COMMITTEE: Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial aid Committee

MEETING DATE: April 24th, 2006

PERSON PRESIDING: Chal Benson

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chal Benson, Brent Henze, Jill Matarelli Carlson, Anthony Overton

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mary Ann Jenkins

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**ACTIONS OF MEETING**

**Agenda Item:** Old Business: approval of minutes from January 30th meeting, Text book resolution update, Scholarship weekend update, Annual report.

**Discussion:** We discussed the inclusion of a form that came along with text book requests. This sheet informed professors of ways that they could keep textbook costs down for students and included the SGA resolution on reducing the cost of textbooks for students. This seemed to be a result of our participation (by way of a letter of support to the bookstore) with Matt Wagoner of the SGA who met with us at our last meeting. Chal Benson and Jill Matarelli Carlson also participated in Scholarship Weekend as judges for the EC Scholarships. It was discussed that an Annual Report of the committee's activities this year should be drafted and Chal took on this responsibility as the chair of the committee.

**Action Taken:** Minutes from the January 30th meeting were approved

**Assigned additional duties to:** Chal Benson will draft an Annual Report for the committee and send it out by e-mail for approval.

**Agenda Item:** The ranking of scholarship candidates for the Lillian Jenkins Scholarship, The Andrews Scholarship, The Eastern North Carolina Foundation Scholarship, The Chevrolet Scholarship.

**Discussion:** Criteria for the ranking of candidates in terms of merit and need was discussed. Members of the committee reviewed the scholarship applications and ranked candidates. Chal then put all of the rankings into Excel and it produced the overall rankings. In cases of ties, we discussed the merits of each candidate involved and reached a decision in each case of a tie.

**Action Taken:** The committee ranked the candidates for each of the Scholarships offered and alternates were chosen in the event that the first student does not accept the scholarship.

**Assigned additional duties to:** Mary Ann Jenkins, who will inform the students who were awarded scholarships.

**NEXT MEETING:** Next Year

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:** Our continued involvement with the Scholarship Weekend