

Scholars of Global Distinction

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 5, 2026

Time: 12:30 PM – 1:13 PM

Members Present

Linda Hardy, Lucy Bobeck, Patrick Kent, Kim Matthews, Liz Stalls, Mary Carson, Shawn Smith

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM.

Adoption of Agenda

Patrick Kent made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Patrick Kent made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Reorganization & Ambassador Updates:

- Continue reorganizing with local school partners.
- Bertie High School contact: Lori Speller.
- No updates from Martin County Schools/Beargrass.

Pirate Speaker & Student Contest (BEC):

- Event was successful and well received.

MCC Travel Updates:

- Ireland and Pirate Lab trips were successful.
- Improve outreach and school partnerships moving forward.

New Business

Committee Leadership:

- Patrick Kent transitioning to Beaufort Community College will no longer be on our committee.
- Kim Matthews selected as Chair.
- Linda Hardy selected as Co-Chair.

- Student liaison position remains open.
- Recruit additional faculty members to try to fill positions.

New Email Address:

- sgd@martincc.edu

BHS Bus Driver Compensation:

- Awaiting invoice from BHS for reimbursement.

Student Tracking:

- Begin tracking enrollment in Fall.
- Move documents to official SharePoint.
- Coordinate with ambassadors.

UNC Symposium (June 2026):

- Kim to coordinate with Daniel if attending.

Yellowstone Trip:

- On hold pending funding and planning decisions.
- \$3,000 deposit needed; \$500 received, \$2,500 still needed.
- Alternative trip options under consideration.

Future Goals

- Increase membership and engagement.
- Continue planning Ireland and domestic trips.
- Align HUM 120 with travel experiences.
- Improve communication for events.
- Plan possible Oktoberfest activity.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM.