

Faculty Scholarship Committee
Report to Faculty Senate, Friday, October 3, 2008
report of Dr. Richard Ford, Committee Chair

Committee members for AY 2008 - 2009:

Dr. Cyrus Aleseyed, Department of Business Administration
Mrs. Rebecca Conner, Department of Modern Foreign Languages
Dr. Richard Ford, Department of Biology Chair of Faculty Scholarship Committee
Mr. Charles Ledbetter, Department of Education (retired) ... has offered to continue helping
Dr. Raphael Mutepe, Department of Social Work
Mr. Jack Skeens, Marketing Program (CTC)
Dr. Brenda Wamsley, Chair, Department of Social Work

During AY 207 - 2008, the Committee met August 25, October 23, November 8, February 5, and finished its business by email throughout March - May 2008. Minutes were emailed to Dr. Guetzloff September 23, 2008. The Committee met September 17, 2008. Draft minutes emailed to Dr. Guetzloff. Two more meetings are scheduled for Fall 2008.

During AY 2007 - 2008, the Faculty Scholarship Committee agreed on a plan for the scholarship, covering issues such as how the funds are to be allocated among the Colleges of WVSU and the CTC, and how to involve the CTC until such time as their contributions approach parity with WVSU. Dr. James Rowley and Ms. Robin Baldwin of the WVSU Foundation attended several meetings and were thoroughly questioned by the Committee. The Committee was careful to retain control of Faculty contributions held by the Foundation; stipulations designed to accomplish this are detailed in the "Attachment". The "Endowment Agreement with Attachment", as agreed to by the Committee and the Foundation, were emailed to Dr. Guetzloff.

If the Faculty Senate approves this plan, or if any problems with the plan can be quickly remedied, the Committee hopes to take the next step immediately. The next step would be to notify each College of the Scholarship, including details of how much money is available and terms of the scholarship. The individual Colleges are free to set up their own rules from there (ex., does College X want to give the award in one lump, or spilt it up among several students, or award it each semester). Ideally, student awardees could be announced at the first WVSU General Faculty meeting of Spring 2009.

The Faculty Scholarship Committee is currently working on ways to increase Faculty participation, especially in terms of encouraging more Faculty to participate. We believe that this can best be done by personal interactions at the College and Departmental levels. The Committee has representatives from every College and the CTC.

Currently, the principle of in the Faculty Endowed Scholarship is \$41,51094 (\$34,382.56 principle plus \$6,128.38 income) and the amount available to award to each of the four Colleges (at 4% interest) is \$1,620.44.

The next meeting of the Faculty Scholarship Committee is tentatively set for Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 12:30 pm, Hill Hall 127.