

**National Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2008**

President Carol Kern led the first meeting of the 2008-09 NEC at 2:15 pm in the International Lounge of the Usdan Student Center.

The Council's five teams: Budget and Finance, Chapter Advisory, Fundraising, Learning Opportunities, and Membership, will each be chaired by a vice president. Carol will assign the areas of responsibility. She will work with the vice presidents via monthly conference calls and will receive summaries of their work plans. The vice presidents will hold conference calls with their individual team members. She asked for suggestions of non-NEC members for potential service on the teams.

The NEC will hold open meetings; dates of the meetings will be posted online. Guests will be seated in the audience and not participate. At the end of the meetings, time will be allotted to guests to offer comments.

Carol's vision is to communicate effectively with the NEC and chapter members. She feels a positive attitude is vital for the success of the BNC. The NEC will focus in several areas, many of which will be works in progress. She would like the Council to work in a productive and proactive way. The task for those on the NEC will be to educate themselves about the strategic plan and find the best way to implement it. It was felt that a visit to chapters brings a positive message about our excellent programs and helps to establish a connection between the chapter and the University. Members of the NEC and those who served on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee may travel to chapters if asked.

Discussion/Suggestions followed.

- The NEC will need to be well informed in advance of visits to chapters.
- The role of the Leadership Council needs to be clarified.

Response: the overall concept of the Leadership Council is outlined in the strategic plan.

Guidelines have not been developed, and the NEC will need to address them.

- Chapters are encouraged to communicate their problems, so they can be addressed.
- Chapters should send their e-mail lists to the national center. An easy way for chapters to obtain their members' e-mail addresses is to provide a space for addresses on the attendance sheets circulated at meetings.

Carol distributed forms for everyone to indicate the teams on which they would most like to serve and to rank their preferences with the numbers 1, 2, or 3.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.