

# AQUINAS SCHOLARS FACULTY BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2017

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 1. LLC Meeting results

--Eric and I met with Aaron Macke and his staff to plan next year's Honors LLC. The Honors Program/Eric will be in charge of LLC academic programming and the RA's will be responsible for other Residence Life programming.

### 2. EFF Plan for Seminars & Fourth Seminar requirement?

--I met with Bernie Brady and he added verbiage to the EFF plan that will allow Honors Seminars to count toward the "Integrations in the Humanities" part of the new curriculum. Cf. pages 36-37 of the latest proposal. Here's the relevant passage:

Each course that satisfies this requirement will:

1. Ordinarily be taken in one of the following CAS humanities departments or programs (or be cross-listed with one of them): American Culture and Difference, Art History, Catholic Studies, Classical Civilization, Communication & Journalism, English, History, Justice & Peace Studies, Modern & Classical Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theology, or Women's Studies. Aquinas Scholars Honors seminars (addressing topics in the humanities) could be used to meet this requirement, with two two-credit seminars counting for one of the two courses required (four two-credit seminars would fulfill the requirement). Some offerings from professional programs or non-humanities programs in CAS may fulfill the requirement (these will be specialized courses that are not required by those programs).

### 3. Eric's Strategic Plan for Honors Program

--Eric presented a non-circulating PowerPoint presentation of his vision for the Honors program in 2023. See him for details about his plan.

### 4. Academic Honesty/Integrity Policy and contract question

--We will cover this in more detail at our next spring meeting.

--My suggested wording: "All Aquinas Scholars are bound by the University's Academic Integrity Policy as specified in the Undergraduate Catalog. Any Aquinas Scholars who are found to be in violation of that policy will not only suffer the consequences specified by its procedures, but also be subject to disciplinary sanctions related to their membership in the Honors Program, including: academic probation or removal from the Program."

--Eric's suggested wording: "All Aquinas Scholars are bound by the University's Academic Integrity Policy as specified in the Undergraduate Catalog. Aquinas Scholars who are found to be in violation of that policy may incur additional program specific consequences."

5. Application Essay changes

-- We will cover this in more detail at our next spring meeting.

6. GPA requirement & data from Erica—Top 5/10/15/20% or 3.70—whichever is lower?

--I now have data on the top 5, 10, and 15% by major and department. I will share this with the Faculty Board and ask for recommendations about where to draw the line going forward.

7. Updates from Student Board President/VP

--No updates from Katie Ray & Paige Westra.

8. Student Board Meeting—12-12

--Last meeting of the fall semester.

9. Calendar for upcoming Spring 2018 meetings

--Erica will be in touch at the beginning of the spring semester for possible meeting times. We usually meet 3 times—say, March, April, and in May (at Davanni's)—to consider Honors Seminar Proposals.

10. Other? **Pizza with the Dean of CAS—December 14 at 12 pm in 205 MHC**—all Faculty Board members are invited.