COMMITTEE: Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid Committee

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Elaine Yontz

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lee Johnson, Stephanie Richards, BaoHong Zhang

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Melonie Bryan

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Adoption of Agenda

Action Taken: Agenda approved

Agenda Item: Approval of February minutes

Action Taken: Minutes approved

Agenda Item: Revised rubrics for next year

Discussion: Issue of reviewing the same students for different scholarships. Melonie agreed that the system could be set up where the student will only be reviewed once and not in each qualifying category.

- Recommend that the student be reviewed only once, but that review would appear in each of the scholarship listings for which they qualify
- Does every member of this committee need to look at every application? Committee agreed to try to have the members look at all and then try to use the sorting process to set limits on the files that will be reviewed.
- Suggestion that the rubrics for screening be individually determined according to the focus of each scholarship that would not weight GPA and service and need the same way for each.
- Melonie can distribute the full agreements for the funding of the scholarships that will help the committee decide upon the rubrics for each scholarship.
- How do we account for student GPA with limited credit hours and the GPA for students with multiple credit hours.
- Rubric for commitment to major seems difficult to assess. May discuss removing this one for our committee.
- New questions can be added to the application.

Assigned additional duties to:
- Deadline for setting up the rubrics is January meeting, so this discussion will be on the agenda in September.
- Melonie will send the full fund agreements and the application with current questions to the committee.
- Before June, new questions for applications should be submitted to Melonie via email.

Agenda Item: Student survey results
Discussion: Melonie distributed results from 2013 & 2014 for review. The participation was considerably down for 2014, but the percentages from both years came out nearly identical. Response rate is very low from email messages. The new system that consolidates awards & financial aid seems to be working well and should assist with new students’ decision-making about attendance at ECU. 255 opportunities are advertised on the ECUAWard, with 2800 applications filed. Funding has been renewed for scholarship software and expected to be listed as recurring funding as of next year.

Assigned additional duties to: This report will be distributed for review at the first meeting of the SSC in September. A review of the survey format could be made then, too, to see if it could be streamlined to encourage responses from students.

Agenda Item: Committee Annual Report

Discussion: Stephanie Richards submitted a draft of the SSC annual report for review. Some minor changes were suggested; the overall report was approved in format and content.

Assigned additional duties to
Another draft will be distributed and the committee will decide to approve via email before submission to the Faculty Senate.

NEXT MEETING:
Motion: by Stephanie to remove the April meeting because all business has been completed for this academic year. Motion seconded and approved.

Respectively submitted,

Lee Johnson
3-23-2015