**2019-2020 Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee**

The Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee held its spring meeting on Friday, March 13, 2020 in rooms 204/712.

**Members Present:** Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Chairman; Ms. Jeanne Ballard; Ms. Sharon Cudjo, Mr. Garry David; Ms. Shana Drury; Mr. Jeff Feix; Ms. Mindi Flynn; Ms. Aletha Newman; Ms. Amanda Raines; Dr. Mary Rivard; Ms. Callee Serrano; Ms. Marissa Underhill; and Ms. Rachel White.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Elizabeth Crandall; Ms. Melissa Elliott; Ms. Katrina Gundling; Ms. Christie Lehman; Mr. Nicholas Long; Ms. Julie Myers-Kuhn; Dr. James Nordone; and Ms. Diana Shipley.

1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Michelle A. Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

**2. Approval of Minutes –September 13, 2019**

 **Action:** Ms. Amanda Raines moved approval; seconded by Ms. Marissa Underhill. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **Consideration of Action Items**

 **a) Funding Proposal-Graduating HS/New Students**

 **Est. No of Students Award Amount Total**

Top 10% 16 $2,000 $32,000

 11-20% 18 $1,500 $27,000

 21-30% 31 $1,000 $31,000

 31-40% 26 $750 $19,500

 41-50% 21 $500 $10,500

 **Total Funding $120,000**

 **Action:** Dr. Mary Rivard moved approval; seconded by Ms. Rachel White. The motion carried unanimously.

 **b) Returning Students, Non-Nursing**

Nursing students, both ADN and LVN, are excluded from this applicant pool because both programs have restricted Nursing Scholarships. Scholarship offers will be made eligible candidates based upon the following guidelines depending upon the final availability of funds.

1. Eligible returning candidates will be reviewed and offered scholarships once the Spring 2020 grades have been turned in and the grade point averages (GPA) recalculated (about mid-May).

 2. Eligible applicants will have a grade point average of at least 3.0; unless otherwise stated in the Scholarship criteria, and completion of at least 25% of the students’ certificate program or Associate Degree or at least 12 credit hours, excluding all development course hours.

 Grade point average: 4.0 $2,000 -$2,500

 3.5 - 3.99 $1,500 -$2,000

 3.0 - 3.49 $1,000 - $1,500

 **Action:** Ms. Amanda Raines moved approval; seconded by Ms. Jeanne Ballard. The motion carried unanimously.

 **c) Institutional Scholarships**

There is a total of $19,500 available for Institutional Scholarships as outlined below.

 **Athletic Trainer --$5,000**

Six (6) $500 Athletic Trainer Scholarship $3,000

 Two (2) 1,000 Dorm Scholarship $2,000

 **Drama-- $3,000**

Four (4) $500 Drama Scholarship $2,000

 One (1) $1,000 Dorm Scholarship $1,000

 **Mascot/Spirit Coordinator-- $1,500**

Two (2) $500 Mascot Scholarships $1,000

 One (1) $500 Spirit Coordinator Scholarship $ 500

 **Music--$3,000**

Four (4) $500 Music Scholarship $2,000

 One (1) $1,000 Dorm Scholarship $1,000

 **Student Government Association, Vernon--$3,000**

Six (6) $500 SGA, Vernon Scholarships $3,000

 **Student Government Association, Century City Center--$2,500**

Five (5) $500 SGA, CCC Scholarships $2,500

 **Phi Theta Kappa--$1,500**

Three (3) $500 Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships $1,500

 **Action:** Ms. Marissa Underhill moved approval; seconded by Ms. Jeanne Ballard. The motion carried unanimously.

 **d) Out of State Students**

It is proposed that out of state students who are awarded a 2020-2021 competitive scholarship, either academic or athletic, valued at $1,000 or more are eligible for in-state tuition.

 **Action:** Ms. Shana Drury moved approval; seconded by Ms. Rachel White. The motion carried unanimously.

 **e) Athletic Scholarships**

It is proposed that the Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee approve the awarding of 2020-2021 competitive athletic scholarships by the Athletic Director based upon the recommendations of the four NJCAA/NIRA head coaches. The maximum number of scholarships that may be awarded by each sport will comply with the constituted rules of the NJCAA/NIRA governing bodies. Additionally, these recommendations will also be submitted to the President of the College for approval and the President will subsequently report these to the Vernon College Board of Trustees on an annual basis.

 **Action:** Ms. Jeanne Ballard moved approval; seconded by Ms. Amanda Raines. The motion carried unanimously.

 **f) Scholarship Sub-Committee**

It is proposed that a Sub-Committee of the Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee be appointed to award the 2020-2021 Scholarships and that this sub- committee can use their discretion to make these awards at they deem necessary.

 Ms. Jeanne Ballard, Ms. Amanda Raines, Ms. Rachel White, volunteered.

**4. Old Business**

None

**5. New Business**

None

**6. Adjournment**

 The meeting adjourned at 10:07 am