

Report of Gerry Galinato
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CLSUIAA Scholars - School Year 2018-19

- CLSUIAA currently supports a total of 13 scholars: 5 scholars supported under the CLSUIAA General Scholarship Fund; 8 scholars supported under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program.
- The annual grant per scholar is \$350 under the General Scholarship Fund and \$350 to \$500 under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program depending on the sponsor.
- All the five scholars supported by the General Scholarship Fund are expected to graduate after this semester. Two scholars under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program are also expected to graduate this year. To date, no update has been given by the CLSUAAl (current partners).
- Arwin Pineda (BSABEn4) grantee under the Member-sponsored Scholarship Program (Gerry Galinato), dropped out during the second semester. In his letter to me (February 2019), he explained that her mother lost her job and it is his responsibility to provide financial help to the family being the eldest. So he quit school and found a job to support the family. He said he hopes this is just temporary and may go back to school in the future. Never received any report/update from CLSUAAl that a specific scholar already dropped out.
- See attached list of current scholars. The name of the recipient of the Dr.Fiorello Abenes "Benito Abenes Journalism Prize has not been identified in the said list. Several requests to the CLSUAAl Chairman of the Scholarship Committee were previously made to furnish us the name but no response was received.

Recognition of Scholars

- Previous CLSUIAA scholars during the SY 2017-18 were officially recognized and given Certificates of Recognition in February 2018 as part of the CLSU Alumni Homecoming activities. It was not necessary to recognize them again this year.
- A new scholar (Dolores Wycoco, BSCEn3) under the CLSUIAA-Member Sponsored scholarship Program (Mrs . Annette Segura in Memory Frank Segura Memorial Scholarship) was also recognized by giving her a Certificate of Recognition. It was initially planned to give the certificate in a more setting to be given by Dr. Rene Agulto, Dean of the CLSU College of Engineering. Unfortunately, this did not materialize. It was then given personally by Treasurer Ohma Viray when she went home last March.

Special Meeting with the Scholars

- There was no special meeting with CLSUIAA scholars conducted as part of the activities during the 2019 Grand Alumni Homecoming. I did not attend the said homecoming so I was not able to organize such event.

Memorandum of Understanding

- During the CLSUIAA's Board Meeting on September 30, 2018 in Las Vegas, the Board decided to maintain the administration of our Scholarship Program with CLSUAAl until the current scholars graduate.
- However, it was also decided by the Board that CLSUIAA should enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with CLSU so that administration of our scholars funded with the General

Scholarship Fund and Member-Sponsored Scholarship Fund be implemented in partnership with CLSU.

- As Chairman of the SEA Committee, I sent an official letter to Dr. Tereso Abella, CLSU President on January 30, 2019 explaining the Board's action and asked CLSU's interest in entering into an agreement concerning our scholarship program (see attached Letter). However no response was received from Pres. Abella.
- Sometime in early May 2019, I asked the help of Dr. Edwin Ibanez, former ARO Chief, to follow-up the said letter. Dr. Ibanez responded and explained that he already resigned as ARO Chief but would try to follow it up. No update was given either.
- With some frustrations on my part, I decided to write an informal letter to Pres. Abella on May 19, 2019 inquiring about my letter to him last January. Finally, I got a response from him (see attached).
- Also attached is my official response to his letter.
- Status of drafting the MOU: On hold at this time since we are going to have a family vacation for 3 weeks in Taiwan with side trip to the Philippines.

RECOMMENDATION:

- I recommended that Mrs. Annette Segura be granted an Honorary Membership by the association for showing great interest in supporting the goals and objectives of CLSUIAA and her act of benevolence in providing scholarship funds to support scholastically qualified and financially needy students at CLSU. Currently, she is supporting one scholar (Dolores Wycoco, BSCE4) with an annual stipend of \$500. It is my understanding that Mrs. Segura is also interested in supporting another scholar at the university next school year.

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