

MINUTES

THE SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE [SSAC]

Presiding: Lang, Damaris-Lois

Minutes Prepared By: Genzale, Ann

Present: Amnie, Asrat; Ballesteros, Humberto; Chang, Helen; Genzale, Ann; Rodríguez, Yoel, Shaw, Ronette

Absent:

Guests:

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | DECISION / ACTION |
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| Call to Order and Confirm Quorum | Quorum | 3:46pm |
| Acceptance of Agenda and Acceptance of Minutes | Members accept meeting agenda. | 3:46pm |
| Chair's Remarks and Agenda Items | <p>SSAC Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With departure of Prof. Subert, Prof. Ronette Shaw will serve as Vice-Chairperson, and Prof. Ann Genzale will serve as Secretary. ○ Ms. Hammonds and Ms. Rayo will also not be returning this semester, and, without student members, leaves the committee with 7 members total, just enough for quorum. ○ Will plan to set a tentative meeting schedule for Spring near the end of the semester to avoid scheduling conflicts and to ensure all who would like to continue working with SSAC have the opportunity to do so. • Operational Frame <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee is tasked with working on both scholarships and awards. In Fall semester, the focus is on scholarships, and in Spring, the focus is on departmental awards and Honors Convocation. However, Fall semester is when the committee requests the names and award descriptions from departments and programs. • Scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unlike awards, which are based on faculty nominations, students must apply for scholarships. Most are based on financial need, though some donors may add certain academic criteria. ○ There is an online system set up, but students are not applying—last year, \$140,000 in scholarship money was unused. ○ SSAC will collaborate with the Scholarships Office to hold workshops where students can apply on the spot. | <i>Members aware</i> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Lists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registrar will be providing up-to-date scholastic lists to put on the SSAC website. SSAC Academic Criteria Group will be continuing to ensure the accuracy of the lists. • GAEF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GAEF Awards have been supported by the Office of Institutional Advancement, but we are working on getting them added as a budget item. ○ Also, information for GAEF Awards is currently housed in Academic Affairs—exploring the possibility of having a program/system similar to that used for Scholarships. | |
| Guest Remarks | None | |
| Subcommittee Members' Remarks and Updates | <p>Subcommittee Members:</p> <p><i>SSAC Visibility Group: Lang, D.L.</i></p> <p><i>SSAC Tracking Group: Amnie, A. Genzale A.</i></p> <p><i>SSAC Academic Criteria Group: Chang, H. Rodriguez, Y.</i></p> <p><i>SSAC Resource Group: Ballesteros, H. Shaw, R.</i></p> | <i>Members aware</i> |
| Secretary's Remarks and Announcements | Next Meeting: Friday, September 24, 3:30pm | |
| Old and New Business | | |
| Attendance and Adjournment | | <i>4:26pm</i> |