2009 Annual Meeting Minutes

Approximately 42 members of PHENOM attended the Annual Meeting June 6, 2009 at Springfield Technical Community College. Following a get-to-know-each-other icebreaker, members discussed what PHENOM did well this year, what could have been done better, and what we should do next year.

**PHENOM Plans for FY 2010**

1. Coalitions/Alliances
   Outreach to high schools (counselors, PTAs, etc)
   In-State Tuition
   Chambers of Commerce
   Churches
   Community groups
   Alumni Associations
   YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs
   Campus administrations

2. Leadership Development
   Having activities for people to plug into
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   Campus Councils
   Independent Studies
   Internships
   Local businesses to sponsor organizers

3. Campaign on Revenues
   campus portion of a bigger coalition
   progressive taxation
   continue work on stimulus funds
   research and publicity
   lobby locally

4. Affordability and Access
MassGrant
Free Community College
PHENOM storefronts
Individual students’ experiences

5. Legislative Work
Need-based aid
Funding for campuses
In districts and on campuses as well as at State House
Fine tune our Lobby Day to be effective both inside and outside
Legislative report card
Watchdog re legislation

6. Visibility
New student orientations
Catchy pitch/public slogan for PHENOM
Campus radio
In-class presentations
House parties
T-shirts, buttons

Possible research/publication:
What should Higher Ed look like (not just funding)

In the business portion of the meeting:

1. A proposal to amend the by-laws was presented by the Executive Committee. The impact of the amendment
was to rename the “Board” as the “Delegate Assembly”, and the “Executive Committee” as the “Board”.
A motion to accept the proposal was made by Micki Betton. It was seconded by Coleleen Avedikian. The motion
passed unanimously.
2. An election was held for 8 seats on the Board. Nominations were solicited and accepted before the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations were made on the floor. The election was held in accordance with Article IV of the By-Laws.

The following candidates were elected to serve 7/1/09 – 6/30/10:

Louise Antony (faculty, UMass Amherst)
Micki Betton (undergraduate student, Springfield Technical Community College)
Quin Gonnell (graduate student, Salem State College)
Ken Haar (faculty, Westfield State College)
Amanda Jusino (undergraduate student, UMass Amherst)
Vanessa Lynch (undergraduate student, Mount Wachusett Community College)
Frank Olbris (staff, UMass Amherst)
Tim Sutton (graduate student, UMass Amherst)

The following candidates were not elected:

Funto Aina (undergraduate student, Springfield Technical Community College)
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SOME IMPORTANT WORK FOR NEXT YEAR

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3. A budget for next year was presented by Ken Haar, Treasurer.

A motion to accept the budget was made by Naka Ishii. It was seconded by Micki Betton. The motion passed unanimously.