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## **2011-2012 Vernon College Scholarship Committee**

**April 21, 2011**

1. Call to Order Michelle A. Alexander
2. Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2010
3. Discussion of Funding Options
4. Consideration of Action Items
  - a. New Students
  - b. Returning Students
  - c. Full-time Employee Dependents
  - d. Institutional Scholarships
  - e. Out of State Students \$1,000 competitive scholarships
  - f. Scholarship sub-committee
5. Adjournment

## 2011 – 2012 Vernon College Scholarship Committee

The Vernon College Scholarship Committee held its spring meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 in the Board Room on the Vernon Campus.

**Members Present:** Ms. Michelle A. Alexander, Chairman; Ms. Brandi Ballard; Mrs. Jeanne Ballard; Ms. Katrina Brasuell; Mr. Garry David; Mrs. Melissa Elliott; Mr. Jeff Feix; Mrs. Mindi Flynn; Mr. Joe Hite; Dr. Gary Don Harkey; Mr. Lynn Kalski; Mrs. Shana Munson; Ms. Aletha Newman; Mr. Christian Joseph Porciuncula; and Ms. Donna Turney.

**Members Absent:** Mrs. Kristin Harris; Mr. John B. Hardin, III; Ms. Barbara Jinks; and Mr. Jack Williams.

### Call to Order

Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

#### 1. Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2010

**Action:** Mrs. Munson moved approval; seconded by Mrs. Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Discussion of Funding Options

Ms. Alexander reported that 374 completed applications were submitted through the STARS on-line application process. Currently \$114,618 is available for awarding 2011-2012 Scholarships. On April 22, the Vernon College Foundation will hold its quarterly meeting and an item on the agenda is the amount of funds the Foundation will take from its general fund to use for Foundation scholarship awards. If the Directors approve the proposal, this will raise the amount available for all scholarship awards to \$133,938.

The committee discussed several funding options. It was agreed that 60% of the available funding should be used to recruit new students. All residual funds should be used for returning students.

### Consideration of Action Items

#### a) New Students

Scholarships for 2011-2012 will be awarded, based upon class rank, to students in the top 50% of their graduating class, based upon the table outlined below for a total of \$62,500.

Top	10%	8	\$2,000	\$16,000
	20%	11	1,500	16,500
	30%	19	1,000	19,000
	40-50%	22	500	11,000

**Action:** Ms. Alexander called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**b) Returning Students**

**Action:** Dr. Gary Don Harkey proposed that returning students who have completed at least 33% of their program should be eligible for scholarship consideration. Ms. Munson seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Further action regarding award amounts was tabled until the spring 2011 semester grades are turned in. Once that is done, and grade point averages and program completion percentages are updated, Ms. Alexander will develop the award methodology and submit to the Committee via email for a vote.

**c) Full-time Employee Dependents**

**Action:** Dr. Gary Don Harkey moved for approval the dependents of full-time Vernon College employees be awarded \$500 in addition to any other scholarship award; seconded by Ms. Shana Munson. The motion carried unanimously.

**d) Institutional Scholarships**

Institutional Scholarship funding will remain level with 2010-2011 according to the table outlined below.

Six (6) \$500 music scholarships	\$3,000
One (1) \$1,000 dorm music scholarship	1,000
Six (6) \$500 drama scholarships	3,000
One (1) \$1,000 dorm drama scholarship	1,000
Six (6) \$500 athletic trainer	3,000
One (1) \$1,000 dorm athletic trainer	1,000
Six (6) \$500 SGA	3,000
Three (3) \$500 student forum	1,500
Two (2) \$500 Phi Theta Kappa	1,000
Two (2) \$250 SAFB dependent	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>

**Action:** Mrs. Melissa Elliot moved for approval; seconded by Dr. Harkey. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Action:** Mr. Joe Hite moved approval that all out of state students awarded a competitive scholarship with a minimum value of \$1,000 will be eligible for in-state tuition; seconded by Mrs. Melissa Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

**f) Scholarship sub-committee**

Ms. Brandi Ballard and Dr. Gary Don Harkey volunteered to serve on the Scholarship sub-committee along with Ms. Michelle A. Alexander.

**Action:** Mr. Garry David moved for approval; seconded by Mrs. Melissa Elliott. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Other Business**

Mr. Jeff Feix asked for approval in creating a sub-committee to award the Cindy Asher and Bonnie Barnard Scholarships which go to students in the Surgical Technology program. All were in favor.

**4. Adjournment**

Mrs. Melissa Elliott moved adjournment at 2:56 p.m.; seconded by Jeanne Ballard. The motion carried unanimously.