

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE  
**AEC OCTOBER MINUTES**

Date: October 15, 2024

Location: Zoom

Quorum met: Yes

Co-Chairs: Dr. Sean Bonnes and Kristine P. Aslanyan

Present

Dr. Sean Bonnes,  
Kristine P. Aslanyan  
Debra Johnson  
Dr. David Betancourt  
Tricia Kozlowski  
Marlena Shore  
Mark Abbruzzese  
Cindy Hall  
Angela Williams  
Christian Guerra

Absent

Janet Ramirez-Han  
Dr. Narges Rakin  
Stephanie Minami

1. New Committee Member Introductions

Minutes approval:

Debbie Johnson moved to approve the minutes, and David Betancourt seconded the approval.

Quorum:

The committee discussed and established a quorum of 7.

2. AEC Timeline:

**October:** Send AEA Invitation letters to the Faculty Senate President, who then will forward them to the College President, Board Members individually, Vice Presidents, and Foundation.

**November:** Division Reps give information at Division meetings  
Vote for guest speaker/ascertain guest speaker confirmation

**December:** no meeting:  
Division Reps remind faculty regarding AEA nominations.

**January 13, 2025:** Nomination forms distributed to faculty.

Tuesday, January 14, 2025: Student data distributed to department chairs.

Thursday, February 6, 2025: Signed Nomination forms with transcripts attached are due to the Divisions or AEC Representative

Tuesday, February 18, 2025: Check names on transcripts and narratives before the committee meeting, then review again at the meeting.

Triple check: Representatives, AEC Chairs, then the committee

Send reminder invitations in January

**February:** Notify students about awards

AEC meets in person

### **March**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025: AEA student photo session

Tuesday, March 25, 2025: Check names on plaques and line-up list in person

AEC meets in person

### **April**

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, possible committee meeting in PAC

Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 7:00 pm: Academic Excellence Awards Program

#### 3. Student Eligibility List

- a. No report

#### 4. AEA Photography

- a. Debra Johnson reserved Sarah Pirtle for the photoshoot and ceremony. Sarah Pirtle has been invited to the November meeting for input.

#### 5. Keynote Speaker

Debra Johnson suggested reviewing the past lists of potential keynote speakers and considering recent award recipients as possible candidates.

The new proposed list is:

Michelle Lewellen,

Eddie Iniguez, (CC Alumni),

Tim Juntilla,

Walter Fernandez

Adelle Creyer, Dental Hygiene retired faculty, motivational

Mercedes Luna, Kinesiology

AEC members will present their suggestions at the November meeting

#### 6. Committee Calendar

- a. See item 2.

#### 7. Items from the floor

- a. No report