



SUNY Maritime Parents Association

General Meeting
September 13, 2024
7:00 PM
In Person Meeting

President's Address:

- Welcome to the 1st parent meeting of the school year. The parents association works all year not just September to May. We are in constant communication with members via email and facebook.
- The Admiral unfortunately will not be able to attend tonight's meeting but he will be at our 10/4 meeting, Dr. Todd (new interim Provost) is here this evening.
- We are all volunteers, all 15 board members were introduced. They all work at our fundraisers, setting up, selling merchandise, and cleaning up and returning all unsold merchandise to our storage room.
- We need volunteers for all of our events, even if you can't come and spend the whole day with us at least volunteer for set up, selling merchandise, for cleaning up
- This past year we have gave back to the school about \$30,000, that includes the 20 clubs that received \$500 each from the parents association for equipment requests or general club funding requests
- We donated \$2500 to the Winter SST term for excursion use for the cadets in port. We donated \$5000 to SST 2024 for water excursion in the Bahamas and transportation in Florida. We provided fun activities for MUG-A-WEEN, We hosted a holiday party in December for all of our members, hosted a Super Bowl party for all the students with great outside food and prizes!
- First year as President - incorporated more fundraisers like Comedy Night and two social events, one in Long Island and the other in Westchester
- Currently we have about 500 members, most are the Class of 2028 totaling about 140. Please share the good things about the parents association to others.

Dr. Todd- Provost of Academic Affairs:

- The school has changed how it is organized, so from now on Dean of Admissions and Dean of Student Affairs will report to the President
- The school has a clear and urgent direction that it is moving in, along with a good financial footing
- Strategic Plan Process- expires at the end of this calendar year, the Admiral has a Voyage Plan which will provide more resources and improve the quality of education, the Strategic Plan will be completed by the end of the spring semester
- Push is to raise the profile of the college- getting the word out about the school, new logo with standardized colors, new website, college fairs, reaching out to donors/alumni to help promote the school
- PROP- is a group of individuals that will focus on promoting the college to 3-4 neighboring states, will visit neighboring school to recruit new students by showing them what the college has to offer and discuss what Maritime is now, discuss and answer questions, tapping into alumni
- For parents- there will be surveys that you will have the opportunity to fill out, there will also be other ways that you will be able to provide your input on how to improve the college
- Concerns about teachers not responding to student emails- the school is aware and is looking into having an open forum on how to improve communication
- Academic Advisors- there is no turn around in terms of time that they have to respond to a student's email, there is no time frame in place for when a response needs to be sent, communication should be in the form of email or on the BAND App
- Cadet Shipping- issues with it this past year, students were forced to make a decision between waiting to get a Billet or go out on SST, since several students went out on SST which caused financial burden to some families, this situation needs to be looked into further
- Brightspace- The only expectations for staff in using Brightspace is to post their Syllabus, since this is a somewhat new program, they will be training staff as to how to use it, it's a holistic tool to help communicate with students
- In January, there will be a student engaging an advising center- this will be a source of information and resources for students, especially dealing with academic stress

- Dr. Craig Wright- is the Dean of student activities reaching out to him to address concerns about activities for students on weekends, it's also difficult to get transportation to different activities
- There will be capital improvements to the campus, the SUNY chancellor has a lot of \$500,000 to conduct an inventory of what improvements need be made on campus, focus is to make the facilities better and more inviting for students

Dean Spillane: Dean of Maritime Education and Training

- Deals with licensing and cadet shipping, he is the go to between licensing and US Coast Guard
- This year there's been a great deal of turn over with staff
- Sea Time- making sure all students have the proper amount of sea days in order to be able to sit for license tests
- Cadet Shipping- they're only a certain amount of students that could be sent out, depending on the number of billets, also involved are some trainings that are mandatory one being sexual harassment
- Students need to start the Cadet shipping process by signing up for it, then the rank is checked along with their GPA and Regiment status
- They also need to specify what vessels they'd like to work on
- Last year 62 students went out for Cadet Shipping
- It's a very long process, which starts with a great deal of paperwork that needs to be completed by the cadet and there is also medical documentation that is mandatory
- If the cadets do not complete all parts of the paperwork, then the Coast Guard notifies them by mail and it is their responsibility to complete all missing parts
- Last year the final list came out on May 20th because final grades are included in this selection process
- There's a very short window for getting students out for cadet shipping
- There were several students that applied for cadet shipping last year that were not able to go out for cadet shipping, so they went out on SST and several of those students did receive scholarships for SST
- Cadet shippers go through an interview process once their experiences are over and have a project that needs to be completed in to order receive credit for Cadet Shipping
- There is Cadet Shipping in the winter which students can apply for

Captain Grohman:

- SST did not go as planned, but the cadets received the appropriate amount of sea days
- INDOC also went very well this year
- Unfortunately, there were some issues with supplies that were handled by the ship store which was due to a space issue, School is working on fixing this issue. All equipment and gear will be rolled out throughout the year
- MUGS should have signed up for the BAND app
- Parents need any information they should be emailing the regiment or reaching out to the parents association
- The Regiment is a cadet lead organization in which the MUGS work with an IDO, 4 per 52 students. There are also squad leaders, training officers and accountability officers that the cadets need to reach out to when they have questions/concerns. Someone is always available.
- At the top are the regimental commanders and the battalion officers
- There is always somebody available to assist students from 5 AM to 11:30 PM

Upcoming Events:

- Tunnel to Towers- 9/29
- 10/4- next Parents Association meeting and ship tour
- 10/19- Homecoming