Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid  
8:30 AM, Tuesday, October 1, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Katie Aguiar (student), Won Lee, Dana Hebreard (chair), David Reimer, Marge Hoogeboom (alumni representative), Dave Brummel, Adel Abadeer, Paul Witte, Craig Heerema  
Members Absent: April Si, Charis Brown

I. Introduction:  
A. David Reimer opened the meeting prayer at 8:35  
B. Committee members shared their name, position at college, and length of time involved with Calvin

II. Mandate Review:  
A. Committee members were given a copy of the current mandate  
B. Dana Hebreard gave overview of the subcommittee work and the new subcommittee rosters.  
   1. FTIAC Subcommittee: meets biweekly throughout fall and winter to monitor and award new student academic scholarships and diversity awards. The group also selects the Trustee Scholarship recipients.  
   2. Returning Student Subcommittee: evaluates and makes decisions on scholarship appeals from returning students through spring and summer.  
C. Craig will e-mail the organizational chart for the committee/subcommittees, along with last year’s meeting minutes and year-end summary.

III. 2012-13 Scholarship Review:  
Craig Heerema summarized the results of the academic scholarship and diversity award programs

1. Academic Scholarships: With the implementation of the “Common Application” for admission, the applicant pool increased, as did applicant quality. An additional 300 students were admitted for fall 2013-2014 compared to 2012-2013. This raised the bar for Trustee Scholarship qualification. Overall, 85% of the incoming FTIAC class is receiving an academic scholarship.  
   a. Craig explained awarding methodology for the National Merit and Trustee awards to new committee members, including the impact of projections and yield rates in number of scholarships offered.  
   b. Craig will send the confidential awarding methodology chart to interested committee members.

2. Diversity Awards: 2013-2014 marks the highest ever number of Mosaic Awards for the incoming class.

3. In response to the Financial Aid consulting work done in 2012-2013 by Scannell & Kurz, two target populations were identified for increasing awards to improve college access and yield: AHANA and first generation students.  
   a. The offset for the Mosaic Award against the Calvin Grant was reduced for Mosaic awards going forward.
b. A $2000 First Generation Award was created for students who do not have a parent that attended college. The award has been well-received and the number of first generation students increased significantly. Paul mentioned that Academic Services and Student Life should be aware of the population increase and will be partnering to ensure a successful transition for these students. Dana requested the list of these students so that faculty advisors can provide well-informed advising.

IV. Changes to awards for 2013-14:

Maple Leaf Scholarship
- $5000 award eliminated due to limited impact on enrollment trend
- Canadian students often captured in Denominational Grant and Alumni Legacy Scholarship

Denominational Grant
- Increased to $1500 to curb eroding enrollment of CRC students (previously $800-$1300 based on residency). Funding comes from CRC.

Alumni Legacy Scholarship
- Increased to $1500 to curb eroding enrollment of alumni children (previously a $500 award with complicated criteria). Funding now split between Alumni and Financial Aid. Marge stressed the importance of still requiring an application for this award so that students have a stake in the process and in earning the scholarship.

ILHD consideration
- In response to NCAA III compliance rules, sports participation and sports leadership roles can no longer be considered “involvement” when awarding financial aid.
- Review process expanded to broaden picture of the student- now “CHILD” rating based on admissions application, recommendation, and essay, which stands for Character, Honors, Involvement, Leadership, and Diversity (cross-cultural experience).

V. Other miscellaneous items

Facing Your Future Scholarship- Paul mentioned a new scholarship in the works for past participants of the Calvin College Seminary “Facing Your Future” program.

College budget- Katie asked how the college budget changes affect the Financial Aid budget. Paul explained that the current FA scholarship programs will run through each student’s four years at Calvin, and the FA budget is being increased to account for that. There are no planned cuts to the financial aid budget.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.