

**NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE
INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
TASK FORCE SUMMARY
February 10, 2017**

PURPOSE/GOAL: The purpose of this email is to update you on changes to the Institutional Scholarship Program. The Institutional Scholarship Program – Task Force Committee met on November 9, 2016, and February 10, 2017, with the goal of refining and improving the Institutional Scholarship Program within the constraints of our current and future resources. The task force was charged with reviewing existing policies and awards, providing input, and making recommendations for the Institutional Scholarship Program to be implemented for the 2017-2018 academic year.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDED: Cathy Moore, Suzi Brown, Diana Watkins, Bradley Jennings, Tammy Davis, Kerri Gray, Cheryl Evans, Anita Simpson, Jeremy Hise, Jason Johnson, Rick Edgington, Pam Stinson, Blair Turney, Shannon Cunningham, Ed Vineyard, Terri Sunderland, Tiffany Meacham, Holly Lee, Janet Jarvis, Dineo Heilmann, Edward Dixon, Tricia Moore, and Sheri Snyder.

OUTCOME: With reduced revenue due to the state’s economic environment, difficult decisions had to be made that will reduce dollar amounts dedicated from the college budget to the Institutional Scholarship Program. Efforts were made to continue providing support to students and to help activities within the college to attract outstanding participants. It was necessary to combine options and suggestions to arrive at needed cost savings.

HISTORICAL NOC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING:

- FY 2014 budget: \$2.2 million in scholarship support - \$1.2 million in waivers, \$775,000 million scholarship cash outlay. We expensed \$2,243,000 in scholarship support for the academic year.
- FY 2015 budget: \$2.6 million in scholarship support (represents 10% of overall institutional budget) - \$1.8 million in waivers, \$775,500 in scholarship cash outlay. We expensed \$2,546,000 in scholarship support for the academic year.
- FY 2016 budget: \$2.6 million in scholarship support (represents 10.1% of overall institutional budget) - \$1.9 million in waivers, \$744,922 in scholarship cash outlay. We expensed \$2,826,000 in scholarship support for the academic year.
- FY 2017 budget: \$2.5 million in scholarship support (represents 9.5% of overall institutional budget) - \$1.7 million in waivers, \$745,000 in scholarship cash outlay and approximately \$700,000 in auxiliary funds. Prior to the higher education cut, we had budgeted \$3.1 million in scholarship support. We have expensed \$2.4 million in scholarship support thus far for the academic year.
- Additionally, for the current academic year, all awards for continuing scholarship students based on the student’s fall 2016 scholarship awards will be honored; however, no new scholarships shall be awarded or scholarship awards increased for current students for the spring 2017 semester unless prior approval through the scholarship appeals committee is obtained.
- FY 2015-2016 Financial Aid Breakdown:
 - 967 Students received \$1.1 million in State grants
 - 783 students received \$945,000 in State Resident Tuition waivers
 - 112 students received \$534,000 in State Non-Resident tuition waivers
 - 4,547 students received \$13 million in Federal Program money
 - 174 students received \$405,000 in Tribal Program money
- For FY 2015-2016 – 3,298 unduplicated students received a total of \$20 million in Federal and State aid.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON ITEMS DISCUSSED: (Effective Fall 2017)

- **For FY2018, there will be no reductions in resident tuition waivers. Based on the FY2017 budget, there will be no reductions to academic achievement scholarships. An average of 11% reduction in cash outlay (fees, room and board, and books) will be applied to all participation scholarships. (Potential overall decrease of \$250,000)**

The goal of the institutional scholarship program is to be divided into two areas: 50% merit-based and 50% need-based. Merit-based scholarship awards recognize and reward excellence to students who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement or who have demonstrated talent in a participation program. Currently, our program is 55% merit-based and 45% need-based.

Breakdown of Institutional Scholarship Program

Based on original FY2017 scholarship budget \$3.1 million	Based on projected FY2018 scholarship budget \$2.9 million
22% - Academic Achievement	26% - Academic Achievement
77% - Participation	73% - Participation
81% Athletics	86% Athletics
15% Fine Arts	11% Fine Arts
3% Agriculture/Livestock Judging	2% Agriculture/Livestock Judging
1% Journalism	1% Journalism
1% - Other	1% - Other

- **Adjust athletic budgets for resident tuition waivers and non-resident tuition waivers in accordance to NJCAA guidelines. Athletes receiving the non-resident tuition waiver cannot receive other institutional scholarships but can be added to team LOI and receive private awards. International students do not qualify for the non-resident tuition waiver. Total non-resident and international student athletes of team may not exceed 55% of current team roster at beginning of each semester after add/drop date. (Potential overall increase of \$236,250)**
- **Due to budget cuts, the following scholarships have been eliminated, reduced and/or reallocated dollars:**
 - Jim Carter Scholarship – reinstated/reduced, awarded to one (1) graduating senior from Tonkawa High School to attend NOC Tonkawa; Award amount \$2,500 tuition waiver
 - NWOSU Reciprocal Tuition Waiver – eliminated
 - Upward Bound – eliminate fall scholarship awards in new Upward Bound grant proposal
 - Oklahoma Study Abroad Scholarship (OACC) – reduced to one (1) \$2,500 tuition waiver
 - Sports Information Scholarship (Journalism Department) awarded to one (1) student to attend NOC Tonkawa; Award amount \$2,500 tuition waiver and \$1,000 books – reallocated to Sports Information Scholarship (Athletic Department) awarded to one (1) student to attend NOC Tonkawa and one (1) student to attend NOC Enid; Award amount \$1,250 tuition waiver and \$395 books
- **In accordance to the NOC/OSU Memorandum of Understanding, NOC Stillwater concurrent students will receive a scholarship to match OSU’s concurrent enrollment rates. (Potential overall increase of \$12,252)**
- **Due to budget cuts, there is not funding available in the coming academic year for new scholarships proposed by the task force committee.**