COMMITTEE: Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid Committee

MEETING DATE: November 28th, 2005

PERSON PRESIDING: Chal Benson

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chal Benson, Brent Henze, Jill Matairelli Carlson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Ann Jenkins

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Clark, Vicky Morris

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Announcements

Discussion:

Chal informed the committee that we had a new student member, Megan Wallace. Megan was unable to attend as she had class at the time of the meeting.

Cathy Rigsby informed Chal that the Student Government Association was looking into the textbook issue that this committee explored last semester. It was suggested that we invite a rep to come and speak with us for the January 30th meeting.

At the previous meeting we discussed the availability of out of state tuition waivers and the information for establishing in-state residence. Chal checked on this and the information is well documented online for both Graduates and Undergraduates.

Action Taken:
Chal will contact Matt Wagner in regards to having a rep from the Student Government come to the January meeting to discuss the textbook issues.

Assigned additional duties to:
N/A

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Agenda Item: Bill Clark and Vicky Morris were invited to today’s meeting to inform us about funding for scholarships and about how funding for the university was raised.

Discussion:

Bill and Vicky gave the committee an overview of fundraising and the scholarship process. Funding comes from three main foundations which are run independently of each other: The ECU Foundation, The Medical Foundation, and the Educational Foundation – Pirate Club. They informed the committee that together the three foundations raised about 14 million a year all together. This number is well below other universities of our size in the state. In short, our fundraising hasn’t grown with the university, in part because the three foundations work independently of one another and often in competition with one another.
Fundraising has now been identified as a major issue and been made a priority by the Chancellor. Steps have been taken to have the three foundations work together and there are plans to continue this partnership and possibly even combine them into one foundation. Marilyn Sheerer is responsible for taking steps to merge the foundations so they aren’t in competition with one another. The next big fundraising campaign will be the upcoming centennial campaign.

Brent Henze asked what faculty could do to help and Bill replied that working with the deans and building active advancements were good places to start. It was also mentioned that it was important to find a ways of sharing the university’s vision with donors to help them get excited about becoming involved.

Action Taken:

The committee will take the information provided in this meeting into consideration when making decisions in the future. The committee also wishes to thank Bill Clark and Vicky Morris for coming and sharing with us today. Their time and energy are very much appreciated.

Assigned additional duties to:

NEXT MEETING: January 30th, 2006, 11am