

General Faculties Council  
Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee  
Approved Minutes

Tuesday, March 08, 2011  
3-15, University Hall  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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**ATTENDEES:**

William Street - Chair, Derek Sellman, Jana Rieger, Katalin Bimbo, Behrooz Nowrouzian, Matthew Li, Fiona Halbert (Delegate), and Garry Bodnar (Acting Coordinator and Scribe)

**PRESENTERS AND GUESTS:**

William Street, Chair, GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee (UASC)  
Rachel De Leon, Bursary Program Coordinator, University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF)  
Heather Dyck, Development Coordinator, Student Awards Office

**OPENING SESSION**

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Bimbo/Li

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of the Regular Session Minutes of February 8, 2011

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Nowrouzian/Bimbo

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 8, 2011.

**CARRIED**

3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair reported on a number of items of interest to members.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. New Undergraduate University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) Bursary For Approval (March 8, 2011)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Rachel De Leon, Bursary Program Coordinator, University Bursaries and Emergency Funding

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve new undergraduate bursaries.

New University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) Bursaries for approval (March 8, 2011):

1. Renee Rebryna Aboriginal Nursing Bursary
2. Mary Forster Nursing Bursary

Motion: Bimbo/ Nowrouzian

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, new undergraduate bursaries, as amended, to be effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

5. New Undergraduate Student Awards and Scholarships For Approval (March 8, 2011)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Heather Dyck, Development Coordinator, Student Awards Office

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve new undergraduate awards and scholarships.

New Undergraduate Awards and Scholarships for approval (March 8, 2011):

1. Dr Darlene G Garnier Scholarship
2. Dr Glen Zenith Award
3. Faculty of Law Entrance Scholarship
4. Faculty of Law Entrance Scholarship
5. Faculty of Law Undergraduate Scholarship
6. Macey Vankosky Scholarship in Fine Arts

Motion:

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council new undergraduate awards and scholarships, as amended, to be effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

6. Amendments to Existing Undergraduate Student Awards and Scholarships for Approval (March 8, 2011)

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter:* Heather Dyck, Development Coordinator, Student Awards Office

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve amendments to existing undergraduate awards and scholarships.

Existing Undergraduate Awards and Scholarships for approval (March 8, 2011):

1. Margaret Ann Brine Scholarship in Music Education
2. Dorothy Clapson Memorial Scholarship
3. Miller Thomson Entrance Leadership Scholarship
4. University of Alberta Global Citizenship Scholarship for IBD International Students

*Discussion:*

A member recommended that the 'Dorothy Clapson Memorial Scholarship', based on its criteria, be renamed the 'Dorothy Clapson Memorial Award'. Ms Dyck agreed to this revision.

Motion: Bimbo/Li

THAT the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, amendments to existing undergraduate awards and scholarships, as amended, to be effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

7. Question Period

At the request of the Chair, members engaged in a detailed discussion with regard to a scenario described by Ms Halbert on behalf of the Student Awards Office. The scenario she laid out concerned the possible establishment of an award for which the donor had requested the following criteria: the award would be available to undergraduate students registered full time whose Grade Point Averages (GPAs) were in the 2.0 to 3.4 range and who had not received any other awards, scholarships, and/or bursaries. Ms Halbert noted that, based on the proposed criteria, approximately 17,000 students would be eligible to be considered for this award. Further, she noted that the donor sought to have 40 awards, totalling \$500 *per* award, provided each year; the provision of these awards, the donor suggested, would be based on a lottery rather than random selection to allow any students within the aforementioned GPA range the opportunity to receive said award. The donor's intent was to make this award available to "hard-working" students who would not normally be eligible for institutional award, bursary, and/or scholarship monies. Ms Halbert concluded her remarks by stating this method of assigning awards would establish a precedent at and for the University of Alberta.

During the ensuing discussion, the presenter and her colleagues from the Student Awards Office and University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) addressed questions and concerns expressed by members concerning the following matters: confirmation the donor did not want financial need to be included in the proposed award's criteria; the logistics associated with the annual provision of the award; further detail on the reasons why the donor had requested the criteria for this proposed award; the expressed concern that this award was not based on the University's usual standards of providing such awards to students based on the highest academic standing/achievement; possible restrictions surrounding the offering of the award (eg, on a *per*-Faculty basis); the method by which students would apply for this award; whether more awards could be established, beyond the 40 suggested, to make monies available to part-time students; and whether the donor could be convinced to deploy the funding set aside for this award in some other meaningful manner, either through the University or through the Students' Union (SU).

Members agreed that this issue warranted further debate. The Chair, in turn, agreed to open up discussion on the matter with representatives of the SU (eg, the President of the SU) and determine a further, appropriate course of action. He noted it was likely GFC UASC would continue its review with respect to this award at its next meeting.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8. Items Approved by the GFC Undergraduate Awards and Scholarship Committee by E-Mail Ballots

No items to date.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

No items to date.

### **CLOSING SESSION**

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.