

Meeting Minutes  
Aquinas Scholars Student Board  
09/26/17

**I. Directors**

A. Website redesign

1. Dr. Fort's new design ideas—condense the website and get rid of tabs that aren't being used, or move them all to Office365 (transition is underway)
2. Ask Dr. Fort if minutes should be drastically reduced because analytics have shown that they aren't viewed often, if at all
3. We will send out the proposed new website to the entire board—board members will send comments and suggestions to Dr. Fort directly

B. Updates

**II. President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer - Katie, Paige, Carolyn, & Michelle**

A. Welcome LLC RAs

1. LLC RAs (Justin and Celeste) will attend board meetings from here on out for LLC coordination purposes

B. Freshman Banquet - Wednesday, September 27

1. Survey: Why did you apply? Did you talk to any current scholars during the application process? A couple of questions will be asked of new scholars at the banquet

C. Homecoming events

1. Plaza event - trivia and prizes
  - a) Board members are encouraged to help out, some scholars will be helping also
2. Everyone is invited to attend and help

D. Room in the library - 405

1. Event or way to promote room?
  - a) Katie sent an email about having an event in the library room and no one followed up—Katie will send another email this week
  - b) The room has been put back on the site to reserve and it is no longer reserved for Honors students—Katie will follow up with that

E. Mentorship program updates

1. Tracking events for mentors? Mentors will be required to check in with Paige once a month—one required event per semester that mentor and mentee must attend together
2. How did kickoff event go? 70 total participants—17 mentors and 63 mentees
3. Paige would like pictures sent to her by mentor of events that they attended with their mentee

F. Meeting w/ Erica to look at board spending in the past

1. Looking to set a budget for each of the chairs
  - a) Michelle met with Erica to allocate budgets for each chair
  - b) In the near future, we will need to decide if we want to set aside money for travel funds for an Honors Convention next year

G. Update Dropbox with info and pictures

**III. Social Chairs - Henry, Ashley, & Althea**

A. Upcoming events

1. Midtown Global Market September 30: 30 scholars signed up so far
2. Apple Orchard October 14

**IV. Academic Chairs - Lucas & Ben**

A. How did Pizza w/ a Prof go?

B. Pizza with the Dean? Will email Dean Yohuru Williams to speak in November or December

C. Upcoming events

1. Pizza w/ a Prof October 17: Victoria Young in Fine Arts Department
2. Rich Schuler in the Physics Department will hopefully be speaking in November or December about the solar eclipse

**V. Service Chairs - Regan, Taylor, & Meghan**

A. How did FMSC go?

B. Upcoming events

1. Teaching lessons @ St Marks: 1 person has responded to Regan about the semester long teaching
2. Purple on the Plaza October 7
3. Oktoberfest @ St Mark's October 13

**VI. Webmaster - Peter**

A. Updates

**VII. Publications - Val**

- A. September Journal - how many submissions came in? **5 high quality submissions total, will be out by mid next week**
- B. Upcoming Journals: **Share any and all ideas with Val**
- C. **We should have a link to the journal on the new website, if possible**

**VIII. Social Media - Emily**

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

**IX. Symposium - Emma & Laura**

- A. Updates

**X. R&O and Ambassador - Carmen**

- A. Freshman Rep recruitment
  - 1. How are we recruiting? **Carmen will be going into the freshman Honors Theo class on Friday, and she'll send an email to all freshmen scholars the following Monday to remind them to apply**
  - 2. When are applications due? **Friday, October 13th**
  - 3. **Carmen will be using mostly last year's questions for the application**
  - 4. **She will send out an email to the board once applications are in so that those who are interested can help choose who the reps will be**
- B. Updates

**XI. LLC RAs - Justin & Celeste**

- A. Do RAs want help planning events?
- B. Updates
  - 1. **There is a lot of confusions amongst residents about points and requirements—hopefully these questions will be cleared up at the New Scholars Banquet on Wednesday via the contract**