



# Athabasca University General Faculties Council

## Student Awards Committee

Approved minutes for Meeting 14 of the Student Awards Committee held on February 24, 2015, in Governing Council Chambers, AU-Athabasca.

In Attendance: Mark Fabbro (Chair) and via teleconference: Sabine Graf, Hussein Al-Zyoud, Mihail Cocosila, Gustavo Carrero, Harris Wang, Nicole Hill, Coy Beaton

Governance Staff: Carol Lund (University Secretary), Eileen Hendy (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Valerie Olver, Tim Cody, Morgan Newington, Linda Baert, Kathy Bury

Absent with Regrets: Kim Newsome, Rocky Brown

### Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1.1 **Motion 14-01** That Student Awards Committee approves the agenda as presented.

Wang

Carried

#### 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 2.1 **Action** Subject to the Conflict of Interest provision of the General Faculties Council General By-Laws, the Chair asked members to declare any conflict that may have with respect to the meeting agenda.

No conflicts declared.

#### 3. MINUTES

- 3.1 **Motion 14-02** That Student Awards Committee approves the minutes of Meeting 13, held October 07, 2014 as presented.

Al-Zyoud

Carried

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

#### 5. ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 **Action** Approve changes to the Alberta Blue Cross 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary.

**Motion 14-03** THAT Student Awards Committee approves changing the value of the Alberta Blue Cross 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary from 2 x \$750 to 2 x \$1,000, effective February 24, 2015.

Al-Zyoud

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

Member Al-Zyoud inquired about the disbursement date and was informed this was the application deadline.



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Carried

The award criteria now reads as follows:

Award Description	Proposed Disbursement Timetable	Amount
<p><b>ALBERTA BLUE CROSS 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BURSARY</b></p> <p><b>Donor:</b> Alberta Blue Cross Corporation Foundation</p> <p><b>Value:</b> \$1,000</p> <p><b>Number:</b> Two (2)</p> <p><b>Description of Award</b>            The Alberta Blue Cross 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary is awarded annually to two current AU undergraduate nursing degree program students who have achieved the highest grade average on two 3 credit nursing courses taken through Athabasca University. The grade average on the two AU nursing courses must be 80 percent or better. Eligible students must be residents of Alberta and demonstrate financial need. Students can receive these scholarships once only.</p> <p><b>Conditions of Eligibility</b>            Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for these scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be current AU undergraduate nursing degree program students</li> <li>• Have an 80% grade average on two AU 3 credit nursing courses</li> <li>• Be Alberta residents</li> <li>• Have demonstrated financial need</li> <li>• Submit the completed application, and any supporting documents, to the Student Awards Administrative Assistant, Office of the Registrar at AU.</li> </ul> <p><b>Selection Criteria</b>            The Alberta Blue Cross 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary will be awarded to active AU Bachelor of Nursing program students. The emphasis for award selection includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated financial need</li> <li>• Have an minimum 80% grade average on two AU 3 credit nursing courses</li> </ul>	<p>Annually - November</p>	<p>2 x \$1,000</p>



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**5.2 Action** Approve changes to the to the Marlene M. Burnett Award in Nursing.

**Motion 14-04** **THAT Student Awards Committee approves the following change to the Marlene M. Burnett Award in Nursing, effective February 24, 2015:**

**Under Nomination Criteria change from 'Be enrolled in the course for which they are receiving the award (NURS 401, 435, 407)' to ' Be enrolled in the course for which they are receiving the award (NURS 401, 435, 437)'.**

**Al-Zyoud**

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

**Carried**

The award criteria now reads as follows:

Award Description	Proposed Schedule	Amount
<p><b>Name of Award:</b> Marlene M Burnett Award in Nursing</p> <p><b>Donor:</b> David and Marlene Burnett</p> <p><b>Value:</b> \$1000</p> <p><b>Number:</b> min. 1, max 3</p> <p><b>Description of Award:</b> The Marlene M Burnett Award in Nursing recognizes the contributions and achievement of those students completing the clinical courses in their nursing program at Athabasca University. It is intended to help assist the students who travel away from work to complete these courses.</p> <p><b>Nomination Criteria:</b> Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for this award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be enrolled in the course for which they are receiving the award (NURS 401, 435, 437)</li> <li>• Have achieved a minimum GPA of 2.5</li> <li>• Reside in Canada</li> </ul>	<p>2014-2021</p> <p>(DEC 15, 2014 to DEC 15, 2021)</p>	<p>\$1000 per course per year (total \$3,000)</p>

**5.3 Action** Approve description and criteria for the Lorraine Robertson (Wright 1947) Memorial Scholarship in Nursing.

**Motion 14-05** **THAT the Student Awards Committee approves the description and criteria for the Lorraine Robertson (Wright 1947) Memorial Scholarship in Nursing as follows, effective March 1, 2015:**



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Award Description	Proposed Schedule	Amount
<p><b>Name of Award:</b> Lorraine Robertson (Wright 1947) Memorial Scholarship in Nursing</p> <p><b>Donor:</b> The Alumnae Association of the Calgary General Hospital School of Nursing</p> <p><b>Description of Award:</b> The Lorraine Robertson (Wright 1947) Memorial Scholarship in Nursing offers recognition and rewards students who are excelling in the Bachelor of Nursing program at AU. Students must be residents of Southern Alberta and may only receive the scholarship once.</p> <p><b>Application Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Nursing program students</li> <li>• Must be in 4<sup>th</sup> year of program</li> <li>• Minimum GPA of 3.6</li> <li>• Residents of Calgary or Southern Alberta</li> <li>• Have dependents</li> <li>• Submit completed application to Student Awards Unit by application deadline</li> </ul>	<p>May 15<sup>th</sup> – Annually 2015 to 2022 (8 years)</p>	<p>1 x \$1000 Annually</p>

### Al-Zyoud

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

Member Al-Zyoud inquired if the criteria ‘have dependents’ was a condition of the donor and was informed it was.

**Carried**

### 5.4 Action

Approve description and criteria for the Peggy Harrison Single Parent Bursary.

#### Motion 14-06

**THAT the Student Awards Committee approves the description and criteria for the Peggy Harrison Single Parent Bursary as follows, effective March 1, 2015:**

Award Description	Proposed Schedule	Amount
<p><b>Name of Award:</b> Peggy Harrison Single Parent Bursary</p> <p><b>Donor:</b> Mary Robbins &amp; Family</p> <p><b>Description of Award:</b> The Peggy Harrison Single Parent Bursary is intended to assist AU undergraduate students who are single parents who are committed to community service or volunteerism activities. Bursary is available to students residing in Edmonton, AB as well as</p>	<p>May 15<sup>th</sup> – Annually 2015 - \$10,000 2016 - \$10,000 2017 - \$10,000 2018 - \$10,000 2019 - \$10,000</p>	<p>10 x \$1000 Annually</p>



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<p>NWT, Yukon &amp; Nunavut.</p> <p><b>Application Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Parents</li> <li>• AU Undergraduate program student who has completed at least 6 AU credits (degree or certificate)</li> <li>• Resident of Edmonton, AB (or NWT, Yukon or Nunavut if insufficient applicants from Edmonton)</li> <li>• Demonstrated volunteerism in their community</li> <li>• Demonstrated financial need</li> <li>• Submit completed application to Student Awards Unit by application deadline</li> </ul> <p>Recipients are able to receive the award multiple times.</p>		
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**Cocosila**

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

**Carried**

**5.5 Action** Approve description and criteria for the Albert & Pirkko Karvonen Environment Award.

**Motion 14-07** **THAT the Student Awards Committee approves the description and criteria for the Albert & Pirkko Karvonen Environment Award as follows, effective March 1, 2015:**

Award Description	Proposed Schedule	Amount
<p><b>Name of Award:</b> Albert &amp; Pirkko Karvonen Environment Award</p> <p><b>Donor:</b> Albert &amp; Pirkko Karvonen</p> <p><b>Description of Award:</b> Albert &amp; Pirkko Karvonen Environment Award is intended to recognize the academic achievement of Bachelor of Science program students who have excelled in an environmental project course.</p> <p><b>Application Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Science program student</li> <li>• A student who has completed a science project course that is directly linked to exploring a topic related to the environment</li> <li>• Cumulative GPA of 3.0</li> <li>• Resident of Alberta</li> </ul>	<p>May 15<sup>th</sup> – Annually</p> <p>6 years</p> <p>May 15, 2015 to May 15, 2020</p>	<p>\$7,500 Annually</p> <p>5 awards @ \$1,500 each</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student may receive award once</li> <li>Submit a fully completed application, to the Student Awards Administrative Assistant within the Office of the Registrar at AU by the deadline</li> </ul> <p><b>Selection Criteria</b>            The selection committee will review all applications and adjudicate the submissions based on the Science project course the individual has completed. Emphasis and final selection will be based on the impact on the environmental issue the student has demonstrated. Adjudicators will be looking for a quality project with environmental significance.</p> <p>Note: Recipients may be invited to participate in an optional Science Outreach – Athabasca presentation.</p>		
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**Al-Zyoud**

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

Member Al-Zyoud inquired about the criteria ‘completed a science project course’ and was informed this was any science course that required the student to complete a science project.

**Carried**

**5.6 Action** Approve description and criteria for the Albert & Pirkko Karvonen Environment Bursary.

**Motion 14-08** **THAT the Student Awards Committee approves the description and criteria for the Albert & Pirkko Karvonen Environment Bursary as follows, effective March 1, 2015:**

Award Description	Proposed Schedule	Amount
<p><b>Name of Award:</b> Albert &amp; Pirkko Karvonen Environment Bursary</p> <p><b>Donor:</b> Albert &amp; Pirkko Karvonen</p> <p><b>Description of Award:</b> The Alberta &amp; Pirkko Karvonen Environment Bursary is intended to assist Bachelor of Science program students with the costs associated with tuition fees. Bursary will be awarded as a tuition credit for future course registrations.</p> <p><b>Application Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor of Science program student</li> </ul>	<p>May 15<sup>th</sup> – Annually</p> <p>6 years</p> <p>May 15, 2015 to May 15, 2020</p>	<p>\$5,000 Annually</p> <p>5 bursaries @ \$1,000</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has completed at least 6 credits (two, 3 credit courses) in AU undergraduate science courses in the area of environmental science (applicable courses include; Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science or Science Project)</li> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0</li> <li>• Resident of Alberta</li> <li>• Has not previously been a recipient of the Albert &amp; Pirkko Karvonen Environment Bursary</li> <li>• Has submitted completed application to the Student Awards Unit by published deadline</li> </ul> <p><b>Selection Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bursary selection will be based on demonstrated financial need.</li> </ul>		
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Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

**Carried**

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**  
None

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**7.1 Information      Student Awards Program – General Overview**

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

**7.2 Information      Student Awards Unit Report of Activities July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.**

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

**7.3 Information      Student Awards Financial Report for the period April 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015.**

The Chair presented this item.

**7.4 Information      Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship**

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

It was agreed attachment 1 would be revised as follows:  
'Terms of Reference' be changed to 'Guidelines' and a footer be added to include the



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date the Faculty of Graduate Studies approved the guidelines.

### 7.5 Information

#### **Discussion on process for approving awards**

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

Member Beaton noted templates would assist Advancement in determining what awards are needed and possible donors.

### 7.6 Information

#### **Honour Pins**

The Chair presented this item.

It was noted the current estimate for four years of honour pins was \$4000.

### 7.7 Information

#### **Promotion of Aboriginal Awards**

Valerie Olver, Coordinator, Student Awards and Financial Aid presented this item.

Member Al-Zyoud inquired if students identify themselves being aboriginal when they enroll and was informed students are given the choice to volunteer this information.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

None

## 9. SCHEDULE OF PENDING ITEMS

None

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

### 10.1 Motion 14-09 **That the meeting be adjourned.**

**Al-Zyoud**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

**Carried**