to attend the net one.
3. Academic Committee
 - a. Icebreaker
 - b. We're definitely going to do a BROCHURE for incoming freshman
 - i. Possible Event Coordinators: Margaret Grace, Jess Brown, and Molly Fellows
 - ii. Target audience: Could include just ComCol students or students living in First Year Experience Halls, from all residential areas not just O'Hill like last year

- iii. Timeline: We will do the legwork for this during the remainder of the semester, hopefully we can get it printed and all set to go before we leave for the summer
 - iv. Group Involvement: Anyone can help out and contribute ideas, we will ask for comments and advice from the group at large, 16 people from the general chapter meeting were interested in helping out
 - v. Things to include: Advice (cool classes/professors, where to get help, places to study, things we wish we had known, where to find advising, general comments about dorm living, laundry, and college, etc) and information about ALD (how to join, who we are, etc)
 - c. We also talked about sponsoring some kind of a speaker
 - i. Thoughts: ALD alumni, Professor Tammy _____ of the Psych department (suggested by Jess and Holly, Jess is going to see if she is interested), we also thought about having a political debate related to the upcoming election
 - ii. Timeline: We are hoping to do this before the end of this semester
 - iii. Group Involvement: 14 people said they would be interested in helping out/attending this event
 - iv. Event Leader: Jess Brown mentioned interest, ANYONE ELSE?
 - d. We are also going to have monthly seminars for incoming freshmen in the fall
 - i. Timeline: These will happen during the fall semester and will be designed to help new freshmen get to know ALD and help them adjust to college
 - ii. Event Leaders: There will be one or two for each of the seminars
 - iii. Group Involvement: 16 people said they would be interested in helping with this event
 - iv. Themes: Each seminar would be based on a specific topic (study skills, a majors panel, Spire, etc)
 - e. Study Break during finals week
 - i. Ideas: Free food, stress reliever, free massages, yoga class
 - ii. Group Involvement: 27 people were interested
 - iii. Timeline: This would be for the current semester
 - f. Other Ideas:
 - i. Refworks: People didn't seem to be really interested
 - ii. Trivia night/Academic Bowl
 - g. Voted on events (if you would like to vote are add to this list, please send us an email)
 - i. brochure – 0
 - ii. professor speaking – 14
 - iii. major's panel – 16
 - iv. study break – 27
 - v. freshman seminar – 16
- 4. Fundraising Committee
 - a. Co-Chairs Ian and Stephanie introduced themselves
 - b. The Committee broke up into groups of 3-4
 - i. Individuals introduced themselves within their groups
 - 1. Name, major, hometown, adjective to describe themselves
 - ii. brainstormed ideas/events for the committee
 - iii. Prepared to act out their idea for charades
 - c. Regrouped as a large group, as the committee
 - i. Each sub group member introduced themselves to the whole committee

- ii. Groups acted out their idea and the rest of the committee guessed
 - 1. Dodge ball
 - 2. Bake Sale
 - 3. ALD apparel
 - d. Brainstormed as a whole, other ideas
 - i. Date Auction
 - ii. Car Wash
 - iii. Dance-a-thon
 - iv. Restaurant sponsor/wings
 - e. Ideas for charity groups to donate to
 - i. Guide Dog Foundation
 - ii. Doug Flutie Foundation
 - iii. Ronald McDonald Foundation
 - f. Down time while waiting to regroup with the other 2 committees
 - g. As one whole group, of all three committees, votes were placed on each event/idea
 - i. Date Auction (0)
 - ii. Car Wash (19)
 - iii. Dance-a-thon (16)
 - iv. **Restaurant sponsor/wings (35)**
 - v. **Dodge ball (35)**
 - vi. Bake Sale (25)
 - vii. ALD apparel (16)
 - h. Other Notes:
 - i. Thursday evenings seemed to be the best date for committee meetings
 - ii. For the sports (dodge ball, etc) competition/tourneys, have teams compete from each part of campus (NE, SW, O-Hill, etc)
- 5. Closing remarks
 - a. Passed out certificates
 - b. Sign up for Push America
 - c. Open floor of any other questions