

Annual Report 2010-11

Scholarships Committee

Gavin Townsend, Chair

April 2011

Please see the attached minutes and appendices provided by the Admissions Office and the University Honors Program. Those items, together with this memo, constitute the annual report. What follows in this document are two small suggestions for the Senate to consider.

According yet to the Handbook, the Scholarships Committee is annually charged with choosing the recipients of all scholarships and grants provided by private sources. For many years, however, this charge has not been executed. For a variety of reasons, the committee had devolved into a body limited to approving just those candidates for scholarships who enter the University Honors Program, funded by memorial endowments tied to the names of Brock, Koblenz, and Yates.

This year, the Committee sought to recover something of its original authority by calling on the offices of Financial Aid and Admissions to discuss recipients of Provost's and Chancellor's scholarships. These major endowments are similarly funded with private funds, yet the students selected to receive those scholarships have never been reviewed by the Scholarships Committee. While the committee is in no position to choose individual recipients, the committee thought it would be worthwhile to maintain faculty oversight of the mechanisms used by Financial Aid and Admissions to make those selections.

It is our hope that the Scholarships Committee will continue the work done this year to oversee all Scholarships administered by UTC.

Towards that aim, it may help to review the language defining the purpose of the committee. According to the Handbook, (chapter 2, page 13 of the Feb 2008 version),

The scholarships committee, acting upon the recommendation of the financial aid office and upon the basis of other information at its disposal, chooses the recipients of all scholarships and grants-in-aid provided by endowments and other private funds.

Instead of "chooses the recipients" it might make more sense to say "oversees the administration." This would give the faculty the right to review the methods used to select scholarship candidates without actually burdening the committee with the responsibility of choosing the hundreds of individuals involved. Clearly, both the UHON Program and the Admissions Office are the best equipped to do the actual selections.

A second suggestion: modify the Handbook with regard to committee membership. According the Handbook,

No fewer than eight (8) faculty members; one (1) student; ex officio: a member of the Office of Development as designated by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Development, Dean of Admissions and Records, financial aid counselor, Director of the Honors Program and faculty marshal.

The chair recommends that the Senate strike the requirement for the faculty marshal. This appointment may have made sense at one point in the past, but no longer seems relevant.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gavin Townsend". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Gavin Townsend
Scholarships Committee Chair

UTC Scholarship Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 4 March 2010 (Guerry 305, 3:00–4:00 PM)

Present:

Faculty: Gavin Townsend, Chair, Tatiana Allen, Michaël Bonnal, Jennifer Boyd, Linda Collins, Beverly Kutz, Sarla Murgai, Cathie Smith

Student: Emma Hall

Financial Aid: Jocelyn Hogg

Admissions: Yancy Freeman, Lee Pierce

University Honors Program: Debbie Bell

Faculty Marshall: Deborah McAllister

The Chair opened the meeting at 3:00PM with a reminder about the purpose of the committee.

Director of Admissions, Yancy Freeman, reviewed for us all the scholarships administered by Admissions, most notably the Provost and Chancellor's Scholarships. See his attached documents.

Freeman explained that we have this year a new method of determining scholarship eligibility. Students are now asked to complete certain questions on their admission forms intended to solicit information used to match students with the scores of specific scholarships offered by UTC. No longer will many scholarships go unclaimed every year for lack of a means to target the funds.

Freeman reported that some 600 incoming Freshmen meet the minimum standards for the Chancellors and Provosts Scholarships But there is only enough money to support 125. As a result, Admissions determines awards competitively: those with the highest GPA and test scores get the scholarships. Every effort is made to award all those qualifying for a Chancellors Scholarship, even if that means moving funds that would otherwise be used for Provost's Scholarships.

Admissions does not adjust the high school GPAs of students as reported by their high schools. With over 10,000 applications every year, it simply isn't possible. So we accept all high school GPAs, even if inflated by AP and honors classes. However, all GPAs in excess of 4.0 are listed as 4.0.

The Committee unanimously resolved to accept Freeman's Report.

Assistant Director of the UHON Program, Debbie Bell, filling in for Greg O'Dea, reported that the Program will offer UHON scholarship packages (and admission to the Program) to forty-seven Freshmen, reserving five slots for alternates. Each scholarship package provides a full ride to the University: \$12,500 per year.

After reviewing the list of candidates designated by the UHON Program as worthy of admission to the Program, ***the Committee unanimously approved the list and authorized UHON Program administrators to extend offers of admission to any and all students on that list.*** (See attached list).

The meeting ended with a review of the challenges faced by Admissions. Freeman pointed out that there is a high dropout rate among students with college GPAs in the range of a 2.8 to 2.9. Such students realize that that they are just below the threshold qualifying them for the HOPE scholarship. Freeman hopes eventually to offer some sort of scholarship for such students and for the many transfer students who are ineligible for the Chancellor's and Provost's Scholarships.

University Honors Program Scholarship Candidates - Fall 2011

Merrol Hyde Magnet School	GPA: 3.88	ACT: 31	SAT:	Possible Major(s): biology: preprof	Previsit: 92.264 FINAL: 94.478
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Ravenwood High School	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 28	SAT:	Possible Major(s): nursing	Previsit: 90.688 FINAL: 91.468
	Other Scholarship	Provost			
Madison Academic Magnet	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 32	SAT:	Possible Major(s): chem Spanish	Previsit: 93.096 FINAL: 94.816
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Notre Dame High School	GPA: 3.88	ACT: 33	SAT: 1370	Possible Major(s): biology art	Previsit: 93.161 FINAL: 95.912
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Knoxville Catholic High School	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 32	SAT: 1420	Possible Major(s): music perf sociol	Previsit: 94.817 FINAL: 96.677
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Merrol Hyde Magnet School	GPA: 3.96	ACT: 30	SAT:	Possible Major(s): psych soc work	Previsit: 94.864 FINAL: 96.124
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Heritage High School	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 29	SAT:	Possible Major(s): appl math: actu finance	Previsit: 92.034 FINAL: 95.544
	Other Scholarship	Provost+Merit			
Soddy Daisy High School	GPA: 3.98	ACT: 28	SAT:	Possible Major(s): nursing communications	Previsit: 92.089 FINAL: 93.411
	Other Scholarship	Provost			
Soddy Daisy High School	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 31	SAT:	Possible Major(s): poli sci: publ pol biochem	Previsit: 94.596 FINAL: 94.079
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Memphis Central High School	GPA: 3.81	ACT: 33	SAT:	Possible Major(s): philoso religion	Previsit: 93.224 FINAL: 95.424
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
William Blount High School	GPA: 3.92	ACT: 31	SAT:	Possible Major(s): pre-phys ther biol: preprof	Previsit: 91.667 FINAL: 91.562
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Evangelical Christian School of Memphis	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 33	SAT:	Possible Major(s): engr theatre	Previsit: 90.861 FINAL: 92.166
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Rossvie High School	GPA: 3.92	ACT: 28	SAT:	Possible Major(s): poli sci pre-law	Previsit: 86.817 FINAL: 96.169
	Other Scholarship	Provost			
Germantown High School	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 34	SAT:	Possible Major(s): English humanities	Previsit: 94.024 FINAL: 97.102
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Greenfield School	GPA: 3.75	ACT: 32	SAT:	Possible Major(s): psych	Previsit: 91.058 FINAL: 92.423
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Oak Ridge High School	GPA: 3.70	ACT: 26	SAT: 1250	Possible Major(s): econ:pre law poli sci: int'l	Previsit: 88.795 FINAL: 94.767
	Other Scholarship	Provost			
Franklin County High School	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 32	SAT:	Possible Major(s): comp sci biol	Previsit: 94.577 FINAL: 97.467
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Maryville High School	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 30	SAT:	Possible Major(s): engr: civil psych	Previsit: 92.158 FINAL: 95.132
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Rossvie High School	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 33	SAT: 1480	Possible Major(s): history music perf	Previsit: 92.317 FINAL: 91.512
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet	GPA: 3.67	ACT: 29	SAT: 1270	Possible Major(s): int'l studies legal stu	Previsit: 89.840 FINAL: 94.082
	Other Scholarship	Provost			
Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet	GPA: 3.94	ACT: 31	SAT: 1270	Possible Major(s): English	Previsit: 93.019 FINAL: 96.320
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			
Walker Valley High School	GPA: 4.00	ACT: 29	SAT:	Possible Major(s): psych history	Previsit: 93.375 FINAL: 92.736
	Other Scholarship	Provost+Merit			
Martin Luther King Magnet School	GPA: 3.84	ACT: 33	SAT:	Possible Major(s): econ int'l stu	Previsit: 93.616 FINAL: 94.301
	Other Scholarship	Chancellor			

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Ooltewah High School	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 31 SAT:	Possible premed Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): crim just	Previsit: 92.231 FINAL: 92.281
Dyersburg High School	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 30 SAT:	Possible sec ed: Engl Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): psych	Previsit: 92.216 FINAL: 93.617
Davidson Academy	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 30 SAT:	Possible sociol Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): human: int'l stu	Previsit: 92.841 FINAL: 93.749
Merrol Hyde Magnet School	GPA: 3.83 ACT: 29 SAT:	Possible English Other Scholarship Provost+Merit Major(s): art: graph des	Previsit: 91.835 FINAL: 93.736
Rossvie High School	GPA: 3.97 ACT: 30 SAT:	Possible bus: entrep Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): pre-law	Previsit: 91.064 FINAL: 94.271
Signal Mountain High School	GPA: 3.92 ACT: 29 SAT:	Possible engr: civil Other Scholarship Provost+Merit Major(s): educ: sec math	Previsit: 91.510 FINAL: 94.065
Germantown High School	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 27 SAT: 1120	Possible humanities: Int'l Other Scholarship Provost Major(s): poli sci: int'l	Previsit: 92.293 FINAL: 94.476
Merrol Hyde Magnet School	GPA: 3.54 ACT: 30 SAT:	Possible bus: gen mgt Other Scholarship Provost Major(s):	Previsit: 90.438 FINAL: 92.989
Merrol Hyde Magnet School	GPA: 3.83 ACT: 30 SAT:	Possible sec ed: Engl Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): theatre educ	Previsit: 91.124 FINAL: 91.656
Cleveland High School	GPA: 3.96 ACT: 28 SAT:	Possible chem: premed Other Scholarship Provost Major(s):	Previsit: 90.671 FINAL: 91.672
Portland High School	GPA: 3.54 ACT: 28 SAT:	Possible psych Other Scholarship Provost Major(s): English lit.	Previsit: 89.711 FINAL: 91.617
Girls Preparatory School	GPA: 3.56 ACT: 29 SAT: 1220	Possible biology: preprof Other Scholarship Provost Major(s): chem: biochem	Previsit: 90.995 FINAL: 91.653
Rossvie High School	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 27 SAT:	Possible biology Other Scholarship Provost Major(s): for language	Previsit: 90.163 FINAL: 93.318
Notre Dame High School	GPA: 3.85 ACT: 28 SAT:	Possible premed Other Scholarship Provost Major(s): prepharm	Previsit: 91.950 FINAL: 94.943
Christian Academy of Knoxville	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 29 SAT:	Possible art Other Scholarship Provost+Merit Major(s): psych	Previsit: 92.872 FINAL: 94.417
Daniel 1 Academy (Home School)	GPA: 3.81 ACT: 32 SAT: 1300	Possible psych Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): exer sci	Previsit: 90.688 FINAL: 96.188
Henry County High School	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 30 SAT:	Possible econ Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): poli sci: publ pol	Previsit: 94.072 FINAL: 94.255
Clarksville High	GPA: 3.73 ACT: 28 SAT:	Possible psych Other Scholarship Provost Major(s): biology	Previsit: 91.709 FINAL: 93.049
Immaculate Conception Cathedral School	GPA: 4.34 ACT: 30 SAT:	Possible bus: gen mgt Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): bus: mktg	Previsit: 90.272 FINAL: 95.629
Maryville High School	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 34 SAT:	Possible Engl: wrtg Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): Spanish	Previsit: 96.538 FINAL: 99.498
Rossvie High School	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 34 SAT:	Possible biol: preprof Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): physics	Previsit: 94.308 FINAL: 96.209
Science Hill High School	GPA: 3.79 ACT: 29 SAT:	Possible Engl: wrtg Other Scholarship Provost+Merit Major(s): acctg	Previsit: 90.181 FINAL: 93.327
Fayette Academy	GPA: 3.95 ACT: 32 SAT:	Possible exer sci: preprof Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s):	Previsit: 93.522 FINAL: 97.335

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Girls Preparatory School	GPA: 3.99 ACT: 30 SAT: 1270	Possible humanities Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): crim just	Previsit: 94.414 FINAL: 98.714
Walker Valley High School	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 29 SAT: 1300	Possible engr: mech Other Scholarship Provost+Merit Major(s): appl math	Previsit: 92.043 FINAL: 96.027
Randolph School	GPA: 3.73 ACT: 34 SAT: 1540	Possible int'l studies Other Scholarship Provost Major(s): Greek & Latin	Previsit: 92.420 FINAL: 92.838
Soddy Daisy High School	GPA: 3.85 ACT: 29 SAT:	Possible theatre Other Scholarship Provost+Merit Major(s): Engl: lit	Previsit: 91.091 FINAL: 94.894
Dobyns-Bennett High School	GPA: 3.92 ACT: 30 SAT: 1300	Possible human: int'l stu Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s):	Previsit: 90.992 FINAL: 92.909
Huntingdon High School	GPA: 4.00 ACT: 32 SAT:	Possible appl math Other Scholarship Chancellor Major(s): art: graph des	Previsit: 95.087 FINAL: 94.600

Year	Total Awards	Percent Change
1999-2000	3,872,834.60	0.00%
2000-2001	4,169,394.62	7.11%
2001-2002	5,034,747.70	17.19%
2002-2003	5,761,750.60	12.62%
2003-2004	6,286,116.01	8.34%
2004-2005	5,816,100.79	-8.08%
2005-2006	5,751,107.28	-1.13%
2006-2007	5,643,702.85	-1.90%
2007-2008	5,188,843.42	-8.77%
2008-2009	5,805,946.89	10.63%
2009-2010	6,235,009.21	6.88%

I'm guessing this drop is due to the recession and everything taking a hit.

Year	Graduate Assistance	Percent Change	Gifts	Percent Change	Institutional Awards	Percent Change	Endowed Awards	Percent Change	Academic Work	Percent Change
1999-2000	381,034.00	0.00%	744,834.00	0.00%	1,084,977.00	0.00%	1,597,289.60	0.00%	64,700.00	0.00%
2000-2001	427,674.00	10.91%	653,246.82	-14.02%	1,509,325.00	28.12%	1,504,963.80	-6.13%	74,185.00	12.79%
2001-2002	441,874.40	3.21%	1,266,110.60	48.41%	1,660,248.00	9.09%	1,587,611.70	5.21%	78,903.00	5.98%
2002-2003	524,064.60	15.68%	1,741,091.50	27.28%	1,769,259.00	6.16%	1,647,585.50	3.64%	79,750.00	1.06%
2003-2004	571,362.50	8.28%	1,561,880.19	-11.47%	2,380,555.00	25.68%	1,693,123.32	2.69%	79,195.00	-0.70%
2004-2005	616,519.40	7.32%	1,724,154.70	9.41%	1,773,894.00	-34.20%	1,606,676.69	-5.38%	94,856.00	16.51%
2005-2006	729,897.00	15.53%	1,711,720.81	-0.73%	1,457,128.00	-21.74%	1,782,167.00	9.85%	70,194.47	-35.13%
2006-2007	645,530.00	-13.07%	1,463,907.05	-16.93%	1,502,174.00	3.00%	1,958,294.80	8.99%	73,797.00	4.88%
2007-2008	734,684.00	12.14%	1,209,344.00	-21.05%	1,345,129.00	-11.68%	1,820,906.25	-7.55%	78,780.17	6.33%
2008-2009	770,643.40	4.67%	1,072,076.80	-12.80%	1,949,931.00	31.02%	1,880,438.00	3.17%	132,857.69	40.70%
2009-2010	886,130.00	13.03%	928,316.36	-15.49%	2,899,500.00	32.75%	1,354,228.35	-38.86%	166,834.50	20.37%

Year	Outside Scholarships	Percent Change
2005-2006	742,571.08	0%
2009-2010	963,523.35	23%

2011-12 Scholarship Application Procedures

- Students apply for Institutional and Endowed Scholarships through the Online Scholarship Application.
- A list is generated with the names of the students that have matched with a scholarship whether it is an endowed or institutional scholarship.
- GPA and other requirements are verified in Banner before scholarship offers are mailed to students.
- From the list, students are awarded with the highest combination of GPA's and test scores and financial need if applicable.
- We offer every student that meets the criteria for endowed or institutional scholarships as funding permits. Students have approximately 6 to 8 weeks to return the scholarship acceptance letters.
- If students decline the award or do not return the letter; we offer the next group of students who have applied for scholarships.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	2010 Scholarship Summary								
2									
3	AWARD	ROUND	OFFERS	ACCEPT	DECLINE	HOLD/UHON	CANCEL	TOTAL AWARDS	
4	Chancellor	1	105	43	4	12	46	105	
5	Chancellor	2	44	18	7		19	44	
6		TOTAL							
7									
8	Provost	1	378	177	13	5	182	377	
9	Provost	2	212	83	18		111	212	
10		TOTAL							
11									
12	MOCS	1	309	118	15	0	176	309	
13	MOCS	2	179	71	14		94	179	
14									
15	2011 Scholarship Summary								
16									
17	AWARD	ROUND	OFFERS	ACCEPT	DECLINE	HOLD/UHON	CANCEL	Due Date	TOTAL AWARDS
18	Chancellor	1	59	37	5	2	15	15-Feb	59
19	Chancellor	2	4					18-Mar	
20	Chancellor	3	7					18-Mar	
21									
22	Provost	1	200	140	3	1	56	15-Feb	200
23	Provost	2	20					18-Mar	
24	Provost	3	38					18-Mar	
25									
26	Mocs	1	119	95	1		23	15-Feb	119
27	Mocs	2	18					18-Mar	
28	Mocs	3	28					18-Mar	

2011-12 Freshman Scholarship Awards

Chancellors Scholarship

Outstanding Offers	26
Declines	6
Cancellations	16
Acceptances	55

Total Chancellor Offered 103

Mocs Scholarship

Outstanding Offers	58
Declines	5
Cancellations	54
Acceptances	123

Total Mocs Offered 240

Provost Scholarship

Outstanding Offers	114
Declines	6
Cancellations	71
Acceptances	119

Total Provost Offered 310