COMMITTEE: Student Scholarships, Fellowships and Financial Aid

MEETING DATE: November 25, 1996

PERSON PRESIDING: Mike Hoekstra

PERSON RECORDING: Christine Gustafson (for Linda Bergstrom)

ACTIONS OF MEETING:

1. Introductory business Approval of meeting minutes from October 28: Approved by acclamation with correction; Gerry Clayton was in attendance on 10/28/96

2. Old Business carried over from meeting 10/28/96:

1. We reviewed times for student appeals--Monday, Dec.2, 9:15-11:30

2. Mike Hoekstra presented a form for collecting data on departmental scholarships. Lori Lee circulated the existing scholarship directory (from 1993). It was noted that this directory needs updating and integration with other existing sources of scholarship information for student perusal.

Gerry Clayton suggested formation of an Internet home page containing this information and using this format for continuing updates. Mike will contact the various offices with scholarship info, i.e. Joanne Kollar and Frieda Pollard to ask about approaches to collecting and disseminating scholarship info.

3. Continuing business: Members discussed briefly the problems observed after making a tour of the Financial Aid office and gathering information. Karen Barbee noted that many of the issues which seemed most pressing to committee members could not be addressed without considerable financial commitment on the part of the university, i.e. more trained personnel at peak times, inadequate physical resources of the building itself and the telephone system. Mike Hoekstra noted that the committee is not qualified to do a complete oversight of the Financial Aid office, though this is part of our charge. Therefore, Linda Allred suggested making a summary of our concerns and presenting them in a report to the Faculty Senate, particularly in view of the fact that the impression many students retain of the University is formed in large part by their experiences in the Financial Aid Office.

4. Next meeting: January 27, 1997