

Meeting Minutes  
Aquinas Scholars Student Board  
5/4/17

**I. Introduce New Board Members!**

**II. Directors Report**

a) Updates

i) Kris Roach is now in charge of the Admissions area

(1) Believes lowering the threshold will bring in more students, especially underrepresented students

ii) Possibly have The Treasurer join in the Executive meetings with Faculty for budget purposes

iii) We have 4 faculty members that have put their names for the Director position

(1) Will interview them close to Finals Week & have Wendy Watt try to choose the best candidate

(2) We should know the new Director by the end of Finals Week

iv) Goal for next year can be focusing more work with marketing and mission

**III. President**

a) Honors Section Influence

i) Nothing really new this year with the results

b) Study Room Usage

i) It's been lower than expected

ii) We think that people are not signing in and non-scholars are possibly still using it

c) Former Scholars Event at Buca

i) 3 former Scholars came

- (1) Bring Father Billy Dodge back. He was very well liked
- (2) These alumni still showed much appreciation for the program
- ii) It was informal but we should definitely do it again next year
- d) Senior Honors Convocation
  - i) Good Food with about 60 people attending with family
- e) Final Social Event
  - i) Adding an Arts & Craft event on Study Monday along with Davanni's event
- f) Symposium
  - i) Faculty Presentations was very interesting but only about 10 students came
    - (1) We should also change the way we advertise this portion of the event
    - (2) Students might think "Presentations" sounds boring.
- g) New Board Roles
  - i) Meet with new teams and old teams to transition duties
- h) Summer Duties
  - i) Work Orientation tables if available
    - (1) 10-12 dates set
    - (2) Less than a few hours with a free lunch
  - ii) Start Planning for next year!

#### **IV. New Exec Board**

- a) Updates
  - i) If you have any ideas for the Mentor Program or any others, please let us know
  - ii) We're going to send an email this week if people still want to be mentors
    - (1) Find out by next week

## **V. VP/ Secretary's Report**

- a) Mentorship Program Updates
  - i) Recruit new group of mentors for next year
- b) Secretary wishes the new Board and New Secretary the best of luck running the Program

## **I. Treasurer**

- a) Send all receipts to both Michelle and Erica!
  - 1) We need to make sure we spend our entire budget
    - (1) Don't go over or under budget
- b) Updates/ Questions

## **II. Social**

- a) Museum Social Event
  - 1) No one has answered, so we canceled the event
- b) Finals Feed
- c) Final Social Event
  - 1) Arts and Craft event. Have those paintings replace the paintings currently in the lounge
- d) Updates

## **III. Academic Events**

- a) Finals Study Oasis
  - 1) Study Monday
  - 2) Could buy extra food if there is extra budget money
- b) Updates
  - 1) Send any ideas you have over the summer

#### **IV. Service**

- a) Second Harvest Heartland
- b) Tutoring Program
  - 1) Try to meet with the principals from St. Mark and St. Charles over the summer to see what they need us to do next year
- c) Updates

#### **V. Webmaster**

- a) New Scholars added
- b) Updates

#### **VI. Publications**

- a) May Submissions and Journal
  - 1) People are sending long papers at times
  - 2) Wants shorter versions of works. Will send an email this week about more submissions
- b) Study Abroad Submissions
- c) Updates
  - 1) President Sullivan appears to be reading them still

#### **VII. Symposium**

- a) 3 successful events!
  - 1) Attendance was a bit lower than expected
  - 2) Still very happy with how things went
- b) Updates

#### **VIII. Social Media Chair**

- a) Send event pictures to Ben & Megan!
- b) Updates
  - 1) Lots of likes and reactions to posts so far

### **IX. Freshmen Reps**

- a) Lounge supply levels
- b) Collect cabinet keys
- c) Updates
  - 1) Our last event in the lounge went very well