

Meeting Minutes
Aquinas Scholars Student Board
2/23/17

I. New Board Member Headshots

- a) Michelle & Regan's photos for lounge

II. Directors Report

- a) Updates
- b) Dr. Wyatt is commencing the search for the new Aquinas Scholars Faculty Director
 - i) Contacting past and current Faculty Board Members
 - ii) Would want Student board members to be on the committee to hear the candidates for the new Director
 - (1) Board has desire to participate
 - iii) The new director would shadow Dr. Laumakis for next year

III. President

- a) Student Board Meeting Dates
- b) Executive Goals Update
 - i) Nothing is going to be implemented right away
 - (1) It's a good set-up/foundation for next year or later
 - (2) The Office of Admissions is excited to collaborate with us
 - (3) Also collaborate with other programs as well.
- c) Other Executive Goals
 - i) Honors Section Influence
 - (1) Send out another Survey
 - (2) Dr. Waldner update

- (a) Sections – departments planning 12-18 month schedule
 - (b) Seminars – create HONR course category for Banner
 - (i) Currently under review in the committee
 - (ii) So far, it's receiving very positive feedback especially from the Arts.
- ii) Study Room in Library – Sign
 - (1) The Sign is up on the door
- iii) Calling Prospective Scholars – Monday, Feb 20th
 - (1) 10 people participated
 - (2) Didn't finish the whole list but a good amount
 - (3) Do another possible calling event soon
 - (a) Application Deadline is March 24th
 - (4) Laumakis has received calls from students with questions
- iv) Book Club
 - (1) Meeting twice for the semester
 - (2) About 11 people have replied about joining
 - (3) If someone can't make it to an event, they can just receive one point
 - (a) Each meeting is worth one point.
- v) Former Scholars Event
 - (1) Find out how many Alumni Scholars are close and might be able to come
 - (a) Probably reach out to former Scholars Presidents rather than regular scholars
 - (i) Contact former President Natasha Wright
 - (2) Dinner at Buca?
 - (3) Pizza with an Alumni?

- (a) Make it a speaker related event
- (4) Could do it for a formal banquet like the “New Scholars Banquet”
- (5) Plan this event in April
- vi) Scholars Open house
 - (1) March 1st, 7:30am--9:15am
- vii) NCHC conference
 - (1) Work on budgeting for flights with Erica
- viii) T-Shirt Design Competition
 - (1) When do we want to start this?
 - (2) Erica turned this down
 - (a) Too expensive for the budget
 - (b) Think of some other give away event
 - (i) Possibly the baseball hats we did in previous semesters
 - (ii) Try to reallocate the budget money from other areas.
- ix) Senior Honors Convocation – May 2nd
 - (1) Promote via Word of Mouth & Student Lounge

IV. VP/ Secretary’s Report

- a) Mentorship Program
 - i) Meet with mentors
 - ii) Feedback from mentors & mentees
 - iii) Updates
 - (1) Haven’t heard back from certain mentors and mentees
 - (2) Some mentees are not interested in being in the mentor program anymore

(a) Some mentors are requesting to go back into 5-point system

(3) Send out an email to certain mentors informing them to go back to 5-point system

I. Treasurer

a) Tracking System in Place

1) Board Members send all receipts to both Michelle and Erica!

b) NCHC budgeting for next year

1) Undergrad research department could potentially help with this?

(1) Get in contact with the research grants office for assistance.

c) Budget Questions

1) The budget is not split into divisions within the board

(1) It's shared overall with the board.

d) Updates

II. Social

a) Cookie Decorating

b) Noon art sound events in library?

1) Still in contact with certain clubs

c) Upcoming events – Mini Canvas Painting

1) March 8th, 7-8:30pm

d) Possibly do a cooking event close to campus with a chef

1) Work out waivers and renting a spot off campus

2) Go to “Good Acre” to reserve a spot

III. Academic Events

a) Pizza w/ prof – Dr. Stabile--40 people showed up

- b) Noon art sound events in library?
- c) Speaker Ideas
 - 1) Dr. Bouwman for pizza w/ prof
- d) Upcoming events
 - 1) Pizza with the Professor Loe (Mathematics)

IV. Service

- a) St. Mark's Gala
 - 1) 26 people going next Monday
- b) Tutoring Program
 - 1) Working with VIA on merging
- c) Upcoming events – FMSC

V. Webmaster

- a) Updates

VI. Social Media Chair

- a) Send event pictures!
- b) Retreat Brainstorm Ideas
 - 1) Scholar & Seminar Spotlights
 - 2) Post 2 times per week
 - 3) Link Instagram to Facebook page
 - 4) Scholar “check-ins” at events – worth a point?
 - (1) Would be too much for just a simple check in
 - (2) Don't do the point
 - 5) Post before and after events

- 6) Post when the lounge is restocked
- 7) Advertise new study lounge in library
- c) Updates

VII. Publications

- a) February Journal
 - 1) Received a lot of responses
- b) Updates

VIII. Symposium

- a) Social Justice Theme
- b) Planning – dates, speakers, activities
 - 1) Having a difficult time finding a place to host it
 - (1) Leather Room in the Library is taken
 - 2) Issues and worries about dates near Spring Break & Easter
 - (1) People might forget the events
 - 3) Been in talks with Mike Klein and collaborating with Student from Justice and Peace club
- c) Updates

IX. R&O and Ambassador

- a) Lisa, Connor, and Katelin will attend Faculty Board Meetings & recruit in April

X. Freshmen Reps

- a) Lounge supply levels
- b) Shadow other positions
- c) Upcoming events

- 1) Have a game night, possibly "Family Feud" themed game