

Minutes for the Scholarships and Awards Committee

Date & Time: October 9th 3:15 - 5:00

Location: B411

Presiding: Damaris-Lois Lang

Present: Bly Djehamou, Karina Castro, Joseph Gyan, Sarah Hoiland, Damaris-Lois Lang, Grace Onovo, Rocio Rayo, Maria Subert, Elys Vaquez-Iscan, Yoel Rodriguez

Absent: Kelvin Pineda, Ronette Shaw

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Edited: Dr. Damaris-Lois Lang

Call to Order (3:25pm)

Confirm Quorum (3:25pm)

Acceptance of Agenda - Unanimous (3:28)

Acceptance of Minutes -

Secretary will add a clarification note to the meeting notes and send around for approval before sending them to the senate.

Unanimous (3:38)

Chair moves to switch agenda items - Unanimous (3:40)

Discussion:

It is important to set a minimum and maximum per student based on Departments.

Questions that need to be answered:

Who will give out checks?

How will funds be distributed?

Who will the funds support?

There should be equity among the departments.

SAA Tracking Group is supposed to track criteria

Reiterating Sub Committee Roles

Tracking Group

Keeping information from each program/department

Criteria Changes every year for departments. There is not equity.

Suggestion: We should create a checklist and give criteria.

Academic Criteria Group

Work with Dean Rivera. Just dealing with Dean's List and Scholastic Achievement.

Discussion: Applying for Department Awards online. That system went away with the Pepsi Cola Money.

There is a difference between scholarships and awards.

The money comes from the same area but it is a gray area.

Award v. Scholarships

Statement: We can tell the departments what non-monetary awards criteria is, but we cannot tell the department what we give.

Motion to vote on this. Motion Dismissed.

Discussion: SAAC should gently guide departments by providing guidelines.

The SDEM website lists that they are in charge of both scholarships and awards.

Reiterate Mandate.

Discussion: Can we get put on as an agenda item at the next one or two chairs and coordinators meetings?

This is not easy.

We need to figure out two different things.

- (1) Set up criteria and
- (2) giving awards

Discussion: What is the mission of our committee? This is not the mandate. What is the mission?

Discussion: Based on what we already have from the last Honors Convocation - we can create general criteria.

We will only focus on awards and leave scholarships alone. Awards are handled by OAA because they are departmental. SDEM manages scholarships.

OIA can open a fund to pay for academic awards.

Based on what departments submitted last year - we should create a general criteria.

Tracking Group is going to work on Criteria.

Resource and Tracking Group will work together

Discussion: What is our mission? We should create a mission statement. There is a difference between scholarships and awards.

Discussion: Scholarships have to be different than awards. This is the difference between Donors and Programs Setting Criteria.

OIA → SDEM

OAA → SAAC (but the money still comes from OIA because all money is funneled through them).

Discussion:

Gray Area - Awards are merit based? Scholarships are need based?

Reading Notes from President Gomez's meeting

Discussion:

Which recommendation are we choosing to report?

We have to have guidelines to report back. This needs to happen ASAP. Motion to continue this conversation to next meeting. The tacking and resource committee to figure out something to propose to the president. Cannot wait a month. Meeting schedule for next week.

Next Meeting October 16 at 3:15.

Adjournment at 5:03pm