**Vernon College Scholarship Committee Meeting**

The Vernon College Scholarship Committee Meeting held its annual meeting on Friday, March 31, 2017 in rooms 712/204.

**Members Present:** Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Chairman; Ms. Jeanne Ballard; Mr. Garry David; Ms. Sherrie Denham; Ms. Shana Drury; Mr. Jeff Feix; Ms. Ivy Harris; Ms. Kristin Harris; Mr. Joe Hite; Ms. Amanda Raines; Dr. Mary Rivard; and Ms. Callee Serrano.

**Members Absent:** Ms. Katrina Brasuell; Ms. Melissa Elliott; Ms. Mindi Flynn; Dr. Gary Don Harkey; Ms. Aletha Newman; Mr. James Nordone; Ms. Diana Shipley.

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Michelle A. Alexander called meeting to order at 10:04am

**2. Approval of Minutes- April 1, 2016**

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

**3. Consideration of Action Items**

 **a) Graduating High School Seniors/New Students**

 Because of the prior admission requirement to complete the scholarship application and the increased availability of funds for 2017-2018 scholarships, the following funding model is proposed for scholarship offers to Graduating High School Seniors/New Students based upon class rank.

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

 Top 10% 15 $2,000 $30,000

 11-20% 11 1,500 16,500

 21-30% 13 1,000 13,000

 31-40% 16 750 12,000

 41-50% 20 500 10,000

 **Total Funding $81,500**

 The committee discussed funding options, after discussion the committee voted to approve the following funding scale.

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

 Top 10% 15 $2,500 $37,500

 11-20% 11 1,500 16,500

 21-30% 13 1,000 13,000

 31-40% 16 750 12,000

 41-50% 20 750 15,000

 **Total Funding $94,000**

 **Action:** Ms. Amanda Raines moved approval; seconded by Mr. Joe Hite. The motion carried unanimously.

 **b) Returning Students, Non Nursing**

 a) Eligible returning candidates will be reviewed and offered scholarships once the Spring 2017 grades have been turned in and the grade point averages (gpa) recalculated (about mid-May).

 b) Completion of at least 33% of the student’s program or at least 24 credit hours.

 c) Grade point average:

 4.0 $2,000

 3.5 – 3.99 $1,500

 3.0 – 3.49 $1,000

 The committee discussed funding options, after discussion the committee voted to make a range of 500 dollars once we know the statistics.

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

 **c) Institutional Scholarships**

The following Institutional Scholarships were proposed for a total of $15,000

 **Athletic Trainer -- $3,000**

Four (4) $500 Athletic Trainer Scholarships $ 2,000

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

 **Drama -- $3,000**

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

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

 **Music -- $3,000**

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

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

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

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

 **Student Government Association (SGA) -- $3,000**

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

 **Student Forum -- $1, 500**

Three (3) $500 Student Forum Scholarships $ 1,500

 **Total Institutional Scholarships $15,000**

 **Action:** Mr. Joe Hite moved approval; seconded by Mr. Garry David. The motion carried unanimously.

 **d) Out of State Students**

It is proposed that all out of state students who are awarded a 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. Amanda Raines. The motion carried unanimously.

 **e) Athletic Scholarships**

It is proposed that the Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee approve the awarding of 2017-2018 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. Kristin Harris moved approval; seconded by Mr. Jeff Feix. The motion carried unanimously.

 **f) Scholarship Subcommittee**

It is proposed that a Sub-Committee of the Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee be appointed to award the 2017-2018 Scholarships and that this subcommittee can use their discretion to make these awards as they deem necessary.

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

 **Action:** Mr. Jeff Feix moved approval; seconded by Dr. Mary Rivard. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Old Business**

None

**5. New Business**

None

**6. Adjournment**

 **Action:** Mr. Jeff Feix moved adjournment at 10:35 am; seconded by Mr. Joe Hite.