COMMITTEE: Student Scholarships, Fellowships and Financial Aid

MEETING DATE: Feb 24, 1997

PERSON PRESIDING: Hoekstra

PERSON RECORDING: Bergstrom

ACTIONS OF MEETING

I. Approved minutes of 25 Nov 1996. Noted there was no quorum present on 27 January 1997 so no official business was conducted.

II. Resolution to Faculty Senate re: Financial Aid Office
Discussed the draft resolution and made a few small changes to it. M. Hoekstra will produce the final draft and send it to Financial Aid Office with a cover letter stating the resolution will be discussed again and voted upon at the next committee meeting so that it can be sent to the Faculty Senate for the April meeting. The March committee meeting will be the final deadline for comments and possible changes.

III. Scholarship Directory
This has always been produced by the Financial Aid Office in the past and should continue to be their responsibility. Last update was four years ago; another update is needed. It also needs to be converted to a format that can be accessed electronically and more easily updated. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

IV. Awarding of scholarships
This will be done at the next meeting. Committee members who have done this in the past requested that the information about prospective recipients be distributed in advance of the meeting and that more information about the students be included. C-sheets would be very helpful.

V. New business - Financial Aid appeals
Students who have had successful appeals of their financial aid status might not be actually receiving any aid. Perhaps there is not aid they are eligible for at the time of their appeal. Committee members expressed the need to be better informed about the realities of students' situations (the realities of what the student is and is not eligible to receive) at the time these appeals are heard in order to make the best decisions. Needs to be discussed further when a representative form the Financial Aid Office is present at a meeting.

NEXT MEETING: March 24, 1997