

**Committee:** Student Scholarships, Fellowships and Financial Aid

**Meeting date:** 10/22/2018

**Person presiding:** Kim Stokes

**Regular members in attendance:** Joanne Hartsell (Business), Ziwei Lin (Physics), Stephanie Richards (Health Education and Promotion), Kim Stokes (Physician Assistant Studies), Elaine Yontz (Education) (Absent: Deborah Shoop (English), Hazel Walker (Academic Library Services))

**Ex-officio members in attendance:** Julie Poorman (Rep of Chancellor), Melonie Bryan (Rep of Provost), Mark Sanders (Rep of Chair of the Faculty), Julie Poorman (Director of Financial Aid), Kim Stokes (Rep of Faculty Senate), Dejah Smith (Rep of Student Body). (Absent: none)

**Others in attendance:** Lori Lee

**Actions of Meeting:**

Agenda item: Review of September meeting minutes

Discussion: None

Action taken: Approved

Agenda item: Sign annual confidentiality form

Discussion: None

Action taken: If you have not signed your annual confidentiality form, see email from Melonie Bryan and return signed form to her.

Agenda item: Annual Financial Aid report (Ms. Poorman)

Discussion: See attached document from Ms. Poorman. Notable points: Perkins Loans (up to 2.2 million annually with 1.4 million distributed in 2017-2018) have been discontinued by the US Dept of Education. Students are having problems finding FWS positions available but there are HR changes in place to help. This group awarded 4 awards last year. Last year, more applications were reviewed for them than in the past due to them being added to ECUAWards program.

Actions taken: None

Agenda item: Scholarships and Awards Workshop reminder

Discussion: Event on Wed 12/5/18 at Willis Building. Space already reserved. Ms. Bryan will organize the Qualtrics registration form and communicate registrations with chair and Ms. Lee. Ms. Lee will arrange for AV equipment and refreshments. Recording will include Mediasite link for those who cannot attend in person. For future years, consider if East campus student center could serve as venue. Participants will be provided digital copies of handouts for self-printing if desired. Ms. Bryan will bring a few paper copies just in case. Dr. Hartsell and Ms. Bryan will be onsite to help. Notice went out to faculty/staff this week and will be sent to the ECUAWards system users this week with a reminder to both the week of Thanksgiving.

Actions taken: None to report at this time

Agenda item: Upcoming meetings

Discussion: Should we cancel the Nov and December meetings due to workshop first week of December?

Actions taken: The committee will not meet in person for a November meeting and the workshop will replace the December meeting. Watch for email from Ms. Bryan re: how to review scholarship applications.

**Next meeting:** January 28, 2019 at 2pm Rawl Annex

**Items to be discussed:** Review questions re: scholarship application reviews for 2018-2019 cycle.

Adjourn: 2:20p.m.

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Scholarships, Fellowships and Financial Aid Committee

Financial Aid Office Annual Report

October 22, 2018

2:00 Rawls Annex

For the 2017-2018 year:

25,294 undergraduate students enrolled / 7,140 graduate and professional students enrolled  
39,333 aid applications were received for the 2017/18 year – not all enrolled or were awarded.

We disbursed \$38,122,755 Pell Grant to 8,592 undergraduate students

We disbursed \$1,472,631 Perkins Loan to 395 students – **this program ended 9/30/18**

We disbursed \$812,843 Supplemental Grant to 705 students

418 Students earned \$837,671 in FWS wages

We disbursed \$140,166,986 in Federal Stafford Student Loans (**including graduate/professional students**)

We disbursed \$18,730,867 in ECU Grant to 8,144 students

We disbursed \$2,334,648 in ECU merit only funds to 650 students

This committee assists in selecting recipients for four named scholarships: the Andrews Scholarship [S002], the Lillie Tucker Probey Scholarship [S354], the Lillian Jenkins Scholarship [S171] and the Eastern North Carolina Foundation Scholarship [S081].

The reason these recipients are selected by the committee and not simply by “query” is because they are funded by very old endowments that were set up to be selected by a committee. All four of these Endowments are housed within Financial Services under Special Funds. These scholarships are now listed in ECUAward, the campus’ on-line scholarship management system. This ensures the largest possible pool of students for the committee to review. This committee evaluates candidates pulled from the pool based on attributes required by the endowment.

In 2017/18 the committee awarded:

Andrews [S002] in the amount of \$1,000. Thirty-eight candidates, one award offered and disbursed.

Probey [S354] in the amount of \$3,000 each. Twenty-four candidates, five awards were offered and disbursed.

Jenkins [S171] in the amount of \$1,000 each. Thirty-four candidates, six awards were offered and disbursed.

Eastern NC [S081] in the amount of \$1000 each. Eleven candidates, two awards were offered and disbursed.

The amount of these scholarships is not decided by the Office of Student Financial Aid. Ms. Melonie Bryan, Director of Institutional Scholarships receives the fund balance reports from the ECU Foundation and advises the committee on whether it is possible or appropriate to increase the amount or the number of awards each year.

With respect,

Julie Poorman, Director of Financial Aid