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**Subject:** Aquinas Scholars Faculty Board: Fall 2021 Meetings  
**Start:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:20:00 PM  
**End:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:00:00 PM  
**Location:** ASC 235 and; <https://stthomas.zoom.us/j/91900865805?pwd=Kyt2VDE5cFJxS0hjT0MrOjMxRjUxZz09&from=addon>

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Hi Everyone,

Here is the agenda for Thursday. There are two items of homework in purple below. Please provide feedback in advance for the mission/SLO discussion.

Eric

Agenda:

1. Discuss summer DEI Feedback on New Scholar Application and adjust if needed.

Please familiarize yourself with the Essay Prompt  
<https://www.stthomas.edu/aquinasscholars/applicationprocess/essay/>

2. Discussion of Application Process

- a. Rolling vs. Bulk
- b. Quota or Filter
- c. Essay Review

3. Mission, SLO, and Assessment

Provide a suggestion/answer to each and email it to me before Thursday.

- a. Does the mission capture what we are doing/should be doing?
- b. Do the proposed SLOs capture what we are doing/should be doing?
- c. What mechanisms do we have to assess that we are doing these things?

Aquinas Scholars Mission Statement:

The Aquinas Scholars Honors Program is the undergraduate honors program of the University of St. Thomas. The program is designed to enrich the educational experience of the school's most academically motivated students by creating a community of scholars dedicated to academic excellence and the ideals of a liberal arts education.

The proposed SLOs for the program are as follows and will be considered for the remainder of the review, with the expectation that they will be formalized in Fall 2021.

1. Aquinas Scholars will illustrate sound, evidence-based evaluations of issues or problems.
2. Aquinas Scholars will engage diverse communities and encourage mutually beneficial partnerships.
3. Aquinas Scholars will perform effective critical thinking when solving problems.
4. Aquinas Scholars will design, conduct and actively pursue independent educational experiences.
5. Aquinas Scholars will engage purposefully in leadership, service, mentorship, multi-cultural, and/or intercultural activities.

The program, in its current form, seeks to support students toward these SLOs by:

- Forming a community of students with similar academic commitment
- Connecting students with opportunities that further their goals
- Offering insightful courses that foster interaction and discussion
- Sponsoring interdisciplinary seminars that engage and enlighten

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