



## 11.14.2025 Report

Report from 11.14.2025 (in lieu of minutes)

Purpose: The Student Affairs Committee shall address and advise on all matters related to the student affairs

Interests of ASUMH including but not limited to the following activities: 1. Recruiting 2. Admissions 3. Financial Aid 4. Student Activities 5. Student probation and suspension 6. Assessment of Student Affairs 7. Reviewing the Student Handbook and creating cohesion with the Faculty Handbook

**Membership:** Jason Ballard (Faculty Senate at large), Bailey Hutcheson (Staff Senate at large), Rebecca Baird (Faculty, School of Business, Arts & Sciences), Steven Thomason (Faculty, School of Technology & Health Sciences), George Truell (Staff), Aly Bramblett (Staff), and Danielle Frencl (student).

**Non-voting Membership:** Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dean of Students, Recruiter. Non-voting attendees: Student club sponsors, non-academic department heads or directors

**Membership in attendance on 11.14.2025:** Rebecca Baird (chair), Steven Thomason  
**Attendees on 11.14.2025:** Stephanie Beaver, Ashley Bourg

We did not have a quorum.

## Old Business:

**In response to Action Item from 10.10.2026, Stephanie Beaver attended with data**

- 1. Action item (from 10.10.2026):** Proposal for a positive monetary change for the Academic Distinction scholarship. After discussion started by Dr. Massey it was motioned by S. Thomason to table the proposal with a request for more information. D. Frencl seconded the motion. The secretary will arrange to have a representative for this proposal at the next meeting to present data.

Stephanie Beaver came to the November meeting with documentation about the budget and funding availability for an increase in Academic Distinction amounts in regard to questions raised at the 10.13.2025 SAC meeting.

Here's what Stephanie shared.

This year, we have \$40,900 left over Distinction Money in the Distinction scholarship account.

In 23/24, ASUMH had only 60 students receiving Distinction, and only 15 received the full amount of Distinction of \$1500.

If they added \$250 to each category for Spring 2026, 54 students using it would total \$13,500 a semester.

If they added 60 additional distinction students next year (like we had this year), the increase of giving each of those students \$250 extra would have a total effect of \$1500 on the distinction budget.

To go over the \$175000 budget they have yearly for distinction, we would have to admit at least 13 more students who are fully eligible for the \$1500 scholarship for both semesters.

For recruiting purposes, we'd be able to say our Tier 1 scholarship is 1250, our Tier 2 scholarship is 1500, and our Tier 3 scholarship is 1750. The criteria for the scholarship stays the same. The only change is a \$250.00 bump to each tier.

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Motion was via email and seconded and passed. 11.24.2026 Motion made by George Truell and seconded by Danielle Frencl

Proposal was sent to both Senates and passed.12.15.2026

Proposal was sent to Dr. Wallace for discussion with the Chancellor's Council. 1.8.2026

### Workgroup Reports:

Ashley Bourg reported that they were working on The Nest for Student Activities and that Retention Workgroup would be meeting soon. She also worked with Dr. Baird on setting a timeline for the Student Registered Organization Manual.