

Meeting Minutes
Aquinas Scholars Student Board
12/1/16

I. Directors Report

- a) Faculty Board Meeting 11/29
 - i) Dan Meyer was there from Admissions
 - (1) Talked about lower thresholds for invitations for underrepresented groups
 - (2) Discussed recruiting students currently on campus; Honors Seminar Book Scholarships; Internal Program Review; Meeting with Dean Waldner about scheduling Honors Sections; Program Perks meeting with Drs. Riley and Wyatt; and possible changes to Application Essay
 - (3) Next Faculty Board meeting is in February

II. President

- a) Headshots of Freshmen Reps update
 - i) Coming soon
- b) Spring Semester Board Meeting Times
 - i) Possibly convo hour. Tuesday and/or Thursday
 - (1) Possibly switch it between Tuesday and Thursday for different weeks
- c) Board Retreat – February
 - i) Brainstorm ideas
 - (1) SkyZone Trampoline place
 - (2) “Cookies and Campus”
 - (3) Send ideas to President via email
- d) Executive Goals – Formal Request Meeting 11/29
 - i) Meeting with Drs. Riley and Wyatt—they didn’t say yes to everything

- (1) They'll look into asking Scholars Alumni for donation and other donors.
- (2) Gave us the idea to collaborate with other clubs to save money
- (3) Look into big speakers
- ii) Funding
- iii) Scholarships
- iv) Lounge Location
 - (1) No on the desired lounge location in the ASC
- v) Ease of Registration
 - (1) They'll want us to look into what students are registering first.
- vi) Upperclassmen Housing
 - (1) Nothing really big yet
 - (2) Option of LLC people having floor in Morrison of Flynn maybe
 - (a) Perhaps 2 year traditional housing
- e) Other Executive Goals
 - i) Honors Section Influence
 - (1) Still waiting to hear back from some Department Chairs
 - ii) Study Room in Library – room 405
 - (1) Looking into if we can get a card swipe
 - iii) Calling Prospective Scholars – first week in February
 - (1) Plan over J-Term – will be sending out requests for help
 - iv) Board Budget
 - (1) Meeting with Erica
 - (2) New position - Treasurer

III. VP/ Secretary's Report

a) Mentorship Program

i) Updates

(1) Difficulty in times around registration

(2) Times and check-ups should be in by the end of semester

(3) No real contact issue between the VP and the mentors or mentees

I. Social

a) Paint a plate event – 12/4

1) Only an LLC event this Saturday

b) Finals Feed – 12/15

c) Sold T-Shirts?

1) Some were sold recently

II. Academic Events

a) Finals Study Oasis – 12/15

III. Service

a) Wreath Service Event at St. Marks – 11/17 & 11/18

1) Went well; 9 people came

b) Dorothy Day tomorrow

1) Enough people signed up; we have a waiting list

c) Updates

1) Might add more events at St. Marks at last minute this semester

2) People seem desperate for more points

IV. Webmaster

V. Social Media Chair

- a) Send event pictures to Emily
- b) Scholar & Seminar Spotlights
 - 1) Doing spotlight on Katie's seminar
- c) Updates
 - 1) Need a person to fill the position for the Spring semester because our current Chair will be overseas
 - (1) Emma will volunteer and seek help from the current chair while overseas.

VI. Publications

- a) Submission Numbers & Quality/Criteria
 - 1) Have minimum of 1 page and maximum 3 page.
 - 2) Make sure there's no vulgar language.
 - 3) Ask for general criteria.
 - 4) We don't want to say academic work is needed, but we should suggest it.
 - 5) However, we can't really limit things for this semester, but we'll look into it next semester.
- b) December Journal
 - 1) Getting a lot of full essays from students, especially from abroad
 - (1) Include excerpts from essays possibly to save space
 - (2) Perhaps combine them all at the end with a works cited on where you got them
- c) Updates
 - 1) Up to speed with the Admission Scholars pamphlet

VII. Symposium

a) Brainstorm theme ideas

1) We got the suggestion about “white privilege” for Symposium

2) We discovered that topics in the past were related to current topics in society

(1) When the Marriage Amendment was on the MN ballot, there was the theme of
“Gender” for the Symposium

VIII. R&O and Ambassador

IX. Freshmen Reps

a) Lounge

1) Supply levels – new snack ideas?

(1) People are asking for more snacks in lounge

2) New Keurig!

(1) Dispose of old Keurig

b) Christmas Lounge Event