MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE:  Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid Committee

MEETING DATE:  September 26th, 2005

PERSON PRESIDING:  Catherine Rigsby and then Chal Benson, after his election to Chair.

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Chal Benson, Brent Henze, Kindal Shores, Monica Hough, Jill Matarelli Carlson,

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Mary Ann Jenkins

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:  Catherine Rigsby

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item:  Nominations for officers

Discussion:  It was established that the previous Chair was no longer a part of the committee and that Chal Benson had been the Vice Chair last year; he was nominated to be Chair. Brent Henze volunteered to be Vice Chair, as he was also a part of last year’s committee. It was discussed that the position of Secretary was a rotating position in the past and we agreed to keep it as such.

Action Taken:  Chal was nominated and seconded and then accepted the position as Chair. Brent was nominated, seconded and accepted the position as Vice Chair. The position of Secretary will be a rotating position.

Agenda Item:  Old Business carried over from last year

Discussion:  The presentation, ranking and format of the scholarship applicants was discussed, and it was decided that Brent Henze would put them into a spreadsheet format. The “Report on Reducing Textbook Prices to Students” was reviewed and it was mentioned that we would look into a “textbook exchange program”. We discussed our continued involvement with the Scholarship Weekend.

Action Taken:  We will continue to address these topics in further meetings. A letter was sent to Kathy Bernstein to express our interest in helping out with the Scholarship Weekend event again this year.

Agenda Item:  New Business

Discussion:  Catherine Rigsby reminded the group of the committee’s charge. One part of that charge is to evaluate the Financial Aid Office periodically. She also reminded us of the “Resolution to aid students in poverty, #03-61.” It was suggested that the Chair remind Patricia Anderson and Marilyn Sheerer of this resolution.
Action Taken: The Chair sent a letter to Professors Sheerer and Anderson about resolution #03-61

Agenda Item: Future issues to be aware of and discuss

Discussion: There was discussion on finding out the actual ratio of the number of students in poverty vs. the number of students who get financial aid. The actual difference between Scholarships and Fellowships, funding for undergraduates vs. graduates, and doctoral vs. masters funding, were also discussed. It was also suggested that we look at the advertisement of the scholarships to students. It was also discussed that we take a look at out of state tuition waivers for those on scholarships and the possible effects they could have.

NEXT MEETING: October 24th, 2005 11am