



**Gamma Sigma Delta
Fall Business Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2011**

Twenty-seven Gamma Sigma Delta members of the Tennessee Chapter helped themselves to sandwiches, sides and drinks for lunch during the Fall Business Meeting on September 20, 2011 in 156/157 Plant BioTech Building.

Dr. Margot Emery, Chapter President, called the meeting to order.

Officer Reports:

Distributed minutes for the 2010 Winter Business meeting (February 22, 2011) was reviewed and approved.

The financial report was distributed for review, discussed and ultimately approved. Willie Hart, treasurer, again noted the downward trend in our operating budget and continues to rely on savings to supplement our current spending.

President Margot Emery announced the Chapter's Fall Awards Banquet is set for November 17 at 6:30 and encouraged the membership to arrive early to socialize with our inductees and award winners.

Committee Reports:

Publicity Committee: Jean Hulsey will assume chair responsibilities.

Old Business: None identified

New Business:

New Members: Faculty and student nominee listings were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made that the list be accepted, a second was received and the motion carried. Departmental representatives were asked to pick up packets and hand-deliver invitations to students. The membership was encouraged to further consider any potential faculty or staff nominees and forward to Emily L. Tipton or John Riley as soon as possible.

Career Workshop: Emily Gray, Chapter Historian and CASNR Career Services Directory, discussed the upcoming Career Workshop supported by the Chapter and held in conjunction with Career Services. The workshop will be held September 21 in Hollingsworth Auditorium and members are encouraged to stop by from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Volunteers were asked to arrive by 9:00 am to assist with prep and set-up.

Projects, Native American Interpretive Garden: Fred Allen, 2008-2009 Past President and Projects Chair discussed the progress being made at the Indian Mound, site of the International Chapter enrichment grant efforts and by the support of Dr. DiPietro. Dr. Allen also referred to the recently held public ribbon cutting ceremony to officially announce the project. However, phase two is scheduled to begin later this fall under the direction of Sam Roger's design and will include native plants by high-traffic areas. Additional development will be supported by a revitalization grant with the regional Cherokee to include signage and plant material. Chapter members were encouraged to become an active part in maintaining the area.

International: John Riley, International Secretary, announced our Chapter will serve as host for the 2012 International Conclave, June 6-8. Dr. Riley also mentioned that national membership dues will not be raised, however, individual item fees will increase. Constitutional changes, including voting procedures are under being review. International is hoping to revitalize inactive chapters while continuing to expand into new campuses. Dr. Riley also strongly encouraged the Chapter to nominate a Distinguished Member award packet for 2012.

Dr. Emery concluded the meeting by sharing Conclave dates, brief agenda discussion and invited the membership to attend the social mixer. Additional details will be shared in the spring.

The departmental representatives were reminded to pick up their nomination packets.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Emily L. Tipton, Secretary.