

Meeting Minutes
Aquinas Scholars Student Board
4/20/17

I. Directors Report

- a) Updates
 - i) Sent out a call for a New Director
 - (1) Some professors have contacted him about the position

II. President

- a) Honors Section Influence
 - i) Survey sent out and results collected
 - ii) A lot of people want Theology and the next Philosophy
 - (1) Nothing too surprising overall
- b) Study Room Usage
 - i) So far only about 15 people have signed up
 - ii) Possibly not everyone is signing in
 - iii) The room is apparently still up for reservations; an issue we thought it was resolved
 - iv) We'll be eventually asked whether to keep the room or not
- c) Former Scholars Event
 - i) Friday, April 28th at 7:00pm
 - (1) Students take the 6:30pm shuttle
 - ii) 3 former scholars confirmed, 17 spots available for current scholars
- d) NCHC Atlanta Funding
 - i) Meeting w/ Erica, Dr. Laumakis, & Michelle
 - ii) If you want to go, you have to pull in your own funding and make grant requests

- iii) Cost per student is about \$975 for overall funding
- iv) We could pay for at least 2 students and one professor at this point
- v) Conference Travel grants are available for students up \$1000 from GRO
 - (1) \$250 from department and \$750 from GRO
- vi) Contact Michelle Wise and Erica Berglund if you have any issue.
- e) Professor of the Year Survey
 - i) Dr. Mike Klein winner
 - (1) Will speak at the New Scholars Banquet in Fall & receive the award
 - ii) One scholar questioned the voting criteria
 - (1) Says it was not fair how many scholars could not take many of these professors every year
 - (2) The Board sees no issue with the voting system
- f) Recruit new Board members
 - i) 3 new social chairs & 1 new service chair
 - (1) The board is not worried that we are starting fully with new Social Chairs
 - (2) The former ones will still be around for assistance
 - ii) Only 1 application so far
 - (1) Use Instagram outlet to promote the positions
 - (2) Visit HONORS sections and seminars to promote the positions
 - (3) Extend the Deadline date to April 28th
 - (a) Make sure the email update is short
 - iii) Setup meeting to choose from applications
- g) Senior Honors Convocation

- i) May 2nd, RSVP deadline April 28th
- ii) Promote via Word of Mouth
- h) New Exec Board to Lead Last Meeting
 - i) Last student board meeting – May 4th
 - ii) Meet with new team after meeting
 - (1) Katie will be back May 11th, so we will discuss her new role then
 - iii) All members start communicating with those in your new roles!
- i) Faculty Board

III. VP/ Secretary's Report

- a) Mentorship Program Updates
 - i) Recruit new group of mentors for next year
 - ii) Get a group of people to volunteer to lead this for next year
 - iii) Sending an email to reach out for mentors
 - iv) Prepare to make changes and updates this program for next year

I. Treasurer

- a) Send all receipts to both Michelle and Erica!
- b) We need to spend our budget!
 - 1) Otherwise, we'll have a smaller budget in 2 years
 - (1) We plan ahead for our budget
 - 2) Ideas of spending the budget
 - (1) More food for the Last Scholars Board Meeting
 - (2) Second Buca Event
 - (3) Twins Game

- (4) Puzzle Room event
- (5) Buy more food for the Finals Oasis
- (6) Buy more food for the Pizza with the Prof
- (7) Etc.

c) Updates/ Questions

II. Social

a) Bowling Social Event

- 1) Went very well. Lots of people showed up and bowled the entire time
- 2) Lots of pizza left

b) Museum Social Event

- 1) May 6th ; 10am-12pm
- 2) Working on carpools now

c) Upcoming events and updates

- 1) Could be open to other events to spend more of the budget
- 2) Finals Feed is May 17th, 11am-1pm

III. Academic Events

a) Pizza w/ a Prof – Dr. Bouwman

- 1) Went very well. Lots of people showed up

b) Business Prof ideas?

c) Upcoming events and updates

- 1) Finals Oasis is coming up
- 2) Might try to have another Pizza w/Prof but room reservations is difficult so far
 - (1) Send in Professor requests

IV. Service

- a) St. Mark's Fish Fry
- b) Habitat for Humanity
 - 1) 1 scholar did not attend who signed up
- c) Second Harvest Heartland
 - 1) So far, only 2 people are signed up
 - 2) Hoping to have 12 people
- d) St. Mark's & St. Charles
 - 1) Principal of St. Charles is very enthusiastic about this
 - 2) Reach out to other clubs like CRU, SHINE, and other religious groups to partner with
 - (1) Have a tutor with religious significance since these are Catholic schools
- e) Tutoring Program
 - 1) Have about 5 tutors so far
 - 2) Reach out to more for next year
- f) Upcoming events and updates

V. Webmaster

- a) New Scholars added
- b) Updates

VI. Publications

- a) April Submissions and Journal
 - 1) Been getting lots of submissions so far
- b) Study Abroad Submissions
 - 1) Only have gotten 2 from Katie and another scholars

- 2) Deadline is May 10th
- c) May Journal
- d) Updates
 - 1) Still working on updating the pamphlet
 - 2) Thinks that 3 point maximum for submitting for different journals is good idea
 - 3) Still getting people submitting for the Art journal
 - (1) Photography club/people are interested too

VII. Symposium – Next Week!

- a) Social Justice Theme
- b) Planning – dates, times, events, speakers
 - 1) All coming together now
- c) Advertising
 - 1) Also promote it via Word-of-Mouth
- d) Updates
 - 1) Everything is on schedule

VIII. Social Media Chair

- a) Send event pictures to Ben & Megan!

IX. Freshmen Reps

- a) Lounge
 - 1) Coffee social is being planned in early May. Morning before class
- b) Updates
 - 1) Need to give the President the keys before the end of the semester