Meeting Minutes
Aquinas Scholars Student Board
03/15/16

I. Directors Report

Faculty Board met in March 1. Dr. Wendy Wyatt attended. She said that she and the Office of Academic Affairs are willing to work with the Faculty Board on any initiatives that we might have or would like to make. She also noted that she/we do not have lots of money, but thought we could work with AA about seeing how the Scholars Program fit within the new Strategic Priorities of the university.

Dr. Wyatt proposed that we think about getting the Scholars Program students involved in the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl competition. She also will supply a list of eight Catholic Aspirational Group schools that we can look out for ways of improving our Program. Sam Burrows will contact students from the group to see what kinds of benefits Honors students at those schools receive.

Dr. Wyatt also suggested that we work on a grand vision of the Honors Program (including programming and benefits for the students who participate) in order to enhance the profile and visibility of the Program. I will meet with Wendy and Rob Riley to see what they think is likely to be persuasive to the Provost and UCC.

Dr. Wyatt, Dr. L, and Erica Berglund met with Mary Ann Ryan and Aaron Macke to talk about plans for next year's LLC. We decided that all incoming Scholars would be in the LLC unless they asked to be left out. They would offer their reasons for being excused to the Director of the Program.

Call for Proposals for Seminars for Summer and Fall 2017 and Spring 2018—Due May 6, 2016

Dr. L will send out the first call for Proposals for Honors Seminars (for Summer and Fall 2017 and Spring 2018) after Spring/Easter Break in late March. The final deadline for proposals will be May 6, 2016

II. President/VP's Report

a) Update Dropbox!!!!!!

b) Punishment for canceling on service events last minute?

i) The Board agrees that a punishment would help a bit and be good idea

(1) Scholars would lose a point if they dropout of the service event, especially if they're drivers.

ii) We would have an issue of people continuously lying about family matters to get out of events

(1) This won't be impactful on everyone, but the threat of losing a point will get to some Scholars and intimidate them

(a) Help control things a bit with people dropping out

iii) Set up deadlines for when people can drop out of the service event

(1) Different deadlines for drivers, which will be earlier than the regular, non-driving scholars.

III. Social

a) How did the play go?

i) Went very well

(1) One person said it was the most efficiently planned event

b) Updates and upcoming events

i) Coffee Event tomorrow morning, 7-9am

IV. Academic Events

a) How did the midterm oasis go?

i) Went very well; about 90 people attended

b) Updates and upcoming events

i) No update about Pizza with the Prof events

V. Service

a) How did the fish fry go?

i) Went very well and the people were very thankful

(1) People were impressed that we were Scholars

b) Updates and upcoming events

i) FMSC April 5th

ii) Canceled the charity walk; will fill a new event there

VI. Webmaster

a) Updates

i) No report

VII. Publications

a) Updates

i) No report

VIII. Symposium

a) Updates on the symposium

i) Met with Erica about budget

(1) Erica is planning on transferring LLC funds to the Symposium

IX. R&O and Ambassador

a) External elections recruitment timeline

i) 3 positions need to be filled

(1) 2 Social Chairs and Social Media Chair

ii) Have applications due by April 15th

X. New Scholar Reps

a) Updates

i) Carmen and others contacted other schools

(1) Undergraduate schools are comparing us to other schools

(2) We're looking into comparing Honors programs and what attracts people to those we compete with.

ii) Schools have other benefits

XI. LLC Residential Advisors

a) Laura and TJ are working to get feedback from people into what they want

i) The LLC girls don't really want 2 events being in one week over concerns about homework (For example, they had an event on Friday, but with the Science Museum on Sunday--they couldn't sign up for Science Museum due to homework issues.)