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2012-2013 Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee

March 27, 2013

1. Call to Order Michelle A. Alexander
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3. Discussion of Funding Options for 2013-2014 Scholarships
4. Consideration of Action Items
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Vernon College Student Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee Minutes

The Vernon College Scholarship Committee Meeting held its yearly meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 in the Board Room on the Vernon Campus.

Members Present: Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Chairman; Ms. Jeanne Ballard; Ms. Cathy Bolton; Ms. Brandi Brannon; Ms. Katrina Brasuell; Mr. Garry David; Ms. Melissa Elliott; Mr. Jeff Feix; Ms. Mindi Flynn; Dr. Gary Don Harkey; Mr. Joe Hite; Ms. Aletha Newman; Mr. Christian Joseph Porciuncula; Ms. LeAnn Jordan Scharbrough

Members Absent: Mr. John Hardin, III; Ms. Kristin Harris; Mr. Lynn Kalski; Ms. Shana Munson; Ms. Brenda Taylor

1. Call to Order

Ms. Michelle A. Alexander called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2012

Action: Ms. Melissa Elliott moved approval; seconded by Mr. Joe Hite. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion of Funding Options

Completed applications totaled 474. A total of \$144,515 is available for funding awards. In the past, the committee has chosen to use 60% of these funds and apply it to graduating high school seniors and new students according to the student's class rank. With the committee again agreeing to use this formula, \$86,709 of the total amount available will be awarded to high school seniors and new students.

4. Consideration of Action Items

a) Graduating High School Seniors/New Students

Funding granted according to the scale presented below:

| | Est. # of Students | Award Amount | Total |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Top 10% | 5 | \$2,000 | \$10,000 |
| 11 – 20% | 24 | 1,500 | 36,000 |
| 21 – 30% | 16 | 1,000 | 16,000 |
| 31 – 40% | 25 | 500 | 12,500 |
| | | Total Funding | \$74,500 |

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

b) Returning Students, Non Nursing

Scholarship offers will be made to eligible candidates based upon the following guidelines:

1. Eligible returning candidates will be reviewed and offered scholarship once the spring 2013 grades have been turned in and the grade point average recalculated.
2. The GPA will be based upon the completion of at least 33% of their program or 24 credit hours.
3. Once the total population of eligible returning candidates is developed, the Committee Chair will develop the award methodology, based upon the total amount of remaining funds available, and submit to the Committee via email for a vote.

Action: Ms. Jeanne Ballard moved for approval; seconded by Dr. Gary Don Harkey. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Full-time Employee Dependents

5 student applicants have been verified as dependents of full-time employees. \$500 would be awarded to them above any other scholarship in which they qualify; totaling \$2,500. It was decided that this will become a permanent award.

Action: Mr. Jeff Feix moved for approval; seconded by Ms. Cathy Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Institutional Scholarships

The following Institutional Scholarships were proposed for a total of \$13,500. The number of available Institutional Scholarships was reduced this year.

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| Athletic Trainer - \$3,000 | | |
| Four (4) \$500 athletic trainer | | \$2,000 |
| One (1) \$1,000 dorm athletic trainer | | \$1,000 |
| Drama - \$3,000 | | |
| Four (4) \$500 drama scholarships | | \$2,000 |
| One (1) \$1,000 dorm drama scholarship | | \$1,000 |
| Music - \$3,000 | | |
| Four (4) \$500 music scholarships | | \$2,000 |
| One (1) \$1,000 dorm music scholarship | | \$1,000 |
| Student Forum - \$1,500 | | |
| Three (3) \$500 student forum | | \$1,500 |
| Student Government Association - \$3,000 | | |
| Six (6) \$500 SGA | | \$3,000 |

Action: Mr. Joe Hite moved for approval; seconded by Dr. Gary Don Harkey. The motion carried unanimously.

e) Out of State Students \$1,000 competitive scholarships

Out of state students who are awarded a competitive scholarship, academic or athletic, valued at a minimum of \$1,000 are eligible for in-state tuition.

Action: Mr. Joe Hite moved for approval; seconded by Dr. Gary Don Harkey. The motion carried unanimously.

f) Scholarship sub-committee

Ms. Jeanne Ballard, Ms. Katrina Brasuell, and Ms. Mindi Flynn volunteered to serve on the Scholarship sub-committee along with Ms. Michelle A. Alexander to award the 2013 -2014 scholarships.

g) Athletic Scholarships

Every year, the scholarship committee approves the awarding of competitive athletic scholarships. The Athletic Director awards these scholarships based on the recommendations of the four NJCAA/NIRA head coaches. The maximum number of scholarships awarded by each sport will comply with the constituted rules of the NJCAA/NIRA governing bodies. The Athletic Director then presents the recommendations to the President for approval and the President will deliver the annual report to the Vernon College Board of Trustees.

Action: Ms. Brandi Brannon moved for approval; seconded by Ms. Melissa Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Other Business

Dr. Gary Don Harkey requested the number of 2012 – 2013 high school/new student scholarship recipients that utilized their scholarship allocation.

Ms. Melissa Elliott asked that nursing scholarship recipients be identified as soon as possible so that the award can be posted to their accounts. Being able to post their award to their account does affect their loan availability.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Jeff Feix moved adjournment at 3:10 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Melissa Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.