

Beta Phi Mu
International Library and Information Science Honor Society

Epsilon Chapter
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2012

The Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu met for its 2012 dinner and initiation ceremony on Tuesday May 1, 2012 at Maggiano's Little Italy in Durham, NC.

Initiation: After a half-hour social, President Donna Nixon began the initiation ceremony at 6:30pm. She along with Vice-President Emily Jack and Secretary/Treasurer Sarah Jorda served as ceremony readers. Sixteen new initiates were inducted. Mildred Davidson, Elizabeth Dorner, Tyler Dzuba, Ryan Greenway, Kimberly Hirsh, Pamela Mayer, and Terrell Russell were in attendance. Initiated in absentia were Brooks Breece, Carolyn Hank, Jeffery Loo, Adam Mack, Adam Martine, Michael Nutt, Thomas Richey, Ann Skaggs, and Frederic Stutzman.

Awards: President Nixon recognized Carolyn Hank as the Achievement Award recipient in absentia.

Rememberance of Dr. Deborah Barreau: SILS Faculty Advisor/Liason Brian Sturm gave a heartfelt tribute to his predecessor, who passed away in February. Dr. Sturm likened Dr. Barreau to the motto of Beta Phi Mu: "consumed in the service of others."

Dean's Report: Dean Gary Marchionini reported that despite continued budget cuts SILS is pushing through its commitment to increasing undergraduate enrollment and has kept layoffs at bay. SILS has been able to add three new assistant professors as well as continue interdisciplinary certificates with other departments across campus. Dean Marchionini said SILS will have 60 incoming freshman in the undergraduate major, 40 with a minor, as well as 300 students in the MSLS and MSIS program. SILS is also taking part in strategic planning which will continue through 2020.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Sarah Jorda reported that BPM has a healthy operating budget and scholarship budget. She shared that the fiscal year of BPM Epsilon chapter has been changed to January 1-December 31st. Jorda presented two spreadsheets. One was the informal interim report from January to May 2011, the other was the finalized May 3 - December 31 report. Jorda reported that the board has decided to award the scholarships at SILS' August orientation, in order to give faculty more time and data to inform their decisions. She also pointed out two new projects officers had undertaken: a newly designed website and the ability to pay dues/dinner/scholarship contributions online through PayPal.

Keynote Speaker: After dinner, Vice-President Emily Jack introduced Gina Powell. Powell is the Outreach and Volunteer Services Librarian at the State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Powell described the types of services, programs, and equipment, including cassette and digital players that her library makes available to patrons. Her library processes over 2000 items a day and has its own zip code.

Closing: President Nixon made a few closing remarks and then adjourned the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Jorda.