

Meeting Agenda
Aquinas Scholars Student Board
09/12/17

I. Headshots & Group Picture

II. Introductions & Welcome New Board Members

III. Directors

A. Introduction to New Program Director (starting 2018) - Dr. Fort

1. Dr. Fort – what is the Aquinas Scholars Honors Program? What is the most enticing/not well known aspect of the program that could be used to promote high school students to join the program? He will likely use our responses to enhance the Aquinas Scholars webpage.

B. Updates (Dr. Laumakis)

1. Drs. Fort and Laumakis met with the new Dean of CAS, Dr. Williams; he is willing to do Pizza With the Dean, he has offered \$1,500 for a guest speaker, and he is willing to write a testimonial for the Scholars' web site regarding how the Honors Program changed his life.
2. We will be doing phone calls again to high school students since it was so successful last year. We will be making calls late January/early February specifically to eligible students of color for them to apply. We will have another calling night after that and call all eligible students.
3. Drs. Fort and Laumakis met with Aaron Macke and Manuela Hill-Munoz about the Honors LLC; they would like us to have contact with them to coordinate what we're doing with the Honors Program and how that will pertain to the LLC.
 - a) How do we improve the Honors LLC? Do we continue it to be "opt out" rather than "opt in"?
 - b) We would like to, ideally, have enough scholars in the LLC so that there can be an RA solely responsible for Honors students, rather than an RA that's responsible for Honors students *and* other students.
 - c) Potential for the future; sophomore Honors student LLC.
4. Take pictures at every event and send the photos to Emily and upload to Dropbox.

5. Faculty Board Meeting reps; Dr. Laumakis would like at least 2 students to attend the meetings (one exec board member and one other board member)

IV. President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer - Katie, Paige, Carolyn, Michelle

A. Executive Goals 2017-2018

1. Update website, LinkedIn Group and TommieLink, NCHC Conference for next school year, increase funding, follow up on student influence for honors sections, electronic calendar for events, create a budget for board spending

B. Fall Board Meeting Times

1. Board meeting times will be every other Tuesday this semester; Emily will not be able to attend most meetings, and Luke will not be able to attend all meetings

C. Freshman Banquet - Wednesday, September 27

1. Board members please send Katie an e-mail if they would like to attend

D. Homecoming events

1. Plaza event - trivia and prizes
2. Everyone is invited to attend and help

E. Board attend first pizza with a prof to introduce themselves? Date?

1. Yes, board members should attend; first pizza with a prof tentative date is late September with Adam Kay

F. Lounge

1. Improvements?
 - a) Clean out the fridge
 - b) Put Scholar of the Week info in the lounge
 - c) Climate control? Likely nothing that can be done
2. Freshman reps to care for and restock?
 - a) Freshman reps should continue to clean if necessary, keep track of cabinet keys, and refill water and snacks when necessary

G. Room in the library - 405

1. Way to track usage?
2. Who collects data?
3. We could potentially hold an open house to make students aware of the room

4. Is there a way for Honors students to electronically reserve the Honors room in the library?
5. Put a QR code on the door that can be scanned every time someone enters the room? Analytics can be run and room usage can be tracked that way

H. Mentorship program

1. Kick-off at the end of the month (Sep. 20) for mentors and mentees
 - a) Meeting for mentors and mentees separately and then meet each other
 - b) Paige is going to develop a brochure with main points regarding the program to clear up any confusion about the program
2. Tracking events for mentors?
 - a) Paige is not completely sure about how tracking will take place this year—possibly by photos. Mentor/mentee send a picture to Paige each time they attend an event together.

I. Update Dropbox with info and pictures

J. New website ideas

K. Events calendar

1. Online calendar option?
2. Send dates of events to Katie ASAP

L. Send year-long goals to Katie ASAP

M. Email list—there are some mishaps going on currently with the scholars list and Erica is working on getting that under control

N. We are on the que at ITS to switch point tracking and the Aquinas Scholars group from Blackboard over to Canvas/Office365; it will ideally be done by the end of the year

V. Social Chairs - Henry, Ashley, & Althea

A. How did retreat go?

1. Retreat went very well!

B. How did Lounge Open House go?

C. Upcoming events

1. Midtown Global Market

VI. Academic Chairs - Lucas & Ben

A. Pizza with the Dean?

B. Upcoming events

1. First Pizza with a Prof will be Adam Kay in biology; room reservations are under way
2. Next Pizza with a Prof will be October 17th

VII. Service Chairs - Regan, Taylor, & Meghan

A. Upcoming events

1. FMSC event September 22nd
2. Will meet with principle at St. Mark's to get the tutoring program up and running for this year

VIII. Webmaster - Peter

A. Are all freshman now added to Blackboard?

1. All new freshmen have been added to the Blackboard group

B. Updates

IX. Social Media Chair - Emily

A. New series ideas for Instagram

1. Scholar spotlight series on Facebook...feel free to give Emily info if there's a scholar that deserves recognition
2. Scholars Seminar spotlight on Facebook

B. Take and send pictures of events to Emily - post to dropbox or text 515-339-6171

C. LinkedIn account

1. Emily is working with Erica to get a LinkedIn group up and running

X. Publications - Val

A. September Journal - how many submissions came in?

1. 3 quality submissions have come in so far
 - a) If we don't get enough submissions, we may have to increase the point incentive
2. Val is working on a better marketing scheme to get more high quality submissions

B. Upcoming Journals

XI. Symposium - Emma & Laura

A. Updates

1. Laura and Emma have been brainstorming ideas

XII. R&O and Ambassador - Carmen

A. First faculty board meeting?

B. Freshman Rep applications?