

Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee 2006-2007 Final Report

January 26, 2007 Meeting

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee met at 12:00pm on January 26, 2007 in Victor Hall Conference Room.

Present: Pam Sears (chair); Erik Nordenhaug; Jonathan Roberts; Gloria Strickland; Michael Snowden; Robert Loyd; Michael Price; Jennifer Lander; Barbara Tanenbaum

The committee voted to recommend offering renewable scholarships, in addition to annual scholarships, for academic year 2008-2009, assuming a separate fund can be established to support this initiative by that time.

The current system of offering annual awards was evaluated and proved to be supporting retention efforts. During each academic year since 2002 - 2003, 80% or above of scholarship recipients have either graduated or are still enrolled, with only one exception in 2003-2004.

The committee discussed the delineation of class standing through number of credit hours earned. It was agreed that the subcommittees would balance any disparity in amount of awards during the application review process.

The breakdown of scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year was determined as follows:

10 at \$1,500.00 for Dollars for Scholars (Recruiting)

\$1,000 each

23 – Incoming Freshmen

12 – Returning Freshmen

13 – Sophomores

12 – Juniors

10 – Seniors

10 – Non-traditional Students

5 -- Graduate Students

These amounts represent a \$14,000 increase over last year's available monies.

Workloads and subcommittees for upcoming meetings were assigned as follows:

Incoming Freshmen: E. Nordenhaug, S. Whaley, G. Anderson. This sub-committee will tentatively meet on Thursday, March 22nd at 11:30am in Victor Hall Conference Room.

Returning Freshmen: J. Roberts, G. Anderson, L. Jaynes

Sophomores: J. Roberts, E. Nordenhaug, L. Jaynes

Juniors: G. Strickland, M. Snowden, H. Taggart

Seniors: R. Loyd, G. Strickland, M. Snowden

Non-Traditional: R. Loyd, J. Lander, H. Taggart

Graduate Students: M. Price, S. Whaley, J. Lander

These sub-committees will meet during the last two weeks of May 2007 to recommend candidates for the remaining class levels.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee -Incoming Freshman Sub-committee March 27, 2007 Meeting

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Freshman Sub-Committee met at 1:00 pm on March 27, 2007, in Victor Hall Conference Room.

Present: Pam Sears; Erik Nordenhaug; Stephanie Whaley; Greg Anderson; Terri Harris

After reviewing 75 applications from incoming freshman, the committee selected 23 students to recommend for awards, in addition to 10 alternates.

The names of the selected students are maintained by the Financial Aid office and are not published in this document.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Financial Aid and Scholarship – Remaining Sub-committees May 30, 2007 Meeting

These subcommittees began meeting in Victor Hall second floor Conference Room at 9:00 am.

Final scholarship recommendations were made for returning freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, graduates and nontraditional students. All members presented their nominations either in person at the meeting or in advance to the chair to be discussed at the meeting. The names of individual students selected are kept on file in the Financial Aid office and are not published in this document

The final tallies were:

22 returning freshmen applied; 12 selected (+ 1 alternate)

34 sophomores applied; 13 selected (+ 6 alternates)

43 juniors applied; 14 selected (+ 6 alternates)

40 seniors applied; 10 selected (+ 4 alternates)

10 non-traditional students applied; 10 selected

6 graduate students applied; 3 selected

(Although the graduate subcommittee attempted to identify five candidates, they only chose three and redistributed the remaining two awards back into the pool of juniors, where the number of applications was the highest.)

The decreasing number of applications was discussed. This committee will drive efforts in fall 2007 to bring the amount of students applying for scholarships back up.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Z. Sears (chair)