

AQUINAS SCHOLARS FACULTY BOARD MEETING

April 24, 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. December Survey Data

Eric just wanted to remind everyone about the data from the survey--Please see the survey data at this link:

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiY2RjMzYzN2EtNmZhZC00MTE1LTgxNWUtMzM4NmZkMDZjOWI3IiwidCI6ImEwODFmZjc5LTMxOGMtNDVIYy05NWYzLTM4ZWJmJmJwMTQ3MiIsImMiOiN9>

This survey was sent to current students who are non-Scholars, who never applied to the Scholars Program, and whose GPA's qualify them to be in the Honors Program

2. Path for DFC (Dougherty Family College) students into the Honors Program

The current plan is to treat them like transfer students in terms of their Honors Program requirements, in other words as AQU7—2 Sections and 3 Seminars.

3. Eric's Update on Office Hour visit with President Sullivan

Eric met with President Sullivan to talk about the Honors Program and his 5-year plan. If things go well there may be more funding available for the Program.

4. Update regarding International Applicants to Honors Program

The Office of Admissions contacted us about working with them in recruiting International students for the Honors Program. Eric plans to work with them.

5. Call for Proposals for Seminars (Summer and Fall 2019 and Spring 2020—Due May 4, 2018)

I began sending out the Call for Proposals after Spring/Easter Break. I sent three calls; proposals are due May 4, 2018.

6. Update on application numbers

Application numbers are 29% higher than last year's numbers—mostly from more auto-accepts and more applications from current students.

7. Update on Calling Night

118 students were contacted.

8. Updates from Student Board President/VP—Election results

Katie Ray (Student Board President) reported on the Student Board election results and the remaining positions that still need to be filled. Paige Westra was elected the new Student Board President.

9. Student Board Meeting—5-1

This will be the first meeting conducted by the new Executive Board.

10. Calendar for remaining Spring 2018 meetings

5-14-18 @ Davanni's @ 1-3 pm (after Finals Feed @ 11-1) to evaluate Seminar Proposals.

11. Symposium Update

Katie Ray reported that it went well and that the various sessions were well attended.

12. Application Essay changes

Eric reported on the survey he had sent to Faculty Board members. Please send Eric your thoughts on the application essay—specifically, what two things you think the essay should accomplish. Eric plans to address this early next fall. Some Board members suggested better directions, and perhaps a choice among a few different questions/prompts.

13. Other?

New Board Faculty Board members—I contacted Georgia Fisher about the next OCB representative to replace James Heyman; CAS Division 2 representative Peter Distelzweig will serve another term; I contacted Justin Donato about the next CAS Division 3 representative to replace Eric Fort.

The annual Honors Graduation Convocation is scheduled for May 3 from 5-6:30 pm—all are invited!