

**Meeting Minutes**  
**State College Borough Council**  
**Work Session**  
**April 19, 2005**  
**5:00 p.m.**

The State College Borough Council met in a special meeting at Tau Delta fraternity, 429 East Hamilton Avenue, State College PA. Council President Daubert called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Thomas E. Daubert, President of Council  
Catherine G. Dauler  
Elizabeth A. Goreham  
Jeffrey R. Kern

Absent: Janet K. Knauer  
Craig R. Humphrey  
James H. Meyer

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; and members of the Interfraternity Council: Chris Brehm, Drew Conly, Brian Bertges, and Jason Yanushonis.

Public Hour: none

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss projects sponsored by the Interfraternity Council (IFC) to improve community relations and reduce neighborhood nuisance problems initiated by the fraternities.

Mr. Bertges, President of the IFC, thanked Council for agreeing to the meeting and asked Mr. Yanushonis to brief Council on several IFC projects.

Mr. Yanushonis reported the IFC is working with the University to establish standards and hold Chapters accountable for adhering to those standards. The IFC is also working with Nationals and Penn State to re-engage the National Headquarters in the local Chapters. Mr. Yanushonis reported Penn State now has five staff members working in the Greek Life Office to support these activities.

In response to a question by Mr. Kern concerning incidents that had occurred during social activities the weekend prior to this meeting, Mr. Yanushonis explained how the IFC Social Monitor program monitors events. As a result of this Program, the IFC is aware of problems that occur and takes appropriate disciplinary action against any offending Chapter.

Ms. Goreham asked about the Greek Pride Statement. Mr. Bertges responded that the Greek Pride Statement is part of the process of preparing written standards to be enforced by the University. This should begin in February 2006. He noted that the IFC was planning to voluntarily implement the standards ahead of the University.

Several Council Members asked how the Council can help with these projects. Drew Conly noted recent funding assistance provided by the University Community Partnership United against Dangerous Drinking to support the IFC's alcohol awareness training programs (TIPS). Mr. Conly noted that thus far, 450 men and women have been trained through the IFC's TIPS program and their goal is to train 1000 by 2006. He also reported that the IFC is continuing to work on its sexual assault prevention program. Mr. Kern noted that the sexual assault prevention program had been received positively by the community.

Brian Bertges also reported that the IFC is continuing to work with the Greek Alumni Council to establish a system to register social events as a means of reducing neighborhood problems. In addition, the University has created a strong level of support for the IFC so these initiatives should continue through changes in IFC leadership.

In response to a question from Dr. Daubert, Mr. Conly noted that the fraternities are working on new service projects that will benefit the community. These will be in addition to THON. He asked for assistance in establishing a tour of fraternity houses for the fall. Ms. Dauler responded that the Borough's Historic Resource Commission is interested in this and suggested that Mr. Conly contact her for additional information as the IFC moves forward with this project.

After thanking everyone for their good work and pledging continued cooperation, Mr. Daubert adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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