

Meeting Minutes
Aquinas Scholars Student Board
10/13/16

I. Freshmen Reps Introductions – Megan Ray & Ben Kraemer

- a) Name, Position, Position Duties

II. Directors Report

- a) Faculty Board Meeting Minutes
 - i) See Scholars' Website
- b) Faculty Board informed about new automatic acceptance
- c) Dr. Laumakis raised issue of different invitation thresholds for under-represented students
 - i) Dan Meyer will attend next Faculty Board meeting to discuss the issues involved and answer questions.
 - ii) All students still have to go through the same application process:
- d) Still seeking more funding for the Aquinas Scholars Program—and book scholarships for the Honors Seminars
- e) Faculty Board was OK with the GPA requirement being tied to the top 5 percent of your department (or possibly associated with major)
- f) Dr. Laumakis announced a Trial Seminar (where you do a 1-credit seminar Freshman year and 4 years later, a Capstone-like presentation). First version will be 2-credit Seminar on “Exploring the Disciplines” directed by Dr. Distelzweig next Spring
- g) Admissions would also like current Scholars to talk with prospective students when applications come in
 - i) We will talk to Admissions about getting help with the process

III. President

- a) Homecoming Plaza booth – trivia & prizes
 - i) Went very well and lots of people visited the booth
 - ii) Got rid of all the t-shirts
 - iii) Had many current students come up showing interest and lots of prospective students with their parents asking questions.
- b) Seminar Proposal evaluation meeting is held in May at Davanni's
- c) Student Board members are encouraged to attend the 2nd pizza with a prof to introduce themselves – Tues. Oct 25th
- d) Executive Goals
 - i) 1) Scholarships/Funding, 2) New Lounge, 3) Priority Registration, 4) Honors Section Influence 5) Room in library 6) Upperclassmen Housing
 - ii) Any other goals we want to strive for?
 - iii) Formal Request Editing
 - (1) Student Board Members: Monday, October 17th
 - (2) Dr. Laumakis
 - (3) Meeting with Wendy Wyatt and Rob Riley w/ final draft
- e) Lounge
 - i) How are supply levels doing?
 - (1) We need to make sure we have enough paper in there.
 - (2) It's going good now, but we do not need to keep calling Erica for more supplies
 - ii) Currently testing lounge snacks! – variety of granola bars

iii) Temperature & lights

iv) Little Library – need book donations!

(1) Reach out to Nathan Hill about his supply of books he has from book clubs he runs.

v) Board games, puzzles, card game donations

f) T-shirts for the whole program?

i) Yes, they are a great marketing vehicle

g) Logo contest?

i) Possibly, but the school is really strict about it

ii) Come back on this issue

h) Tutoring opportunity at St. Mark's

i) Offer to one scholar as a semester long commitment (earn 5 points)

(1) They would go in St. Marks on a weekly basis and once a week.

(a) Would be 1 hour school and possibly an every other week job

(2) Keep it to upperclassmen because of getting freshmen involved on campus

(3) To volunteer in Catholic Schools, you have to go through Virtus, which is a daylong commitment but it is good for years after.

(4) It would be general tutors

(5) Board members interested?

(a) Some of the board is interested. Send it to the board first

(6) Applications – deadline?

ii) Could this be turned into a long-term opportunity at St. Mark's or other high schools?

(1) Could possibly lead into other organizations

(2) Put a team together to start this program?

(a) Will be small at first

IV. VP/ Secretary's Report

a) Mentorship Program

i) Updates

ii) Next meeting time is near Registration Time

iii) Feedback

(1) Want more feedback from the mentees

(2) This will help amend the process for next year

b) LLC

i) LLC Social events update

(1) Science Museum has been approved and is coming up

(2) Board members are welcome to come

(3) This Saturday from 3-6pm

ii) Create t-shirts for the LLC members?

iii) How do we raise LLC numbers for next year?

(1) For the roommate situation of being accepted, we will have to hit them by December 15th because that's when accepted students are told to look for roommates.

(2) We could help that with calling prospective students from Admissions option

(a) Mention the benefits of being in LLC

(b) Start calling by Mid-November because that's prime visiting time and applications start coming in.

(3) It may be tough for prospective students to come into Scholars seminars or sections on Fridays.

I. Social

- a) How did the Apple Orchard go?
 - 1) Very smooth; 40 people turned out; beautiful weather
- b) T shirt update
 - 1) Being hand delivered tomorrow
- c) Upcoming events – Halloween movie night 10/20
 - 1) Emma has chosen the movie; still booking a room

II. Academic Events

- a) Pizza with the Prof – Dr. Wilkinson – October 6th
 - 1) 46-48 people showed up; lots of leftover pizza
- b) Pizza with a Prof – Dr. Orzolek – October 25th
 - 1) Board members should make it to introduce themselves to the Scholars
- c) Upcoming Events & Speakers
 - 1) Dr. Burry can't make it. Looking for replacement speaker. Looking into Dr. Riley Smith

III. Service

- a) How did homecoming service events go?
 - 1) 4 people signed up; but there was no guarantee that they showed up
 - 2) Probably should not do it again
- b) Attendance for St. Marks tomorrow
 - 1) Pretty good. About 16 scholars going

- c) Tie Blanket Event – 10/19 – scissors in lounge if needed
- d) Upcoming events

IV. Webmaster

- a) Create instructions for Dropbox – working on video or instructions with screenshots!
 - 1) Used the Pizza with the Prof event to make the video; but he will redo it
- b) Updates

V. Social Media Chair

- a) Send event pictures to Emily
- b) Like and follow all pages and posts – please help direct people to our page!
- c) Include Instagram & Facebook page links in all scholar emails
- d) Profile on Freshmen reps – pictures and interviews
- e) Spotlight on Scholars continued after midterms

VI. Publications

- a) October Journal – deadline 18th
- b) Honors Program Initiatives Spotlight
- c) Updates
 - 1) Interviewed with Dr. Prichard for this month publication
 - 2) Got first essay for the month
 - 3) Keep it informative, but brief
 - 4) Have calendar of events on the back or last page
 - 5) Work to shorten the gap between the board and the program. Have topic ideas to unite us and even interviewing Board members

VII. Symposium

- a) Recruit new Symposium chairs for early next year
- b) Brainstorm theme ideas
- c) Updates

VIII. R&O and Ambassador

- a) First faculty board meeting – 10/6
- b) Next Faculty board meeting – tentative 11/17 convo hour
- c) Freshmen reps chosen!

IX. Freshmen Reps

- a) Voice of the Freshmen class
- b) Feedback on LLC and Mentorship Program
- c) Shadow other roles
- d) Responsible for lounge
 - 1) Keep clean and tidy (Keurig machine, general maintenance)
 - 2) Keep stocked
 - 3) Whiteboards
 - 4) Events in lounge – examples: coffee socials, snack hours, study sessions, game nights, painting event etc. (1-2 per semester)
 - 5) Responsible for cabinet keys