FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
Thursday, May 5, 2011, 2 – 4 pm, Chancellor’s Conference Room

Present: Karla Hayashi (Academic Affairs), Hank Hennessey, Dexter Irvin, (OIA), Marcia Sakai (CoBE), Jeff Scofield (FAO/Ex Officio), Mike Shintaku (CAFNRMI), Kalena Silva (CHL), Leonard Woods (TRiO Programs), Luoluo Hong (Chair/Ex Officio)

Absent: David Miller (CAS), Jim Mellon (AVCSA&DOS)

Administrative note: In CoBE, 7 of the 8 scholarships they offered to new students have been accepted

Review of remaining merit aid plans (thus far, CoP and CoBE have had their plans endorsed):

- Ka Haka 'Ula shared their most recent draft - all concerns and areas needing clarification have been addressed; they added programs that could participate, e.g., Linguistics, and provided detail on the eligibility criteria - the plan was accepted as revised
- CAFNRM indicated that they were not willing to make any changes to their historical process for awarding their merit aid, but they may consider making changes for 2012-13
- CAS representative was not present due to illness
- It was agreed that chair would follow up with respective deans to ensure spirit of committee’s recommendation is honored, e.g., tuition assistance funds should not be distributed until the college has a plan endorsed by this committee

Questions we want to raise/address/revisit in developing 2012-13 tuition assistance allocation:

- How to address the tuition compression in intercollegiate athletics and other program areas which provide an award standardized to the tuition rate - as tuition has increased in the past five years (almost doubled) and the amount of available scholarship aid has not risen commensurately with those increases, then we are actually decreasing the amount of aid
- International student aid – what should be our guiding philosophy in providing grants-in-aid to international students and international exchange students; it was noted that we need to review all of the agreements we make
• Do we want to continue to support graduate and professional student aid when we have limited resources (our current practice is awarding to Hawaii residents with demonstrated need)
• Related to above, the committee would like to reexamine the allocation to College of Pharmacy, both the principle and the amount
• Can we develop a mission statement for how we use financial aid to meet institutional goals and enrollment targets? On the question of the balance we need to reach between supporting undergraduate versus graduate students and/or programs we must seek much broadest input and feedback - it will need to be an administrative policy decision as it is not addressed in the new strategic plan; we may need to take the new plan and review how it might impact our recommendations as a committee
• Should the merit aid continue to be allocated in a decentralized, e.g., college-based, model or should we move to a centralized model, or something in between?
• Can we somehow assess outcomes of our financial aid allocation plan? Should we use financial aid as an enrollment management tool or as a risk-reward tool?

Financial Aid Office update:
• At the end of April - 5,470 applications have been submitted thus far for 2011-12, up 546 from this same time last year, and up 1,738 from two years ago (about 6,900 total applications were submitted for 2010-11)
• We awarded $8M of aid in 2005 compared to $41M in aid presently; we are 5 staff under based on NAAFSA benchmarks, so as such, FAO will be hiring another staff person to ensure our compliance with federal financial aid regulations

Respectfully submitted,
Luoluo Hong
5/17/11
Student Merit Aid Award
Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikōlani College
Application Deadline: May 27, 2011

Purpose
To support meritorious students at all levels of undergraduate and graduate program completion and including Keʻelikōlani College laboratory school seniors in special early admit courses

Award Amounts
From $250 to $1,500, generally divided between the two semesters (fall and spring) of a single academic year, though in certain circumstances awards may also be given for a single semester

Eligibility Criteria
• Minimum accumulative high school and/or college GPA of 3.0 and/or other distinctive talent and knowledge base of value to the College in its Hawaiian Studies, Linguistics, Education, and Indigenous Studies fields
• Prior community service in a Hawaiian language environment like the ‘Aha Pūnana Leo, a Keʻelikōlani College laboratory school or another Hawaiian medium public school, and ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaiʻi and/or service in an environment that promotes endangered language and culture survival or increased interaction among peoples of diverse languages and cultures

Award Application
• A list of the student's current financial aid awards
• A personal statement of at least one full typewritten page describing the reasons he or she is seeking the degree/qualification and its importance to the student's life and career goals

Application assessment
By a committee of at least three Keʻelikōlani College faculty convened to assess student applications with 25% weight in each of the following four areas: 1.) GPA and/or distinctive talent and knowledge base; 2.) community service; 3.) personal statement; and 4.) amount of current aid.

College contact person
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STUDENT MERIT AID AWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Ka Haka ʻUla O Keʻelikōlani College
Application Deadline: May 27, 2011

Please type or print clearly:

Name: __________________________________________
  Last  First  Middle

Address: _______________________________________
  Number  Street  City  Zip Code

Home Phone:__________________  Cell Phone:__________________

Email address:__________________  Student I.D.:__________________

Birth Date:____________________  Male: _____  Female: _____

Resident Status:  Resident_____  Non-Resident_____  

Single:_____  Married:_____  Divorced:_____  Widowed:_____

High School and Year of Graduation______________________________

Year in College:  1____  2_____  3_____  4_____ Graduate____

I am applying for this award for

Fall 2011_____  Spring 2012_____  Both Semesters____

Other scholarships, grants, awards, etc., you are receiving:

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Please explain below the reasons you are seeking the B.A. in Hawaiian Studies or Linguistics or a degree/certificate in a graduate program of the College and the relationship of that degree/certificate to your life and career goals. (If more room is needed, attach another sheet.)

Your Grade Point Average__________

I hereby certify the truth and accuracy of all information contained in this application and consent to allowing access of the Student Merit Aid Award Committee to my University records.

Signed:______________________________ Date:________________