

**MINUTES**

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE**

March 14, 2018

Present: Laura Shawhan (recorder), Tracy Henderson, Mary Jane Hatton, Phyllis Fredendall, Hilary Virtanen, Jason Sullivan, Geri Hawley, Alana Nolan, Sandra Turnquist

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**A. Approval of 1-17-18 minutes**

Motion: Geri Hawley

Second: Hilary Virtanen

Approved.

**B. Honors Banquet**

1. Update on tasks

- a. Music
  - Josh Moore has agreed to provide music again this year
- b. Food
  - Talked to Tim about scaling back on amount of food
- c. Flowers/Plants
  - Flowers by Sleeman - already ordered
- d. Invitations & RSVPs
  - Laura will work with Brad Beaudette to begin this process
- e. Programs and Scripts
  - Laura will take care of this
- f. Student Helpers
  - Sam Richards? Who else could help?
- g. Stage set-up
  - No change from last year
- h. Sampo Pins
  - Toby is working on them

**C. Commencement**

1. Update

- a. Sound
  - Jerry Kilpela will provide sound tech service
- b. Website
  - Michael has begun updating and will continue to make necessary changes
- c. Music
  - Soren is working on this
- d. Flags bearers
  - Student leaders? (Student Senate; ALD; BSU, etc.)
- e. Cap and gown measurements
  - Done!
- f. Commencement speaker
  - Marilyn Clark
- g. Alumni speaker
  - Kathleen Harmon
- h. Student helpers?

- D. Nominations – Nominations were discussed and the following students were selected:**
1. David Lauren Jokela Endowed Memorial Scholarship
    - Six nominations
    - Three awards at \$2,200 each awarded to:
      - Lindsey Johnson
      - Natalie Korff
      - Carli Daavettila
  2. Philip and Loret Ruppe Community Service Award
    - Seven nominations
    - Two awards at \$900 each to a male and a female
      - Seth Dahl
      - Monica Freeman
  3. Sampo Society
    - Seven nominations
    - Seven awards:
      - Christopher Dennis
      - Melissa Helppi
      - Jenna Ollenketo
      - Jennifer Pesola
      - Cory Schober
      - Mark Siminski
      - Abigail Tembreull
  4. Kenneth and Lois Seaton Scholarship
    - Eight nominations
    - Two awards at \$1,300 each awarded to:
      - Haley Makela
      - Samantha Richards
  5. Sisu Award
    - Twelve nominations
    - Four awards:
      - Melissa Helppi
      - Nathan Junttila
      - Cory Schober
      - William Thompson
  6. Virginia Fund Scholarship
    - Six applications
    - One award to:
      - Caroline Kenwood
  7. Student Representative
    - Two applications
    - One award to:
      - Melissa Helppi
  8. Westerman Scholarship –Jan will be contacted to determine the recipient.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.