

Committee: Student Scholarships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid

Meeting Date: 2 p.m. Jan. 23, 2023

Person Presiding: Ziwei Lin

Regular Members In Attendance: Ziwei Lin, Mustafa Selim, Erin Clark Frost, Danny Ellis, Wendy Whisner, Jonathan Dembo, Kelley Hulihan, Heather Kindl

Ex-Officio Members In Attendance: Julie Poorman, Carrie Lee, Heather Kindl, Melonie Bryan

Others In Attendance: Rachel Baker

Agenda item: Approve minutes of November meeting

Discussion: None

Action taken: Minutes approved

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Agenda item: Scholarships Review Process

Discussion: Everyone should have about 25 reviews to complete. We have 7 scholarships to award, 5 from one bucket and 2 from the other. Bryan shared a [three-minute](#) video on the review process and shared instructions via Teams. Committee members should complete reviews by Feb. 17 and then we can discuss at February meeting (Feb. 27).

Action taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to: Bryan will follow up meeting with an email containing the above link and a PDF of instructions.

Agenda item: Dowdy Stores Scholarships

Discussion: Lin presented a report on Dowdy/B&N scholarships for submission to Faculty Senate at Jan. 24 meeting per prior request from Faculty Senate. The report summarizes the findings explained in past meetings. (Refer to November 28, 2022, minutes for details.)

Action taken: In the absence of discussion or objections, this report will go to Faculty Senate.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Agenda item: Review this committee's charge

Discussion: Since the committee's scholarship review work is already reduced compared to prior years, committee members do not feel the need to revise the charge by moving the scholarship review out of the committee.

Action taken: n/a

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Agenda item: Need-based versus merit-based scholarships

Discussion: Lin would like to make a correction to the October minutes to show that if about 300 of the 1300 scholarship "buckets" (account codes) are need-based, that reflects about 23% (what was previously noted was 25%; voice vote approved to amend October minutes) of the total "buckets" or account codes. This does not represent total scholarships, as each "bucket" has varying numbers of

awards that come out of them. This may vary year by year, so it's easier to talk about how many opportunities have a need component than about how many actual need-based scholarships are given. Anne Ticknor has requested this committee address the issue of needs-based scholarships. The committee discussed three options: 1) recommending advancement discuss needs-based scholarship with donors, 2) offer a point of information to Faculty Senate on current practices regarding needs-based scholarships, and/or 3) present a resolution to make needs-based scholarships a priority in advancement discussions with donors. Poorman recommended the first option; Bryan agreed. Bryan already has just sent over some information to advancement about awards including that 58% of undergraduate students demonstrate financial need, 16,942 students received some sort of financial assistance in 2021-22, and that \$273 million was distributed in aid the same year. The committee also discussed the difficulty in getting separate need-based and merit-based scholarship numbers or dollar amounts.

Action taken: Dembo made a motion that Faculty Senate require advancement to provide a list of all scholarships so that everybody knows how much is in each bucket. No second.

Clark Frost made a motion: It is this committee's recommendation that advancement officers include the possibility of need-based scholarship offers in their discussions with donors (#1 above). Selim seconded. Motion passed.

Assigned additional duties to: n/a

Meeting adjourned 3:04 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: 2 p.m. Feb. 27, 2023, via Teams or in Rawl Annex 142