



BC Scholarship Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday 09/19/18

SGA Boardroom 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Members in Attendance

Jennifer Achan – Financial Aid Director (Committee Chair)	Amanda Stone – Scholarship Manager
Rebecca Monks – English (Committee Co-chair)	Heather Pennella – Alumni/Donor Relations Mgr.
Aneesha Awrey – CTE Counseling	Denise Mitchell - English
Gurpreet Singh Grewal - Math	Jennifer Flenner - Math
Richard Allen Bolar – Social Science	Timothy Plett – Physical Science
Veronica Lucas – Counselor (Delano)	Steven Holmes – Academic Senate (Guest)
Tom Gelder – Exec. Dir. Foundation (Guest)	

Members Absent

Mark Staller - Communication	Brynn Schock - Counseling
Brenda Freaney - English	Alicia Skipper - English

- The previous charge, role, scope, and purpose of the Bakersfield College Scholarship Committee (BCSC) was revised. Requests have recently been made for the establishment of committees for planning the annual honors celebration and promotion of the scholarship program overall. Rather than create individual committees for these purposes, we propose the BCSC expand their role to include these responsibilities as well. **The following will be added to the BCSC Charge:**
  - Select members of the BCSC will contribute to the planning of the annual Honors Celebration.
  - Members of the BCSC will assist in the annual promotion of the BC scholarship program.
- The 2019 Honors Celebration will occur on April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Outdoor Theater from approximately 5:30p-7:30p. This event will celebrate all recipients of scholarships, department awards, and include a keynote speaker and refreshments. All BCSC are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **Posters advertising scholarships are available for faculty at the Main Desk in the Welcome Center.** All BCSC members are encouraged to advertise these posters in their offices/classrooms as part of the new committee charge.
- Faculty can recommend students visit <https://kccd.academicworks.com> for a listing of available scholarships and keyword search or direct them to the Scholarships page on the Financial Aid website or the [www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/apply4money](http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/apply4money) link found on the scholarship posters.
- At least one representative from the BC Foundation shall join the BCSC to improve collaboration and communication. Joining BCSC as member is, Heather Pennella, Alumni and Donor Relations Manager.
- A minimum of 15 faculty shall sit upon this committee with the potential for more if a need arises due to high applicant numbers.

- Faculty interested in joining should email the request to Tarina Perry and CC: Steven Holmes.
- Amanda Stone will submit amended committee information to Steven Holmes (CC: Jennifer Achan and Rebecca Monks) to be properly routed for approval.
- **Changes to the scholarship program's timeline:**
  - Application period open from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>-Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Review period from Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Changes to the General Application:
  - Shorter in length and less redundant
  - Essay broken down from 1, 300-word essay into 3, 100-word personal statements
  - Two letters of recommendation are still required to submit application; however, students are no longer scored on references.
- **Changes to the review process:**
  - Rubric remains a point scale in various categories, however, the following will no longer be scored:
    - Financial Need
      - This is determined simply by BOG/CA Promise Grant eligibility as a qualification and does not require scoring.
    - Letters of Recommendation
      - Students will not be penalized (points-wise) for references not being submitted. These should be used for holistic evaluation to inform other categories of scoring.
- Members are asked to provide input at the end of this scholarship cycle to improve processes going forward, a survey will be created and disseminated by Amanda Stone after cycle concludes in Spring.
- **Tentative Oct 24<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled.** Committee members would like training closer to the review period opening to better retain information.
  - **Amanda Stone will host Spring 2019 Flex Days presentation in January, presenting reviewer training for committee members.** One-on-ones also available.