

University of Central Florida Student Government Association



Scholarship Committee Student Government Association

October 4, 2017
12:00 PM

SGA Black and Gold Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order- **12:00 PM**
- II. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum-quorum is verified

PRESENT	ABSENT
Chair Gray	
Vice-Chair L. Phillips	
Student Body President Larkins	
Speaker Behar	absent
OSFA Representative Hunt	
SSAO Representative Phillips	

- III. Approval of the Minutes- approved
- IV. Approval of the Agenda- approved
- V. Announcements from the Chair- Today we are looking at three different scholarship forms. Speaker Behar will no longer be with us. I got an email from Amy Zeh, she wanted to discuss splitting the \$10,000 to 5 and 5.
- VI. Announcements from Committee Members- none
- VII. Announcements from Non-Committee Members- none
- VIII. Old Business- none
- IX. New Business-
 - a. Scholarship Request Presentations
 - i. Chair Gray- We are looking at undergraduate award
 - ii. Kimberly Schneider- We have held this showcase for 15 years. We have documented 2000 people attending with 400 students presenting. These students showcase their research for opportunities in the future. SGA has helped by awarding scholarships with faculty members voting. They review the posters online and review them in person and talk to every student. We give two scholarships for every 15 people. This year we are doing more things to keep growing in attendance. Our acceptance rate is 95% for any student that applies and takes the time to apply.
 - iii. Chair Gray- When do you apply?
 - iv. Kimberly Schneider -February 9th and have 16 days in advance to withdraw. The showcase is April 6th, 2017
 - v. Lisa Hunt- How much money is given for the scholarships and awards?
 - vi. Kimberly Schneider- For judge's choice its \$400 and \$200 for Audience choice which has

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become more popular.

- vii. Richard Phillips- Last year we awarded \$19,200, are you looking for more awarding?
- viii. Kimberly Schneider- Yes, we tend to increase based on the fact of how much the showcase is growing. There are great reasons to grow but we have had to change every year in terms of allocating the money and awards. Students usually stick around to get awards and see others win.
- ix. Chair Gray- Any more questions?
- x. Kimberly Schneider- There is also another scholarship I wanted to present. Many students who couldn't participate in the research showcase wanted other opportunities. This scholarship is a new marketing tool to show people about the showcase while also recognizing students who have done research.
- xi. Lisa Hunt- Who decides who get the scholarships?
- xii. Kimberly Schneider- The students decided in the committee and then get together with the coordinator to decide.
- xiii. Chair Gray- When did this scholarship start?
- xiv. Kimberly Schneider- I would say about three years ago.
- xv. Chair Gray- Do a lot of students take part in the showcase and apply for the scholarship?
- xvi. Kimberly Schneider- Yes, many people do but we try to split up opportunities. We want the students to focus and participate more in the showcase.
- xvii. Brad Kuehler- For the criteria, what is the search related accomplishments?
- xviii. Kimberly Schneider- Some students have had research in other places and gotten other scholarships so we like to know what else they are doing and what the student have been up to.
- xix. Chair Gray- Any further questions? No then thank you Dr. Schneider.
- xx. Chair Gray- I think this is a great scholarship, I would want to approve it now.
- xxi. Richard Phillips- This showcase has always done well and we SGA have always been recognized.
- xxii. Chair Gray- Motion to go into voting procedures, all in favor in approving The Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence Award Scholarship and Distinguish Undergraduate Researcher Award Scholarship. This scholarship stands Approved. 5-0-0
- xxiii. Chair Gray- Amanda you have the floor.
- xxiv. Amanda Hill- This year for the 15th year we have partnered with SGA and graduate students. This event is important for graduate students. It is held here on campus and we give grad students an opportunity to show their research. The students win prizes based on the information and how they can talk about it. This event has been open to all students and also open to undergraduate students to help show students what it's like to be in grad school. We want to help show research to students.
- xxv. Lisa Hunt- In the criteria it says must be grad student?
- xxvi. Amanda Hill- Yes, undergraduate students are allowed to attend and watch.
- xxvii. Richard Phillips-What is the criteria to attend this showcase?
- xxviii. Amanda Hill- It changes every year by discipline.
- xxix. Richard Phillips – Who makes the selection?
- xxx. Amanda Hill- Faculty members on the committee and in the colleges, make the decision.
- xxxi. Lisa Hunt- How many students were there last year?

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- xxxii. Amanda Hill – I don't have that info the top of my head, but I can find it.
- xxxiii. Chair Gray- What is the process to apply?
- xxxiv. Amanda Hill- Anyone in the graduate program can apply and must commit to an abstract on a poster session.
- xxxv. Chair Gray- I assume you have plenty of presenter's since you are in the Pegasus ballroom?
- xxxvi. Amanda Hill- Yes, we do.
- xxxvii. Chair Gray- Any more questions? Thank you, Ms. Hill, and thank you for coming in.
- xxxviii. Richard Phillips- This sound like a worthy event and basically the same process as undergrad.
- xxxix. Lisa Hunt- And they asked for the same amount of money?
- xl. Richard Phillips- Yes, 6,000 and they divide by the colleges presented.
- xli. Chair Gray- All in favor to approve Graduate Research Forum Award Scholarship. Scholarship stands approved, 5-0-0.

b. 2017-2018 Scholarships

- i. Chair Gray- Amy Zeh emailed me and asked for \$5000 in fall and %5000 spring semester.
- ii. Lisa Hunt- We spent a lot of time devising a plan so we broke it down half and half. Due to the fact that it was brand new showcase.
- iii. Chair Gray- I agree, since it's a new showcase.
- iv. Richard Phillips- We should give her an explanation as to why we decided what we did and the thinking behind the discussion.
- v. Chair Gray- We were explicit in about giving the full aid since it's a new venue in the fall.
- vi. Lisa Hunt- Despite the fact spring is more successful she still wants to reward more in fall?
- vii. Richard Phillips- That's what I was thinking, spring has always been successful and maybe they think with a fall showcase they except people to drop out of the spring showcase?
- viii. Chair Gray- I think I'll email her and ask her to come in next meeting to talk to her about it.
- ix. Richard Phillips- At the end of the day we have given them \$10,000 and we should give her more of an explanation and understanding her perspective and reasons for splitting the money in half.
- x. Chair Gray- Ill email her and ask her to come in. So now about the second chance scholarship.
- xi. Brad Keuhler- Can you fill me in on this?
- xii. Chair Gray- Yeah, so basically, it's about students with low GPA and talking about how they got to where they are now.
- xiii. Brad Keuhler- I think we should keep it.
- xiv. Chair Gray- Alright let's keep it Second Chance Scholarship. Now, we want to discuss how to award these scholarships. I have been thinking a lot and I think we are going to cut off students by using an annual scholarship.
- xv. Lisa Hunt- 90% of students apply for fall and spring at first hand anyways.

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- xxi. Chair Gray – I am worried we aren't going to get the certain amount of scholarships applicants.
 - xxvii. Richard Phillips- This year could be the most challenging for sophomore and above and they anticipate for spring scholarships. We will have to market a lot about the annual scholarships.
 - xxviii. Chair Gray- I had our marketing chair delete all the old scholarships on the website.
 - xxix. Richard Phillips- Last year was an issue because we utilized A2O, so now it should be a little easier.
 - xxx. Chair Gray- Ms. Hunt I will send you a word document and I have changed the criteria from last meeting.
 - xxxi. Lisa Hunt- I also wanted to mention that I have created a feature in the A2O system. Once a student is selected and they are offered the scholarships, they can review the process. Then they will get a textbox and with all the criteria, if they think they can follow then they click I accept, and they require to write a thank you letter.
 - xxxii. Richard Phillips- I usually get sent those and it helps show the appreciation they have.
 - xxxiii. Lisa Hunt- Then I will keep that together.
 - xxxiv. Chair Gray- We need to add the cap and gown scholarship specifically for spring with 10 at \$85 each. All the scholarships will still be annual expect cap and gown.
 - xxxv. Lisa Hunt- When would you like to advertise for the cap and gown?
 - xxxvi. Chair Gray- Probably around January.
 - xxxvii. Lisa Hunt- Just so you know, December will be crazy but I can create it now and open it later.
- x. Miscellaneous Business- none
 - xi. Member Discussion- none
 - xii. Final Roll Call- quorum is verified
 - xiii. Adjournment- **12:56 PM**

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