**Vernon College Scholarship Committee Meeting**

The Vernon College Scholarship Committee held its spring meeting on Friday, March 9, 2018 in rooms 204/712.

**Members Present:** Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Chairman; Ms. Jeanne Ballard; Mr. Garry David; Ms. Shana Drury; Ms. Melissa Elliott; Mr. Jeff Feix; Ms. Katrina Gundling; Ms. Kristin Harris; Mr. Joe Hite; Ms. Amanda Raines; Dr. Mary Rivard; Ms. Callee Serrano, and Ms. Rachel White.

**Members Absent:** Ms. Mindi Flynn; Ms. Christie Lehman; Ms. Aletha Newman; Mr. Jim Nordone; and Ms. Diana Shipley.

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Michelle A. Alexander called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

**2. Approval of Minutes- September 29, 2017**

**Action:** Ms. Melissa Elliott moved approval; seconded by Mr. Joe Hite. 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% 6 $2,000 $12,000

11-20% 14 $2,000 $28,000

21-30% 23 $1,000 $23,000

31-40% 19 $750 $14,250

41-50% 23 $500 $11,500

**Total Funding $88,750**

**Action:** Ms. Melissa Elliott moved approval to increase the top 11% to 20% to award $2000 leaving the other categories the same; seconded by Ms. Jeanne Ballard. The motion carried unanimously.

**b) Funding Proposal- 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 to 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 2018 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 student’s Certificate program or Associate Degree or at least 12 credit hours, excluding all Development course hours.

Grade Point Average: 4.0 $2000-$2500

3.5-3.99 $1500-$2000

3.0-3.49 $1000-$1500

**Action:** Mr. Joe Hite moved approval to use the current exhibit; seconded by Ms. Shana Drury. The motion carried unanimously.

**c) Institutional Scholarships**

There is a total of $17,000 available for Institutional Scholarship as outline below.

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

Six $500 Athletic Trainer Scholarships $3,000

Two $1,000 Dorm Scholarships $2,000

**Drama-- $3,000**

Four $500 Drama Scholarships $2,000

One $1000 Dorm Scholarship $1,000

**Music-- $3,000**

Four $500 Music Scholarships $2,000

One $1000 Dorm Scholarship $1000

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

Six $500 SGA, Vernon Scholarships $3,000

**Student Government Association, Century City Center-- $1,500**

Three $500 SGA, CCC Scholarships $1,500

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

Three $500 Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships $1,500

**Total Institutional Scholarships $17,000**

**Action:** Mr. Jeff Feix moved approval to use the current exhibit; seconded by Mr. Garry David. The motion carried unanimously.

**d) Out of State Students**

It is proposed that out of state students who are awarded a 2018-2019 competitive scholarship, either academic or athletic, valued at $1,000 or more are eligible for in-state tuition.

**Action:** Mr. Jeff Feix moved approval; seconded by Ms. Melissa Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

**e) Athletic Scholarships**

It is proposed that the Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee approve the awarding of 2018-2019 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. Shana Drury moved approval; seconded by Ms. Jeanne Ballard. 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 2018-2019 Scholarships and that this sub-committee can use their direction to make these awards as they deem necessary.

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

**4. Old Business**

None

**5. New Business**

None

**6. Adjournment**

**Action:** Ms. Amanda Raines moved adjournment at 9:18 am; seconded by Ms. Katrina Gundling.