

**AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 20, 2014

Minutes of the AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE, held in OM 4731, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 10:30.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Christine Anderson, Marjorie Budnikas (Chair), Michelle Davies, Gordon Down, Tom Dickinson, Wayne Hendry, Christopher Seguin, Martha White

**Regrets:**

**Guests:** Nadine Feather

**CALL TO ORDER**      *The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:35.*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**      *The agenda was adopted as distributed. (TD/MW)*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**      *The minutes of 15 MAY 2014 were adopted as distributed. (CA/GD)*

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><b><u>Proposed changes to Policy ED 9-1 (Academic Achievement Awards)</u></b></p> <p>Gordon explained that while TRU was eligible to apply for the Governor General’s Gold Medal as soon as we began conferring masters degrees, the Chancellery has normally required a sufficient pool of graduates befitting the honour of the medal before a school is approved. We have hopefully reached that threshold as we conferred more than 70 masters in 2013-14.</p> <p><i>Student Awards</i> proposed policy that would mirror the Silver Medal adjudication, but after discussion Gordon volunteered to withdraw the motion. It was agreed that <i>Student Awards</i> should ask Senate’s <i>Graduate Studies Committee</i> to adjudicate the medal based on relative “academic excellence” as reflected in their GPA, thesis and research, etc., forwarding a nomination to the <i>Awards &amp; Honours Committee</i>.</p>	<b>Gordon</b>
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**Proposed changes to Policy ED 9-0 (Entrance Scholarships)**

Marjorie

Gordon reviewed the history & rationale for proposed changes to the Board of Governors Entrance Scholarship, academic assessment once per academic year instead of by term, and the need to specify an appeal process.

The motion was amended in Reg VIII to read "...appeal must be received..." and "...the Manager, Student Awards & Financial Support, the appeal will be reviewed..."

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED to recommend to Senate the amended changes to Policy ED 9-0. (MW/CA)*

**NEXT MEETING**

TBD.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

## TRU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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POLICY NUMBER	ED 9-0
APPROVAL DATE	JANUARY 28, 2013
PREVIOUS AMENDMENT	NOVEMBER 2, 2011
AUTHORITY	SENATE
PRIMARY CONTACT	STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND/OR FINANCIAL AID & AWARDS <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">STUDENT</span>
<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">AWARDS &amp; FINANCIAL SUPPORT</span>	

### POLICY

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) offers the following primary entrance scholarships to students who are Canadian citizens or ~~Landed Immigrants~~ (Permanent Residents):

#### TRU Ambassador Entrance Scholarships

An open scholarship renewable over four years to recognize documented exemplary leadership and community service and academic excellence, based on secondary school averages in the core subjects.

#### TRU Leadership Entrance Scholarships

This open scholarship recognizes documented leadership and community service combined with solid academic performance based on secondary school averages in the core subjects.

#### TRU President's Entrance Scholarships

This open scholarship recognizes student academic excellence based on secondary school averages in the core subjects.

#### TRU President's Transfer Scholarships

This open scholarship will be available to students transferring from another college or university to attend TRU for the first time to complete a degree program. This scholarship is based on academic standing, and students must have attended a post-secondary institution in the previous year.

#### TRU ~~Board of Governors'~~ Regional Entrance Scholarship

These scholarships are given to a maximum of one outstanding graduates in each of the provincially-accredited secondary schools in the TRU Region, as defined by the Director of Student Recruitment and the Registrar. Recipients must satisfy all entrance scholarship criteria be entering a TRU credit program for the first time. One Awards may be offered to a qualified graduates of each eligible school who contribute to TRU developing "a rich diversity of learners, including students from underrepresented

communities.” the school believes best exemplifies leadership qualities and general excellence in his or her program of study. Up to three candidates may be nominated by each school, and submitted to TRU for consideration.

#### ~~TRU Board of Governors Regional Open Entrance Scholarship~~

~~These scholarships will be awarded to students who have been nominated through the TRU Board of Governors Entrance Scholarship Program, and who did not receive a scholarship. All students on the secondary school nomination forms will be considered for these awards, with no limit on the number of students from any individual school.~~

## REGULATIONS

### I. AVAILABILITY

With the exception of Transfer Scholarships, applicants cannot have previously attended a college or university other than having completed up to 12 transferable university credits on a part-time basis. These entrance scholarships are in the form of a semesterly tuition waiver and will be available annually to TRU students who register, for credit, in at least eighty percent (80%) of a full undergraduate level course load (60% for students whose recognized permanent disability prevents them from pursuing an 80% course load), in a program of at least 16 months duration.

Transfer Scholarships are available to students entering the following Baccalaureate degrees: Arts (BA), Science (BSc), Business Administration (BBA), Tourism Management (BTM), Fine Arts (BFA), Natural Resource Science (BNRS), and Computing Science (BCSc) .

### ~~II. A SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGIONAL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS~~

~~Each secondary school is responsible for nominating up to three candidates for the Board of Governors' Regional Entrance Scholarship, from full-time Grade 12 students who have high academic standing (B+ average minimum in core subjects). The Board of Governors' Regional Entrance Scholarships will be selected by Thompson Rivers University.~~

### III. ACCEPTANCE

The entrance scholarship recipients must formally accept the award and the conditions of the scholarship. Acceptance is for a program of post-secondary studies that commences in the immediately ensuing academic year unless otherwise approved due to special circumstances.

If special circumstances exist, TRU may, at the discretion of the ~~Financial Aid and Awards~~ Student Awards & Financial Support Office, defer the period for acceptance for a maximum of one year.

#### IV. NON-ACCEPTANCE

If the recipient accepted an entrance scholarship but fails to register at TRU by the last day for payment of fees for the appropriate semester or period of study, the award will be cancelled. ~~The Financial Aid and Awards Office will advise the student in writing to this effect.~~

#### V. WITHDRAWAL OF TRU ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Should a TRU Entrance Scholarship recipient fail to maintain the required course load during the first or subsequent ~~semesters of the periods~~  of study for which the award is granted, the balance of the award will be cancelled.

#### VI. ACADEMIC STANDING

Approval of ~~the second, or~~ subsequent portions of an entrance scholarship will be conditional upon the recipients meeting the following conditions  (excluding the Summer semester, which is a  non-funded period):

- a. ~~The Recipients~~  must continue studying at a minimum 80% post-secondary course level .
- b. ~~Each Recipients~~  must maintain a 3.00 minimum Undergraduate grade point average ~~or equivalent (B standing)~~ over the  each period covered by ~~the first part of the~~ award.
- c.  Recipients ~~A student~~ must also have successfully completed an 80% post-secondary course load within the relevant study period  (60% for students whose recognized  permanent disability prevents them from pursuing an 80% course load).
- d.  Recipients must not fail a course.

Recipients who fail to meet the academic standing requirement will forfeit the remaining portions of their scholarship and will be advised in writing ~~of the requirement to pay the balance of their tuition and fees for the year.~~ The academic standing requirements set forth herein will be included in the Acceptance Form provided to scholarship nominees.

#### VII. VALUE

The value of each scholarship will be set annually based on the recommendation of the ~~Financial Aid and Awards~~  Student Awards & Financial Support  Office, and upon approval of the ~~Director, Student Recruitment, and the Registrar.~~

#### VIII. APPEAL

Any appeal must be received in writing by the Manager, Student Awards & Financial Support within 60 days of the date of the letter notifying the recipient of the loss of their scholarship. Where an appeal is denied by the Manager, Student Awards & Financial Support, the appeal will be reviewed by the Senate Awards & Honours Committee.