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Summary of the email discussion of changes to the criteria for the Scholar of the College Award. These changes are based on the discussion at the Nov 13 2015 meeting of the F&A committee.

On removing presenting, or being accepted to present, at the UMM URS as a qualifying criterion for the SoC award: in 2015 only two students were accepted based on URS alone (and one of them may've had work accepted at NCUR as well, and chose to present at the URS). Thus, the decision was to remove the URS from the criteria.

On recognizing artistic accomplishments: after some discussion of wording, added the following qualifying criterion: "An artistic endeavour or performance that was reviewed by experts in the field outside of UMM and considered to be distinguished."

The above addition makes previously listed special cases for Art History, English, and French unneeded. The committee will continue its practice of consulting with individual disciplines for clarifications on specific accomplishments.

Also added a footnote to recognize a case when UMM is hosting a regional (or national/international) conference or a performance: "If UMM serves as a venue for a presentation or performance and if the work of a UMM student is accepted on the basis of criteria that was also applied to non-UMM students, then the student has fulfilled the requirement for receiving the Scholar of the College Award even if their work was only reviewed by UMM faculty."

The approved new criteria document will be attached to the call for SoC nominations, with a brief rationale for the changes.

The new criteria were approved by email vote.