

**Student Financial Aid Committee
September 30, 2025**

Members Present

Melissa Creek
Jacob Cutshall
Ed Driggers
Aiden Gillis
Nicole Henniger
Ted McWilliams
Abdul Momin
Judy Riggsbee
Stacie Rothfus
Dennis Tennant
Frank Tittle

Members Absent

Cheyenne Bare
Diane Pulte

Guests

Cassandra Gronendyke
Karen Lykins
Mary McCaskey
Jerri Winningham

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Driggers presented the agenda to the committee members. Dr. Henniger made the motion to approve. Mr. McWilliams second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of March 11, 2025, Minutes

Dr. Driggers presented the last meeting minutes to the committee members. Dr. Henniger made the motion to approve. Mr. Gillis second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy 1204 Institutional Scholarships

Dr. Driggers recognized Ms. Winningham who requested three or four members to volunteer to review Policy 1204 Institutional Scholarships for any potential changes that need to be made. Dr. Driggers volunteered to chair the subcommittee. Members may

email Dr. Driggers with any changes and he will report back to the committee at the spring meeting. Ms. Gronendyke shared with the group that she did not see any changes that needed to be made. Members should submit any policy changes by the first of January.

Scholarship Program

Dr. Driggers recognized Ms. Lykins to share information regarding the scholarship program. For the incoming freshman class of 2,028, we had 1,088 Presidential Scholars awarded, which represented 53.6% of the incoming class. Scholarship tiers range from \$3,000 to \$10,000 with seven students receiving the highest award. Students must have a 3.40 high school GPA to receive the award, and the ACT scores are tiered. The average high school GPA was 3.72.

Scholarship Amount	Number Awarded
\$3,000	262
\$4,000	519
\$5,000	158
\$8,000	20
\$10,000	7

The scholarship program budget after awards was under \$280,000 out of a \$15 million budget. Ms. Gronendyke attributed her success to Terri McWilliams for her predictive financial model.

For students who missed the initial deadline, there are secondary awards available. The tiers are reduced. Seventy awards were given for this group of students.

The transfer scholarship has been rebranded to “Flight to Tech” which 320 were awarded.

The scholarship program has been impacted by state law changes due to criteria that may no longer be included in donor-funded scholarships. The University is bound by state law even though the funds may be donated. Additional information was shared by Ms. Gronendyke. Private groups may make their selections with whatever criteria they choose and have the flexibility to choose whomever they wish. Discussion was held by the committee.

Such Other Items

With no such other matters presented by the members, Dr. Momin made the motion to adjourn and Dr. Tennant second the motion. Meeting adjourned.