



MINUTES FOR THE SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE [SSAC]

Date and Time: 3:15 PM

Location: B401

Presiding: Lang, Damaris-Lois Y

Present: Bly Djebamou, Gyan, Joseph, Sarah Hoiland, Onovo, Grace, Pineda, Kelvin;

Rodriguez, Yoel; Shaw, Ronette; Subert, Maria; Vasquez-Iscan, Elys

Absent: Castro, Katrina; Rayo, Rocio;

Guests: Rivera, Johana; Brenan, Sarah; Hammonds, Theresa

Minutes Prepared By: Ronette Shaw

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / ACTION
Call to Order 3:21	Review Agenda Review Minutes from previous meetings (October 16, November 6)	Committee Accepted Agenda and Minutes
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#5 Senate reminders (SSAC)	Standing committee	A standing committee consists of 12 total members: 8 faculty, 2 CLT, 2 Students to maintain corium.
		Consistent guests are welcomed to attend the SSAC meetings.
	Senate name change	Recommended revision of this committee's name to reflect that it represents a senate committee. New revised name is SSAC: "Senate Scholarship Awards Committee". Moving forward this name change will be reflected on all documents and the current website.
	Attendance	Absence from the committee at a maximum of 3 meetings or more than 3 times for the academic year can affect necessary representation for quorum to proceed.
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Secretary Nomination	Secretary nominations in lieu of absences of current secretary: Dr. Lang called for the committee to nominate and vote.	Nominate: Ronette Shaw as secretary. No other nominees. Action#1: Voting results: 10/10 (YES)
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Review meeting with President Gomez and VP Castro Topic Honors Convocation	President Gomez recommended generating a "Honors Convocation" account. Also seeking funding from several foundations. In collaboration with VP Martinez, the subcommittees Resource Group Represented by Professor Rodriguez and Ms. Castro presented a potential GAF account. VP Martinez considered the committee should increase the donor base through developing an account that funds the event and have foundations match funding. Sarah Brennen invited Dr. Lang and VP Martinez to the Chairs and Coordinators meeting 12/10 and they presented the proposal pertaining to faculty involvement in helping with GAF account solicitations.	Committee will continue to discuss
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Distribution of Funds	The ideal distribution will provide awards to each UNIT. Additional awards would be provided through the specific unit. VP Martinez will discuss foundation commitments with the Unit coordinators. And so, match funds through foundations.	Members will continue to discuss
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Partners	 Donors (Partners) should identify specific accounts GAF accounts fund specifically to students Follow up meeting in January Base money recommended from the president and then match Honors convocation ceremony is OAA Awards departmental awards are influenced by SSAC with other departments continuing their own Certificates: Presidents office indicate the conference center could help in collaboration with Ed-tech. 3,000 per as fundraiser from the department was the goal (10 departments/Academic) to be matched by the partners to provide funding for the students based on academic criteria outlined through SSAC. 	demoets will continue to discuss
Funds Endowment recommendation	 Member recommendation; Departmental Chairs will meet with VP Martinez individually with SSAC Resource group to support the initiative of the committee. January follow-up meeting with the President will allow presentation of an outline pertaining to endowment of the funds May 22nd Honors Convocation Identify potential partners through the use of the unit coordinator's 	
Presidential list	1. Dr. Lang together with Professor Vasquez-Iscan, Dr. Onovo and Professor Shaw have worked on the Presidential list. Office of the president informed to simplify remains as Deans list criteria with a GPA of 4.0 which distinguish the list different from the dean's list. Must be Academic level credits no remedial credits, 2. Criteria clarification continued. 3. Letters will be generated once criteria and list are evaluated.	Members are aware.

	Senate meeting tomorrow related to list. (Executive committee)	
Honors Convocation May 22 nd 6pm	Date for Honors convocation Modify the Ceremony Medals. 1. Students can walk to the stage with their names to be read while on stage along with certificates to improve the process. 2. No Pins, potential cords for the students dependent on funding. 3. SGA will assist with certificates and Ed-tech will assist with the honors convocation booklet Last meeting for the. Fall semester.	Members will continue to discuss
5 pm Meeting Adjourned		