Student Scholarships, Fellowships and Financial Aid Committee

Chair: Paul Spence
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Secretary (elected at first meeting) Cynthia Bickley-Green(Art)

John Reisch, Nancy Shires, Elizabeth Sharpe, Rose Mary Stelma, Ralph Scott,
Cathy Hall, Jim McKernan

Gay Wilenz, Cris, Kennedy (Student Government Representative)

Apologies: Gay Wilenz, John Reisch, Nancy Shires.

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The Meeting opened with a discussion of the business carried on in the previous academic session; notably scholarship information on website, Bookstore profit as scholarship funding, athletic department policies on scholarships and a general consensus among members that there is a clear mandate to the Committee to pursue the standing order and charges of the Committee in spite of a suggestion to disband.

1. Athletic Scholarships
There was a discussion relating to the fact that certain students are misunderstanding or are being misled about scholarship resources. What are recruits being told?

The group will seek expert advice from Mr. Hamrick, Mr. Leroy Smith and Rosie Thompson on NCAA Self Study report issued recently, as well as scholarship policies

2. Aid for Disadvantaged Students
In addition to those meriting scholarship aid, Professor McKernan argued for a policy to help those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. It was reported that ECU students have a 16 million dollar shortfall in needed aid. Student employment often detracts from grades. The case of impoverished international students leaving school due to costs rising.

3. Student Debt
Rose Mary Stelma reported that ECU graduates students with nearly 17,000 dollars of debt. This is second highest among the sixteen member campuses of the University of North Carolina.

4. Expanded Textbook Grants
It was felt that innovative ideas to expand and lower cost of textbooks be considered. For example the use of restricted copies of texts in library etc.

5. Scholarship Weekend
This item was tabled for the next meeting.

6. Meeting Time
The Chair would circulate members about a proposed change in meeting times
owing to teaching conflicts.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

James McKernan,
Acting Secretary.