Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid

MEETING DATE: 25 August 1997

PERSON PRESIDING: Hoekstra

PERSON RECORDING: Bergstrom

ACTIONS OF MEETINGS:

1. Election of officers
   Chair - Hoekstra
   Vice-Chair - Gustafson
   Secretary - Bergstrom

2. Set goals for upcoming year
   Clarify responsibilities of the committee
   Follow up on the updated scholarship database
   Revisit the Financial Aid office to see if any progress has been made with problems identified last year
   Formalize the scholarship appeals process
   Formalize the algorithm for awarding scholarships

3. Business carried over from last year
   a. Progress report on scholarship directory
      No report available at this time. Tabled until next meeting.
   b. Discussion of committee's charge
      Sexauer's remarks indicated the Faculty Senate considered that the oversight of the Financial Aid office was a very important function that could not be merged into the charge for some other committee. It was decided that committee members would think about the committee's charge and at the next meeting specific questions about what the committee needed to do and how things needed to be done would be generated. Clarification would then be sought from the Faculty Senate, the Committee on Committees, or other appropriate sources.

      Sexauer suggested the committee should revisit the FA office in light of the resolution passed by the Faculty Senate to see if any progress had been made to address the issues identified last year and then report back to the Senate about changes or lack of changes.
   c. Need for greater participation from Financial Aid office

      Specific examples of problems that occurred because of less than optimal participation by FA office were discussed. It was decided that one thing that might help solve some problems would be to formalize processes for both appeals and awarding of scholarships.