DePaul Emeritus Society  
Steering Committee  
April 30, 2008

Members Present: Elaine Beaudoin, Alice Farrell, Jerry Goldman, Dick Meister, Nancy Rospenda, Dennis Shea, Ed Udovic, C.M.

Members Absent: Tom Croak, C.M.

The meeting opened with a review of the guidelines and structure of the steering committee, and the term rotation. After the first academic year of leadership, the members of the steering committee will begin a term rotation. Through a random selection, the steering committee members will serve the following terms, beginning with the 2009-10 academic year: Tom Croak and Nancy Rospenda will serve one-year terms. Elaine Beaudoin and Jerry Goldman will serve two-year terms. Dick Meister and Denny Shea will serve three-year terms.

The next item of business was leadership selection. After some discussion, it was unanimously decided that Elaine Beaudoin would serve as chair, Dick Meister would serve as vice chair, and Nancy Rospenda would serve as secretary.

As outlined in the DES guidelines, there will be four committees that will work on reaching the society’s goals. Each steering committee member was asked to choose the committee he or she would most like to chair. The results were: the Retiree Benefits Committee will be chaired by Jerry Goldman; the Communications and Membership Committee will be chaired by Nancy Rospenda; the Special Events and Projects Committee will be chaired by Tom Croak, C.M.; and the Philanthropy Committee will be chaired by Denny Shea, with additional leadership by Dick Meister.

Ideally, these committees will end up with 5-6 members each. We will ask for volunteers at the May 12 luncheon, and follow up with recruiting members as necessary. The steering committee will meet shortly after the luncheon to discuss committee membership, with the hope of formation and initial meetings sometime over the summer.

Announcements about DES leadership and updates will be made at the May 12 luncheon, and will include the introduction of officers; a “snapshot” of DES membership, such as age, location, and service year demographics; and an update on university plans and campus initiatives.

As the DES moves forward, there was a discussion about creating a new survey on retiree interests. It would be similar to, but shorter and more focused than, the SES survey that was conducted last year. Additional thought will be given to finding and communicating volunteer opportunities, such as the archival work that Pat Wagner and Ellin Kelly have been doing.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. as a follow up to the luncheon, and to form committee membership. In addition to any volunteers that sign up at the luncheon, members who were interested in serving on the steering committee, but who were not elected, may be an excellent pool of recruits.