

MINUTES

January 25, 2021

3:30 – 5:00 PM

- Present:** Phil Warsaba, Chair, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Students
Carly Bullough, Vice-Chair, Student Representative
Michelle LoGullo, MRSA President, Ex Officio
Meagan Bowler, Deans' Council Representative
Brian Nichols, Academic Staff Member - Arts
Denise Chenger, Academic Staff Member - Business and Communication Studies
Marty Clark, Academic Staff Member - Health, Community and Education
Melanie Rathburn, Academic Staff Member - Science and Technology
Sara Sharun, Academic Staff Member - University Library
Steve Kootenay-Jobin, Iniskim Centre Representative
Camille Tabacla, Student Representative
Geri Lynn Gouglas, Registrar Designate (Resource)
Rebecca Bowman, Designate for Executive Director, Development (Resource)
Angela Spinner, Recording Secretary
- Regrets:** Sarah Micho, Student Representative

- 1.0 Approval of the Agenda for January 25, 2021**
Moved by Brian Nichols; seconded by Megan Bowler:
THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the January 25, 2021 agenda as distributed.
Carried.
- 2.0 Approval of the Student Affairs Committee Minutes for November 23, 2020 [attachment]**
Moved by Steve Kootenay-Jobin; seconded by Melanie Rathburn:
THAT the Student Affairs Committee approve the November 23, 2020 minutes as distributed.
Carried.
- 3.0 Business Arising from the Student Affairs Committee Minutes of November 23, 2020**
- 3.1 Anitopisi Leadership Award
Based on the feedback provided by the Committee, Student Awards and Financial Aid worked with the Changemaker Studio to set this award up as a stipend. The stipend was disbursed on November 23, 2020.
- 3.2 Student Awards Selection Committee - Second Call for Nominations
Cynthia Gallop and Brian Nichols volunteered to be the faculty representatives on the President's Scholarship award selection committee. All selection committee vacancies have now been filled.
- 4.0 New Business**
- 4.1 Summary Listing of New Award (September 2, 2020-January 25, 2021)
The summary listing of new awards was provided for information.

4.2 New Awards Requiring GFC SAC Approval (September 2, 2020-January 25, 2021)

Moved by Pat Pardo; seconded by Sara Sharun:

THAT the Gifting Circle Bursary for Indigenous Women in Entrepreneurship be approved.

Carried.

Moved by Denise Chengler; seconded by Steve Kootenay-Jobin:

THAT the Joseph Chung Shing Poon Memorial Bursary be approved.

Discussion:

There was discussion regarding the criteria of “ excellence in Alberta entry-level competencies for the practice of registered nurses’. In addition, the Committee expressed concerns about the mixing of non-academic criteria and financial need.

The Development resource relayed that it is the donor’s wish to have the award given to a nursing student who shows compassion. The department Chair determined that fulfillment of the criteria could be assessed through the ELC outcomes for year 3 students.

Given that there are two awards offered annually, the Committee members suggested creating one bursary based on financial need and one scholarship reflecting the academic/non-academic components.

Defeated.

The Development resource will share the committee’s feedback with the department Chair and then return to the originator with recommendations for revision. In order for this new award to be available to students prior to the award application deadline of March 1, approval may require this committee to vote on the revised criteria electronically.

4.3 Arts Citizenship Cup Award - Change to Application Process

Previously, students applied for this award through the Faculty. Applications have now been switched to the central online award system. It was suggested that the lower number of applications for this award may have less to do with the application process and more to do with the extensiveness of the criteria, particularly when weighed against the monetary value of the award.

- 4.4 Awards Based on Race, Religion, Ethnicity and/or Culture
The Chair provided context for the University's current stance on awards based on race, religion, ethnicity and/or culture, referring specifically to a position statement developed in 2013.

Clearly, institutions need to do more to address equity, diversity and inclusion barriers. Recently a donor approached Advancement with a proposal to establish an award for black students. As such, the University needs to reconsider its stance on these types of awards and offer Development some direction for working with donors.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee determined that the University should support Advancement's work with donors on awards for equity-deserving groups of students. The Committee recognizes this is an ongoing discussion and that additional feedback from constituents and key stakeholders will be required to address challenges related to the administration, selection, and disbursement of these awards.

Changes to the award application form, and decisions about the collection, storing and sharing of data, will need to occur before a new award is implemented. As a result, the earliest implementation date would be Fall 2022.

- 4.5 Student Conduct and Sexual Violence Policy Revision Update
The Chair has met a number of times with the consultant contracted to facilitate the development of recommendations pertaining to these policies. Input from key University stakeholders has been collected and information will be provided to this Committee at the next meeting before the consultation process is widened.

5.0 Next Meeting
February 22, 2021

6.0 Adjournment
Moved by Michelle LoGullo; seconded by Marty Clark:
THAT the meeting of January 25, 2021 be adjourned at 4:49 pm.
Carried.