

## Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 5, 2021

2:00 pm

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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**In Attendance:** Isabelle Gagne, Liz Teoli, Brian MacKenna-Rice, Kelly Sanborn, Deb McKinney, Kathy Hudson, Emily Gonzalez, Eldiane Elmeus, Jennifer Levesque, Meredith Gunning, Amy Cameron, Tiffany Esmerio, Eli Abbot (Student), Denise Trinidad, Stephanie Haskell

**Guest(s):** Vanessa Rodriguez

**Absent:** Jacqueline Dick, Gabe Garcia, Kristen Arnold

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1. Call to order
    - a. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gagne at 2:04 pm.
  2. Approval of [3/1/2021 Minutes](#)
    - a. Eldiane Elmeus motioned to approve the minutes as is, Emily Gonzalez seconded the motion. All in attendance voted to approve the minutes for the March 1, 2021 meeting.
  3. SGA Update
    - a. New faces have been introduced to the SGA board, and they are also preparing for the upcoming election for fall 2021. The current board is still researching ideas for class gifts, but will happily share their decision once it's made.
    - b. Some students have reported that on school paperwork there is no option to enter preferred pronouns, which can lead to issues going forward. SGA representatives are looking into the matter and seeing how it can be amended going forward.
  4. [Student of the Month - March 2021](#)
    - a. There were 4 nominations and a total of 3 nominees. [Random Name Picker](#) was used by Amy Cameron while sharing her screen with the committee and Levi Burrill was selected as the recipient of the gift certificate.
    - b. A new certificate was created by Liz Teoli for use starting in AY 2021-2022, a vote was held and all members in attendance voted to use the [Updated certificate for AY 21-22](#).
- Action: Liz will update the new certificate to include the name, title, and signature of the appropriate member of the administration pending Bill Heineman's move to NSCC.**
5. Tentatively titled "Golden Lamp Award" Update
    - a. 3/1/2021 Action: Liz will create a Google Form to be shared with SGA for suggestions of names for the award

- i. 4 students responded to the Google Form, and there was no general consensus, but we got a write in recommendation with explanation and think that is a great one. "The Golden Lamp Award."

- 1. [Certificate](#)

- b. Discussion was held around the purpose of this award, who would be eligible for the award, ethical concerns related to the award, and whether or not the Student Affairs Committee was the correct group to offer the award in the first place. It was ultimately decided by voting members of the committee that the award idea should be passed along to the Student Government Association.

**Action: Isabelle will attend the upcoming SGA meeting and discuss the award with SGA board members.**

6. Update on Action Items from 3/1/2021 Meeting:

- a. Action: Isabelle will voice the concerns related to amending the committees to Sheila Muller, head of the ACA.

- i. Isabelle voiced the concerns to ACA Chair Sheila Muller, however, it seems as if things may be proceeding as is.

7. New Business

- a. Concerns were brought to the committee related to the continuous reshuffling of student support services in the Dimitry Building, and relocation of services in Lawrence as a whole.

It was noted that multiple departments are being relocated and having their space downsized to make room for other departments to move in. This makes it more difficult to serve students for a number of reasons, especially as spaces lack the privacy that is necessary for some tutors and students.

The committee understands that moves are sometimes necessary to support various initiatives that the college is working on (meta-major centers, ISEE, etc...) however, it seems as if not enough thought or consideration is being given to student-facing departments and the spaces that are necessary to perform their functions properly and therefore allow them to help with student success.

8. Motion to adjourn

- a. Deb McKinney motioned to adjourn the meeting and Eldiane Elmeus seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

**\*\*\* Submitted by Liz Teoli & Isabelle Gagne 4/9/2021 \*\*\***

**\*\*\* Approved by the committee 5/3/2021 \*\*\***