

Beta Phi Mu
International Library and Information Science Honor Society

Epsilon Chapter
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2016

The Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Mu met for its 2016 dinner and initiation ceremony on Thursday May 5, 2016 at Mediterranean Deli in Chapel Hill, NC.

Initiation: After a half-hour social, President John Blythe began the initiation ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Dawne Lucas and members Mike Millner and Erin Holmes served as ceremony speakers. The chapter inducted thirteen new members. Faith Anne Burns-Phillips, Katherine A. Dickson, Caroline B. Hallam, Aaron Steven Kirschenfeld, Jamie Anne Patrick-Burns, Wickliffe Winston Shreve II, Julie Nennstiel Stivers, and Emily Ann Yates were in attendance. Initiated in absentia were Lisa Diane Becksford, Michael E. Head, Katherine Meyer, Lauren W. Turpin, and Karna Younger.

Awards: President Blythe recognized Emily Ann Yates as the Achievement Award recipient.

Dean's Report: Dean Gary Marchionini reported that overall the state of SILS is healthy, even though enrollment is down. He encourages everyone to go out and recruit students to SILS. SILS students and alumni are doing good work. Two examples are Mary Grace Flaherty having received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in Malawi, and Rob Capra having received a National Science Foundation CAREER Award to develop better systems to support complex online searches. In addition, 75%-85% of SILS graduates are finding employment soon after graduation. Marchionini encouraged alumni to contact Communications Coordinator Katherine Perales with news they would like to share with the SILS community. He also encouraged attendees to keep in contact with Lori Haight, SILS career service coordinator. Marchionini noted that the campus is in the quiet phase of a fundraising campaign, and that the campus is in great hands with Chancellor Carol Folt and Provost James W. Dean, Jr.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Secretary Dawne Lucas passed out copies of the 2015 meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Christine Stachowicz reported that the Operating Budget is sufficient and the Scholarship budget is healthy. She thanked the many members who donated to the scholarship fund, and encouraged more people to do so.

Keynote Speaker: After dinner, Vice President Lisa Gregory introduced Casey Rawson. Rawson is a PhD candidate and teaching assistant at SILS. She holds degrees from Duke University, the University of Louisville, and UNC-Chapel Hill. She is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, including UNC-Chapel Hill's Royster Fellowship. A science educator, Casey has taught 6th and 7th grade in both Kentucky and North Carolina. Her current research focuses on how school librarians can support science instruction in K-12 schools, as well as diversity and equity in library services and materials for youth. The title of her talk was "Speaking Up and Reaching Out."

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

Minutes prepared by Dawne Lucas.