Scholarship Administrators Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2020

Introductions

Completion Fund Initiative  
Stephanie Kealey, Completion Fund Initiative

Stephanie provided an overview and the objective of the Completion Fund Initiative, i.e. SWAT team. Informational pieces are:

- The goal is to issue completion funds to students who are close to the end of their time, help them stay enrolled, and graduate,
- Not a candidate if it is their last term.
- Only available on Twin City campus.
- Not available to international students.
- Student can only be a one-time recipient.
- Some requirements are: FAFSA must be on file, must also meet SAP, and must be within 6-year co-hort. Student must be engaged with academic advisor – to ensure on track.
- There is no minimum or maximum dollar amount.
- Pays mostly tuition and fees: not health fee, excessive bookstore charges, no parking, etc.
- This is free money, does not need to be paid back.
- Within the last year, 30 students/$90K was given with summer as the largest term.
- Either OneStop or other depts. can refer students to SWAT.
- If you have a student that you think would benefit or an inquiry, please contact Richard Campo at campo035@umn.edu.

Residency Overview  
Branden Rudie, Residency Officer

- MnSCU schools, the U of MN, and the state of Minnesota all have different residency criteria.
- At the U of M:
  - If you enter as a non-resident, will always be categorized as a non-resident.
  - U of M: Must live in MN for a year, but cannot attend college during that year, i.e. must be working.
  - Students can appeal their classification. Brendon will be the decision maker.
  - Several hundred students appeal per year.
Endowment Report Update
Marcy Joseph, Senior Stewardship Specialist, UM Foundation

Marcy attended the meeting to offer a huge THANK YOU to all for their role in another year of successful endowment reporting. Mary also circulated samples of letters that are sent to donors each fall, listing their scholarship recipients and the dollar amount.
  o Of the 2800 funds, 75% are scholarships and fellowships.
  o Of the individual recipients, 72% could be named. The other 28% were awarded thru grad and third party as a group.

Undergraduate Scholarship Search of Undergraduate Students
Michelle Curtis and Nate Rosckes

Nate and Michelle entertained discussion on the use or non-use of the Undergraduate Scholarship Search tool and provided details about the future. Some takeaways:
  o Several admins know about it, fewer use it.
  o Nate and Michelle explained what it is and the purpose – landing platform for students to peruse for possible scholarships, awarded by the University of MN.
  o Only students with admitted status can access it.
  o If a dept. does not have any information on the platform, we are going to link to their own dept.’s website.
  o Nate will provide training for everyone.
  o We are discerning its value because Campus Logic has made a presentation to the U of MN. The question we are mulling over is “Should we enhance our own platform vs paying for Campus Logic?”

Admissions Update
Jenny Malek

Jenny recapped the applicants and scholarship offerings for the entrants for Fall 2020.
  o November and January application deadlines have passed.
  o There were 37,000 applicants for approx. 5500 seats.
  o There were approximately 7600 scholarship offerings from Admissions.
  o May 1 remains the date to let the U know if attending or not.
Office of Student Finance Update
Michelle Curtis and Nate Rosckes

- Name Change from National Scholarship - to – National Schol-tuition only. The reason for the change is to make it clear that the funds can be used for tuition only.
- Interested incoming freshman will receive Financial Aid Notifications within a week of the meeting.
- Reminder:
  - Effective Fall 2020: As suggested by the Dept. of Education, we are no longer packaging dependent students with Parent PLUS loans as part of the package.
  - Will include new wording around additional funding.
  - Minnesota private SELF loan still being packaged.

Next Meeting scheduled for April 1, 2020.