

**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES –Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015**  
**3:00 p.m. – Room S517**

**Present:** Dan Morrow, Karen Blake, Lisa Calabrese, Lisa Boyko, Eleni Saltourides, Carlos Franco, Mark Schnubel, Alison Wang, Alex Zozulin, Laurie Hornbecker, Bonnie Goulet.

1. Oct. 22 Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved: Lisa Boyko motioned first and Mark Schnubel seconded—unanimous approval. Will be posted on SAC website.
2. Old Business:
  - Commencement candidate selections: Committee discussed the 11 candidates forwarded to us by the college community. First we considered the candidates forwarded by the SGA: They had forwarded 6 candidates, and the committee voted on the top two to add to the original list of 11 candidates. After our discussion and taking a look at the candidates' bios, everyone took a vote of their top three choices. Eleni collected the ballots, ranked and then weighted the top three candidates. In first place with a score of 22, was Rick Mastracchio; second, Reginald Dwayne Betts with 13; and third, Kathleen Ouilette with 11. Eleni will be sending the names and info of these candidates to the President's Office.
  - Eleni informed the status of the revised by-laws that are up for review with the President's office.
3. New Business:
  - Lisa Calabrese informed us that Linda Stango in collaboration with Scott Farrell will be in charge of next year's President to President Scholarship. Linda and Scott will contact Eleni so they can inform the committee of the latest developments and procedures for this process.
  - No announcements/concerns from SGA rep Dan Morrow
  - Eleni informed committee about President's response to the Commencement Ceremony not being student-centered. The reasons why dignitaries, faculty and staff are recognized during this ceremony is that it is about celebrating the school as a whole—this includes not only students, but everyone who helps and works in the school. President DeFilippis also said that awards to non-students had always been a part of the ceremony and if there are complaints about it, they should be addressed formally to her in writing. The President did agree that more recognition of honors students should be made, so she will make sure to have a special designation for these students printed in the Commencement Booklet. The committee decided not to pursue it any further as the current SGA has not yet experienced graduation and thus wouldn't know if students and their families would not enjoy the ceremony as it has been designed.
4. Committee agreed to meet on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm for the next semester.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleni Saltourides, SAC Chair