**Vernon College Scholarship Committee Meeting**

The Vernon College Scholarship Committee Meeting held its annual meeting on Friday, April 1, 2016 in Rooms 712/204.

**Members Present:** Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Chairman; Ms. Jeanne Ballard; Ms. Katrina Brasuell; Ms. Shana Drury; Ms. Kelly Eason; Ms. Melissa Elliott; Mr. Jeff Feix; Dr. Gary Don Harkey; Ms. Kristen Harris; Mr. Joe Hite; Ms. Aletha Newman; Dr. Mary Rivard; Ms. LeAnn Scharbrough; and Ms. Holly Scheller.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Garry David, Ms. Sherrie Denham; Ms. Diana Shipley.

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Michelle A. Alexander called meeting to order at 10:00am

**2. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2015**

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

**3. Consideration of Action Items**

1. **Graduating High School Seniors/New Students**

Funding granted according to the scale presented below:

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|  | **Est. # of Students** | **Award Amount** | **Total** |
| Top 10% | 23 | $1,500 | $34,000 |
| 11 – 20% | 29 | 1,000 | 29,000 |
| 21 – 30% | 43 | 750 | 32,250 |
| 31 - 41% | 51 | **500** | **22,500** |
|  |  | **Total Funding** | **$118,250** |

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

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

1. **Returning Students, Non Nursing**

a.) Eligible returning candidates will be reviewed and offered scholarships once the Spring 2016 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 | $1,750 to $2,000 |
| 3.5 – 3.99 | $1,000 to $1,500 |
| 3.0 – 3.49 | $500 to $750 |

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

1. **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

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

1. **Out of State Students**

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

**Action:** Dr. Gary Don Harkey moved approval; seconded by Dr. Mary Rivard. The motion carried unanimously.

1. **Athletic Scholarships**

It is proposed that the Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee approve the awarding of 2016-2017 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. Harris moved approval; seconded by Mr. Feix. The motion carried unanimously.

1. **Scholarship Subcommittee**

It is proposed that a Subcommittee of the Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee be appointed to award 2016-2017 Scholarships and that this subcommittee use their discretion to make these awards as they deem necessary.

Ms. Jeanne Ballard, Mr. Jeff Feix and Ms. Melissa Elliott, volunteer

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

**5. Old Business**

None

**6. New Business**

None

**7. Adjournment**

**Action:** Mr. Feix moved adjournment at 10:20am; seconded by Ms. Harris.