

**SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Tuesday, Jan 02, 2018**

PRESENT: Mayson Maerz (chair), Keith Head, Dennis Ewanus, Ewald Lammerding, Bryan Harvey, Vern Racz, Raelene Petracek
by phone: Tanya Napper, Lucas Ringdal, Louis Bossaer, Billy Brown,

1. Call to order by Chairperson Mayson Maerz at 7:05 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - **MOTION:** B. Harvey CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from December 2017 meeting
 - Minutes were distributed electronically prior to the meeting
 - **MOTION:** K. Head CARRIED.
4. Business arising from the Minutes
 - Scholarship Committee – K. Head.
 - Report provided:

Following the meeting that the Scholarship Committee had on Dec 11 with Hamish Tulloch, College Development Officer, Hamish took our proposal to Fran Walley, Associate Dean (Academics). As a result of the meeting with Dr. Walley; Hamish has provided some suggestions and options for our consideration.

The e-mail from Hamish is attached. The main points are:

- Our idea to rotate the scholarship through the various disciplines in the College would be difficult to manage. It would be easier to provide a general direction to give the scholarship to areas where there is currently the least support
- Perhaps provide a graduation prize for programs where none currently exist
- SAGA could establish an award fund, start collecting donations, but hold off setting the terms until we see the amount of support the membership provides.

Hamish's e-mail:
Hi Keith,

I heard back from the university's tax specialist and the short answer is the scholarship would not be taxable as long as the recipient is studying full-time. However, there may be circumstances where a part-time student would need to report scholarships as income but this would depend on the size of scholarship and the costs associated with being a part-time student. I have pasted the full response I received below, which includes a link to the relevant information on CRA's website in case you're interested in learning more about this.

I was able to speak with Fran briefly yesterday about SAGA's proposed scholarship. She is in favour of an award from SAGA and is pleased that consideration is being made for some of the less

supported programs. However, she feels that managing an award which rotates through all programs over time is not practical. She is concerned about the challenge of managing what program is being supported in any given year. Unfortunately we didn't have time to discuss a lot of options but I have come up with a couple of ideas for your consideration.

One option would be to establish an award fund giving the general direction to the awards committee to create \$1000 or \$2000 scholarships (whatever you prefer) to programs where there is currently the greatest need (or least support). So as the contributions build over time new awards would be created for the next most "needy" program. Assuming there is reasonable support from SAGA's membership you could end up with a significant portion of the programs covered – especially if you stick to \$1000 scholarships. I haven't run this idea past Fran but from my perspective it is clearer what the award committee needs to do on any given year so I am hopeful it would address her main concern.

Another idea for your consideration - Rather than creating an award for continuing students you could establish graduation prizes for programs where these currently don't exist. This comes to mind because the college has identified it as a need in the past. You should know there are a few trade-offs with graduation prizes. I see upside for SAGA since you'd create awareness in the organization right when the recipient goes from being a student to a graduate. However, graduation prize recipients are not recognized a Bean Feed since the recipients have moved on to other things by the time that event happens. This is not to say we wouldn't help you connect with the recipients for the purposes of promoting the award and reporting back to SAGA's membership.

I'll hold off on draft terms until I know which direction you want to take this. I am also happy to meet again to go over these options in more detail if you like.

If SAGA would be okay with establishing an award fund and begin collecting contributions with the general purpose of establishing an award in SAGA's name, we could hold off on developing terms of reference until we gauge the support from SAGA's membership. It would be easier to develop specific award criteria once we had a better idea of the available funds.

Best regards,
Hamish

Reply from the university's tax specialist:

Most scholarships received by our students will be eligible for the scholarship exemption and therefore are not taxable. However the extent to which the scholarship exemption is available depends on the circumstances of each student including whether they are full time or part time students.

For part time students, the scholarship exemption is limited to the total of: (1) cost of materials related to the program and (2) the total fees paid to the educational institutions in respect of the program. More details for part-time students are included in paragraphs 3.93 to 3.95 of CRA's Income Tax Folio #S1-F2-C3, Scholarships, Research grants and other education assistance at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/technical-information/income-tax/income-tax-folios-index/series-1-individuals/folio-2-students/income-tax-folio-s1-f2-c3-scholarships-research-grants-other-education-assistance.html#N10D18>

For full-time students, the scholarship exemption is available only to the extent the award is received in connection with the student's enrolment in an education program. Generally, CRA will accept an award to be in connection with the student's enrolment unless it significantly exceeds the taxpayers tuition fees, living expenses and other expenses associated with undertaking the program. One example CRA uses to illustrate where an award that is not eligible for the exemption is where the award was intended for a one year program however, the student only enrolled in a 3 week program. In this case, the scholarship exemption would only be on that portion that reasonably relates to the 3 week program, the remaining balance of the award would be taxable. More details for full-time students are included in paragraphs 3.91, 3.96 and 3.97 of CRA's Income Tax Folio #S1-F2-C3 (refer to link above).

It would be up to each student to determine the extent of scholarship exemption available to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Vern Racz, Ewald Lammerding, Carson Jorgenson, Mayson Maerz, Keith Head
Scholarship Committee

Discussion re: guidelines for awarding. For AGM will just indicate that we are looking into a scholarship, with details TBA at a later date.

- Name Change
 - For AGM print the resolution as previously circulated, goes forward as a Motion.

5. Correspondence

- none

6. Financial Report – D. Ewanus

- financial report was electronically distributed by D. Ewanus prior to the meeting
- There are some grads registered and paid that fall within the 65 yr+ group that are to receive a free ticket, they will be refunded.
- Executive wanted to extend a vote of **THANKS** to Dennis for all of his work sending out updated lists.
- **MOTION:** accept Financial Report, D. Ewanus - CARRIED

7. Committee Reports

ASA - no report

Reunion – M. Maerz

- Message has been sent out that the banquet cutoff is tomorrow
- Mentioned that the newsletter is still impactful. Mayson had listed his name as chair for the '53 class and they contacted him to let him know they were organized already

- Noted that some of the years had done very well getting participation
- **Thankyou** to Tanya once again for her involvement. It has been very helpful

Banquet/Mixer Report - Ewald L.

- Sodbuster books – Tanya will bring some books so we will need to collect cash/cheques.
- Meal has been decided
- Tanya will bring the large photo of the Hon. Life board
- Samples- Louis -\$4.00/ sample. Ask TCU (Kathy) about tickets, ice and glasses.
- Ewald circulated a signup sheet for availability to work, setup etc.
- Lucas requested notes/reminders for items that need to be covered at Banquet
- Decided to add 10 plates to final number to cover for the inevitable late requests.

Friday Event – Tanya N.

- All good to go
- Reminder to faculty/staff will be sent out
- Tours arranged: phytotron, food lab, Art tour plus three building tours: Kirk Hall, John Mitchell, Crop Science. Building tours will be led but there are also pamphlets so they could be self-guided.
- Thankyou to Three Farmers, Louis putting on Facebook

Hockey – Billy B.

- Rink is all setup and good to go
- Will be 7 teams
- Still organizing some Refs

Newsletter – Ewald L.

- Nothing to report

Development Office and Alumni Relations Report – Tanya N.

- Focus right now is Friday Event
- Next big event is Dean's banquet

Crop Production Week – K. Head

- Nothing to report

Membership/Website – Vern R.

- Have just over 1900 members which has been consistent the last 4-5 yrs
 - We need to get more life members, need to get them to commit and feel that they belong
 - Tanya suggested adding the notice to the grads with a link that they could share with their parents

Hall of Fame – Bryan H.

- Announcement will be on Thursday morning at the WDM which will allow us to announce it at the banquet.

MAL – no report

Vice President – Mayson M.

- Mayson will be attending the Grad Banquet and will be presenting the Tommy Fraser award.

Past President – Louis B.

- Nothing else to report

President Report –Lucas R.

- Discussion on name change at AGM

MOTION: Accept reports: B. Harvey - CARRIED

8. New / Other business

- none

9. Date of Next Meetings

- Tues Feb 06 at 7:00

10. Adjournment – 8:30pm B. Harvey