

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BLS COMMITTEE

APRIL 17, 2017

Committee members present: Shumona Dasgupta (chair), Jackie Gallagher, Nora Kim, Ana Chichester.
Ex-officio: Sarah Lindberg, Jessica McGraw.

The meeting took place in Lee Hall, room 411. The meeting started at 4:00pm.

Minutes approved electronically.

Admissions Report

Sarah Lindberg reported that we have received three times the number of applications as compared to this time last year. There are 26 applicants for summer; or 8 offers for admission, 3 have paid already. Admissions is sending weekly emails to students who still have incomplete applications.

For fall semester there are 29 additional applications, although this is running below the number received for 2016 (48 total). Deposits received are the same (12 students). Merit scholarships have been extended until today (4/17/17). Sarah expects that some summer applicants may defer until fall semester.

Jackie Gallagher asked about the typical courses that BLS students take during the summer. Sarah feels that the most popular courses are those offered in the Leadership/Management major.

Discussion about outreach to non-traditional students: Sarah and Jessica McGraw (BLS Advisor) attended the Adult Fair last week (on 4/6/2017) at Germanna Community College. Students hear about the BLS program through these events. The Geico website is particularly helpful. Sarah believes that we could attract more Geico students if we could offer more online classes/degrees. Some potential Geico students have shift work that prevents them from taking evening courses. Sarah has seen lots of interest in the Cyber Security field. Discussion followed about course offerings. It was suggest that students interested in pursuing the BLS Cyber Sec special major take CPSC 110 during the summer. Jackie mentioned GISC and in particular the GISC 200 course as potentially a good course for BLS students, especially veterans who are interested in 4-credit courses for summer.

A sign on Route 1 on degree completion is coming soon. It will be an electronic rotating sign at Eagle Village. A similar sign will also be posted at the Stafford campus.

Announcements

Jessica McGraw announced that the induction into the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society is this Friday 4/21/17 at 3:15pm in Lee Hall, room 412. Thirteen students have accepted membership. Of those, seven students will be attending the ceremony.

The BLS luncheon for BLS graduating seniors will be held on Friday May 12th in Lee Hall, room 412 starting at 11:30am. Dean Finkelstein will be addressing the seniors. All committee members will be receiving an invitation.

Shumona Dasgupta will be rotating off the committee. Thank you for your service, Shumona.

Elections for 2017-2018. The committee elected Dr. Leanna Giancarlo as BLS Committee Chair. Dr. Jackie Gallagher will serve as Committee Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ana Garcia Chichester (for Leanna Giancarlo)