

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Melbourne Scholarships Policy Committee

Meeting 2/2005, 19 May 2005

Report to Planning and Budget Committee June 2005

A. RECOMMENDATIONS

A.1 Membership & Terms of Reference

The Committee agreed that its Terms of Reference and Membership were no longer adequate for its current role.

Recommendations:

That the following words be deleted from the Committee's Terms of Reference:

- Strategies for ensuring that as far as practicable all scholarships offered by the university are linked to the Melbourne Scholarships program.

That the following changes be made to the Committee's membership:

- Replace Vice-President of Academic Board or nominee by Academic Board Officer
- Removal of Chair, Research and Research Training Committee or nominee
- Replace Dean, School of Graduate Studies or nominee by Chair Postgraduate Scholarships Committee
- Add Chair, Undergraduate Scholarships Committee
- Change wording on co-option to ensure better gender balance

The Committee decided to co-opt 4 members (two with an undergraduate focus and two with a postgraduate focus) nominated by the Academic Board for the remainder of the year. The condition on Academic Board members is that they are 1 year terms. To this it was agreed that 'renewable' should be added.

The Committee agreed to reconsider its membership for 2006.

Attachment A: Proposed revised terms of reference and membership.

A.2 Human Rights Scholarships

Recommendations:

- That the Human Rights category of the Postgraduate Equity Scholarships [PESs] become a separate scholarship;
- That the 1-2 Human Rights Scholarships awarded each year continue to come from the per annum allocation of 10 PESs;
- That the Human Rights Scholarships provide the same stipend as the prestigious research higher degree scholarships (currently \$22k p.a).

A.3 Full-Time Requirement for Undergraduate Scholars

Currently scholars are required to be enrolled full-time in the sponsored course. Undergraduate scholarships offer an exemption from tuition fees in a Commonwealth Supported Place. Some scholars could transfer to a combined, dual fee degree and thus not be enrolled full-time in the sponsored course.

Recommendations:

That undergraduate scholars must be enrolled as a full-time student at the University of Melbourne and be enrolled in at least 25 points each semester in the course for which they hold the scholarship; and

That the Chair of UGSSC would have discretion to vary this requirement in extenuating circumstances.

A.4 Commonwealth Learning Scholarships: Selection and Management Policy 2006

Recommendation:

That, as of 2006, students should not be permitted to receive:

- (a) both types of Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships and Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships)
- (b) a CLS if they already hold a UoM scholarship which provides an allowance.

These recommendations may alter once DEST releases its guidelines for 2006.

B. REPORTS

B.1 Melbourne Scholarships Program Budget: 2006 Budget

A paper with budget recommendations will be discussed separately at the PBC Lindenderry Conference.

C. OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED

- C.1 Unconfirmed Minutes of Postgraduate Scholarships Committee Meeting 2/2005
- C.2 Unconfirmed Minutes of Undergraduate Scholarships Committee Meeting 3/05

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MELBOURNE SCHOLARSHIPS POLICY COMMITTEE

1. General Purpose of the Committee

The Melbourne Scholarships Policy Committee is a sub-committee of Planning and Budget Committee to which it provides advice on scholarships policy and program budgets.

2. Terms of Reference

2.1 To make recommendations to Planning and Budget Committee and to be the primary source of advice to that Committee and, through that Committee, to the Academic Board and the Vice-Chancellor on all matters relating to the Melbourne Scholarships Program including, but not limited to—

- the broad definition of the Program;
- the categories of scholarships within the Program and the definition thereof;
- program budgets for each component of the Program;
- strategies for increasing funding available for Melbourne Scholarships and the management of those funds.

2.2 To advise the Vice-Principal and Academic Registrar on the management of the Melbourne Scholarships Program.

2.3 To receive advice and recommendations from the Academic Board and its committees in relation to the Melbourne Scholarships Program.

3. Membership

Vice-Chancellor's nominee (Chairperson):	Professor Barbara Evans
Academic Board Officer	Professor Pip Pattison
A Dean, nominated by Planning and Budget Committee:	Professor Warren Bebbington (2005)
Chair, Postgraduate Scholarships Committee	Professor Rachel Webster
Chair, Undergraduate Scholarships Sub-Committee	A/Prof Gillian Wigglesworth
Two members nominated by President, Academic Board: (1 year renewable terms)	Dr Prem Bhalla (2005)
Acting Vice-Principal and Academic Registrar:	Dr Mary Emison
Director, Student Administration and Systems	Mr Lachlan Cameron
Manager, Undergraduate Scholarships and Melbourne Abroad	Ms Kiera Stevens
Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships	Ms Kris Day
President, MUSUI or nominee:	Mr Dave McDonald
President, UMPA or nominee:	Mr Sam Campbell
Up to four co-opted members nominated by Academic Board to ensure a balance of both gender and special needs in a given year:	Vacant