

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

**Meeting Date:** 2 p.m. April. 24, 2023

**Person Presiding:** Ziwei Lin

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

**Ex-Officio Members In Attendance:** Carrie Lee, Melonie Bryan, Danny Ellis, George Cherry Jr.

**Others In Attendance:** Margaret Turner

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

**Discussion:** None

**Action taken:** Minutes approved

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

**Agenda item:** Provost office representation

**Discussion:** Suggestion to retain status quo

**Action taken:** none

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

**Agenda item:** Report on Honors College selection process (by Margaret Turner)

**Discussion:** We bring in 200 students per cohort (year). All receive some scholarship support: EC Scholars (20 students), Chancellor's Fellows (80), Centennial Fellows (100). EC Scholars receive tuition plus \$10,000/year, plus \$5,000 study abroad support. Chancellor's Fellows receive in-state tuition for four years. Centennial Fellows receive \$2,500/year for four years. The latter two categories' numbers may be changing in the coming year. Students must first be admitted and they then apply through ECUAward. About 100 reviewers review 1000-1500 completed applications every year; every application has 3 reviewers. HC reviewers are volunteering for about 10-12 hours of work to review 40-50 applications over about 12 days (including 2 weekends) during winter break.

**Action taken:** none

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

**Agenda item:** Report on scholarships for entering first-year students (by Melonie Bryan)

**Discussion:** Admissions apps opens in late August/early September, which kicks off an automatic process that involves a series of emails (to both ECU and pre-admit emails) about applying for financial aid and scholarships. These messages link to various resources including ECUAward and the ParentPortal. We have ~10,000 in the portal per cycle with 88% of those completed. About 40% are from prospective first-year students. Award amounts range from \$1000-\$14,452 (tuition). We give about 250 four-year scholarships. Additionally, we award 300 one-year scholarships. The 250 four-year scholarships include Honors College scholarships (200; see above) plus 25-30 Access Scholarships (demonstrated need and high academic potential) and 15-20 scholarships for the College of Education. It costs about \$17,000

**Action taken:** All committee members should talk up scholarship support and let potential donors know

small amounts help.

*Assigned additional duties to:* n/a

*Agenda item:* Annual report

*Discussion:* The usual process is for the vice chair to write a draft and the other officers to then contribute/assist.

*Action taken:* none

*Assigned additional duties to:* Selim will write draft of annual report, Clark Frost and Lin will assist.

Selim made a motion to adjourn, Lin seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** Organizational meeting in Fall 2023, via Teams or in Rawl Annex 142