

University of Central Florida Student Government Association



Scholarship Committee Student Government Association

October 21, 2016
11:00 AM
Senate Workroom (SGA)

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order- 11:06 AM
- II. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum-

PRESENT	ABSENT
Chair Ila	Present
Vice President Altfield	Present
Speaker Cepeda	Present
Senator Payne	Present
Senator Desari	Present
Senator Bockin	Present
Justice Simpson	Excused at 12:15pm
Justice Hickman	Excused at 12:15pm
OSFA Representative Baptiste	Present
SSAO Representative Phillips	Present

- III. Approval of the Minutes- 9-21-16; MTA 9-0-0
- IV. Approval of the Agenda- MTA 9-0-0
- V. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. I'm still learning the procedures so please excuse me while I get used to everything.
- VI. Announcements from Committee Members- None
- VII. Announcements from Non-Committee Members- None
- VIII. Old Business- None
- IX. New Business-
 - a. Scholarship Presentations
 - i. Cepeda- Move to go informal 9-0-0
 - 1. Cepeda- no raffles, academic achievement important, should show effort
 - 2. Phillips- A scholarship spreadsheet with reversions will be made available. We will be able to see scholarship availability and how many were awarded last year.
 - ii. Move to go back to formal 9-0-0
 - iii. Move to add Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award to new business 9-0-0
 - iv. Office of Undergraduate Research

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1. Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence
 - a. Presentation
 - i. Dr. Kimberly Schneider- high acceptance rate, must have faculty mentor, faculty judges (peer & audience awards), asking \$19,200
 - b. Questions
 - c. Debate
 - i. Cepeda- I urge everyone to vote highly in favor because I asked some hard questions and she had great answers to all of them. This would be a smart use of our funds, and I think the increase in the requested amount is fair.
 1. MTV 9-0-0
2. Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award
 - a. Presentation
 - i. Dr. Kimberly Schneider- Asking \$200 for each of 12 months, so \$2400 total, rolling applications
 - ii. Questions
 1. Cepeda- We can work to try and change the statutes to allow use to approve Spring/Fall scholarships at the same time.
 - iii. Debate
 1. Phillips- I'm sure we'll be able to work with our offices, and I think this is a great award.
 2. MTV- 9-0-0
 3. Phillips- Should we invite presenters to leave so we can have unfiltered debate afterwards? That's what we did last year.
 4. Cepeda- It would be up to the discretion of the chair regarding if we want to invite them to leave, but Sunshine Laws mean we can't make them.
- v. Office of Experiential Learning
 1. Presentation
 - a. Amy Zeit- Requesting \$8000 (same as last year), 28 total scholarships
 2. Questions
 - a. Simpson- This would be for Summer '16, Fall '16, Spring '17?
 - i. Yes
 - b. Payne- Would this be available to all colleges?
 - i. Yes
 - c. Cepeda- Isn't this an external scholarship?
 - i. Phillips- This means the final award determination would be up to the department.

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- d. Cepeda- Is there a program to allow students to go through the office to qualify?
 - i. Something to consider
- e. Cepeda- Doesn't this seem to be a reimbursement of the credit hours for the service learning class?
- 3. Debate
 - a. Cepeda- I hope this is an extra support opportunity and not a way for students to get reimbursed. A zero-credit course would be good as we don't want students to expect this award as a reason for doing the course; excess credit hours
 - b. Baptiste- This sounds like working for a scholarship and that is not allowed.
 - c. Ila- Is there a motion for a non-committee member to speak?
9-0-0
 - i. Kimberly Winarski- I did a service learning class and received this award, credit hours can be waived, similar to undergraduate research in terms of "working"
 - d. Cepeda- We will need a definition from financial aid about working for scholarships.
 - e. Cepeda- Move to PP 9-0-0
- vi. SARC- ACE Tuition Scholarship
 - 1. Presentations
 - a. Brandy Espinosa
 - 2. Questions
 - a. Bockin- Is this open to all students of any standing?
 - i. Yes, mostly freshman though
 - b. Payne- Does this tend to bring new students into the program or supplement already involved students?
 - c. Cepeda- How to continue to improve?
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Move to PP to next scheduled meeting 6-0-0
- vii. International Scholarship
 - 1. Presentations
 - a. Cepeda- This will help these international students who have trouble with the amount of hours they can work, and anything to ease their financial burden will greatly help. Asking for \$1000 for undergraduate and \$1000 for graduate.
 - 2. Questions
 - a. Desari- Maybe there should be a criterion for campus involvement. Perhaps a GPA requirement of a 3.0 GPA would be better since you have to have that to remain in Global UCF.

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- i. Campus involvement would be great, and I didn't know about the Global UCF GPA requirement. We could do that.
 - ii. It would make it available to more students if it remained at a 2.75 GPA.
 - b. Baptiste- There would be taxes deducted from this scholarship for international students, depending on the agreement we have with each country.
 - c. Cepeda- Would it still be worth it for the students who receive this scholarship, Senator Desari?
 - i. Yes, I think any amount of money helps.
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Desari- As an international student, this is important to help students and their families.
 - b. Bockin- Move to PP 5-0-1
 - X. Member Discussion-
 - a. Simpson- Could we change our meeting time?
 - i. Ila- I will send out another Doodle Poll.
 - XI. Miscellaneous Business-
 - a. Vice Chair Nominations-
 - i. Cepeda- I nominate Senator Bockin.
 - 1. Bockin- I decline.
 - ii. Cepeda- I nominate Senator Desari.
 - 1. Desari- I decline.
 - iii. Cepeda- Okay, I nominate Senator Payne
 - 1. I accept
 - b. Vice Chair Elections-
 - i. Payne- I'm really excited to be on this committee since I've had some issues with scholarship availability in the past, and I can't wait to address these issues. I would love to improve the efficiency of the group by serving as vice chair.
 - ii. Elected 8-0-1
 - XII. Final Roll Call- Same as initial minus Justices Simpson and Hickman
 - XIII. Adjournment- 12:40 PM

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