

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

**Meeting Date:** 2 p.m. Nov. 28, 2022

**Person Presiding:** Ziwei Lin

**Regular Members In Attendance:** Ziwei Lin, Jonathan Dembo, Mustafa Selim, Erin Clark Frost, Danny Ellis

**Ex-Officio Members In Attendance:** Julie Poorman, George Cherry, Carrie Lee, Kelley Hulihan, Heather Kindl, Melonie Bryan

**Others In Attendance:** Rachel Baker

**Agenda item:** Approve minutes of October meeting

**Discussion:** None

**Action taken:** Minutes approved

**Assigned additional duties to:** n/a

**Agenda item:** Dowdy Stores Scholarships

**Discussion:** Review that the amount of scholarships awarded from bookstore profits was \$300,000 for academic year 2022-2023. With annual sales totaling \$6 million this amounts to a 5% savings if the markup were eliminated. This money (\$300,000) goes to Admissions (\$50,000) and to the EC Scholars program (\$250,000)(per Catherine Laney). Admissions scholarships are for new students (first-year or transfer) who must maintain a 3.0. EC Scholars requires students to study abroad for a semester. Each of these two buckets are distributed evenly to 50 students (\$1,000 awards which must be spent in the bookstore to Admissions awardees; \$5,000 awards to EC Scholars). Discussion of room for change in how EC Scholars awards work given price differentials in study abroad programs. Discussion of original charge, which is to present a report on the bookstore scholarship money (how much money, which scholarships are funded, eligibility for those scholarships) to Faculty Senate at Jan. 24 meeting. Questions about specifics of contract between bookstore and university. [EC Scholars eligibility requirements are publicly available.](#)

**Action taken:** n/a

**Assigned additional duties to:** Lin will request more details on the bookstore-university contract and will have a draft report available for our Jan. 23 meeting so we can offer feedback prior to the Jan. 24 Senate report.

**Agenda item:** Scholarships workshop

**Discussion:** Upcoming 1:30 p.m. Dec. 7 in Bate 1031. Discussion of recording the workshop and posting on committee website.

**Action taken:** n/a

**Assigned additional duties to:** Bryan will host workshop and send recording to Baker.

**Agenda item:** Honors College Review

**Discussion:** Bryan sent all committee members' names to Honors College regarding assistance in reviewing for Honors admissions.

**Action taken:** none

**Assigned additional duties to:** Bryan will follow up with Honors College.

**Agenda item:** Scholarship review

**Discussion:** More information forthcoming at our January meeting. Bryan will send out confidentiality waivers to all committee members. Scholarship deadline is Jan. 15. Selection decisions to be made at February meeting.

**Action taken:** n/a

**Assigned additional duties to:** n/a

**Agenda item:** Review of Annual Financial Aid Report

**Discussion:** Per Poorman, Bryan will advise us in January of how many awards we can make in the coming year. Spendable balances information will come out this week. Clarification of Probey Award in 21-22 (2 students, \$500 each).

**Action taken:** n/a

**Assigned additional duties to:** n/a

**Agenda item:** Committee charge includes admissions scholarships

**Discussion:** Our next meeting will include a report on these.

**Action taken:** n/a

**Assigned additional duties to:** n/a

**Agenda item:** Query about student email

**Discussion:** Bryan has responded

**Action taken:** n/a

**Assigned additional duties to:** n/a

Lin made the motion to adjourn, Selim seconded.

**Next Meeting Date:** 2 p.m. Jan. 23, 2023, via Teams or in Rawl Annex 142