2012 Faculty Senate Scholarship Committee Report

Members Present May 2012: Hasan Deniz, Sahjendra Singh, Scott Hansen, Margaret Harp, Marianne Buehler, Fred Tredup, Terry Spell, Mary Hausch, Deborah Young.

Members Present August 2012: Ryan Doyle, Hasan Deniz, Georgia Dounis, Lateka Grays, Deborah Young.

The Faculty Senate Scholarship Committee met in May and August to review new awards made by the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. At these meetings, the committee approved awards totaling $346,475 that were made to 107 students, from 46 different scholarship funds established by private donors.

This award process continues to be very complex, using funds with specific donor-directed award criteria, while at the same time working to make these awards meet institutional goals. Financial aid continues to do an excellent job of making awards and meeting the criteria established by donors.

A new award was established by the UNLV Foundation, called the UNLV Foundation Board of Trustees Scholarship, a $10,000 per year award, renewable for a maximum of 5 years. This scholarship was awarded to Christina Bousema, a pre-nursing major with significant financial need.

The President’s Scholarship, which covers the full cost of attendance was awarded to Durin Uddin, a National Merit Finalist, who will be majoring in Biology. The President’s Scholarship is awarded to National Merit Finalists who select UNLV as their first choice of school to attend.

Additionally, FAS offered 70 Provost’s awards to entering freshmen, which are $8,000 per year renewable scholarships using $3,000 in institutional funds and $5,000 in private funds. To qualify for these awards, students must have a minimum ACT score of 30 or a minimum SAT score of 1,320 and an unweighted high school GPA at a minimum of 3.8. Out of these 70 students who were offered Provost’s Awards, only 17 of these students chose to come to UNLV.

On the positive side, UNLV was able to make some level of award from institutional and private funds to all incoming freshmen with GPA’s of 3.5 or higher.

The faculty senate scholarship committee will meet again in early spring to review awards for the next academic year. In the meantime, I am meeting on a regular basis with financial aid staff to develop a plan to better meet the President’s goal of making awards to top students much earlier.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Young
Faculty Senate Scholarship Committee Chair