East Carolina University - Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid Committee (SSFFAC)

Meeting Minutes: November 24, 2003

Members in attendance: John Reish, Rose Mary Stelma, Debra Anderson, Chal Benson, Elizabeth Sharpe, Cynthia Bickley-Green, P. Karen Sullivan. Also attending was Courtney Sturges, Assistant Director of Admissions

Agenda Item I

Meeting called to order by Chair, P. Karen Sullivan, 1:00 pm
Minutes of October 27, 2003 meeting approved

Agenda Item II

Review of current policies/procedures used to attract merit scholars

Ms. Courtney Sturges provided an excellent review of the procedures. She provided the committee with copies of the current ECU Academic Merit Scholarships brochure (~10 copies sent to every NC high school), application forms, and fact sheets of the levels of scholarships awarded and the qualifications exhibited by recipients for 2004. Ms. Sturges described the recruiting activities that she participates. A part of her responsibilities are: to attend recruitment fairs by traveling to every high school in NC, including the Governor’s Schools and Science and Math Academies; as well as colleges from Florida to Maine (particularly VA, NJ, MD, and NY). She provided a brief description of the application process that is followed to choose the students who will be invited to the interview weekend, after which the final and alternate scholarship winners will be chosen.

The dates of the interview weekend were discussed and the members of the SSFAC were all invited to participate as interviewers (Agenda Item #3)

The numbers of Bookstore Awards, Gravely Foundation Scholarships, Transfer Scholarships and other possible awards (many of which fluctuate based on earnings from the stock market/investments) was discussed.

It was noted that the scholarships that were titled “UNC Campus Scholarships” are now entitled: “Minority Presence Awards”.

Item III

See note above

Item IV

Update on Faculty Senate Resolution for funding for students in poverty at ECU

The resolution will be brought before the faculty senate at the December 9, 2003 meeting