



### **VIII New Business Item B Students of Distinction banquet-discussion item-Dr. Monica Green**

In the absence of a Student Activities Coordinator, planning for the Student of Distinction Banquet got by us this year. Nomination requests are typically sent to the faculty in March, due date in April and the banquet held in May. While there was communication between the Academic Senate President and the VPSS this week, there was not adequate time to bring to the AS committee earlier than today. The Student of Distinction banquet historically was **the** most difficult event of the year for the Activities Coordinator. How would you like to move forward considering the following:

- Dr. Green's calendar is full
- College hour is booked through the end of the year with other events
- At a minimum, you need one week for nominations, and another week for student and family notification. There is not time to plan a well thought out program.

#### **Discussion highlights:**

- Consider combining with the scholarship event on Friday, May 20. The concern is that it will make the event extremely long. At this point, it may be too late considering the time needed for nominations and notification.
- It is very important to recognize the Student of Distinction even if it is not associated with an event.
- Consider reading the name at commencement.
- Consider combining, for those that can attend, with the Music Awards in THTR 101 on June 2. It could be held prior to the music awards 6:30-7:15pm? This format will not allow unlimited time for faculty to elaborate about their students but it would be a great way to recognize the students accomplishments.
- Dr. Dieckmeyer agrees there may not be adequate time to get nominations from the faculty.



**D. Distance Education Committee (Harris) (+1, 10+1)**

- No Report

**E. Library Advisory Committee (Harris) (+1, 10+1)**

- No Report

**F. Professional Development Committee (Zwart) (#8, 10+1)**

- No Report

**G. Professional Growth & Sabbatical Leave (Brockenbrough) ( #8, 10+1)**

- All sabbatical requests were been sent to the respective Presidents. Hope to make the May Board meeting.
- Next meeting is Thursday, May 5

- Take resolution back to your departments for further discussion,
- Coming down the line-Z-Degrees (zero text book costs)

#### **D. Administrative Updates-Information item (Dieckmeyer)**

- Completion Initiative moving on to ISPC for approval then to COTW. If approved I will be creating a workgroup with compensated time during summer. Please talk with your departments and connect with Peggy or Diane.
- Professional Development Melissa/Jason working on an offsite weekend retreat to discuss equity plan. Possibly Arrowhead or San Diego. Focus will be about the needs of students as seen through an equity lens.
- Looking at Faculty Learning community-already included in the Equity Plan. Compensated for time with possible poster presentation at conclusion.
- As soon as Dr. Tschetter sends in her photos for her digital story we will be looking for another recommendation from the Academic Senate. The person recommended does not need to be a retiree.
- We will be doing another Welcome Day. A big part of the success of Welcome Day was the faculty.
- If you would like to participate in the Completion Initiative, Welcome Day or the Faculty

Learning Community please contact Dr. Dieckmeyer.

- Retiring faculty confirmed to date: Joe Eckstein & Deborah Makin

#### **E-I Recruitment and hiring**

The Academic Senate has been asked by the Board to review these policies due to issues surrounding the recent hiring of administrators. How can these policies be modified to assure that we do not run into the same problems again?

- Faculty should be included
- Look at who reviews the composition of the search committee

Next Meeting:  
Monday May 16, 2016  
1:30-3:30 ST 107

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