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During the 2002-2003 academic year, the Committee on Scholarships and Honors met and accomplished the following:

1. The committee met on December 12, 2002, and unanimously voted to approve the Conflict of Interest Statement pertaining to the Committee on Scholarships and Honors. At the same meeting, the Committee discussed in depth various aspects of the formulae to determine the Regents and Chancellors Scholarships, including SAT I vs. SAT II and high school non honors GPA vs. honors GPA. This was an issue that was also considered in depth by the previous Committee (2001-2002), of which some members still remained. The current Committee, after discussing the possible formulas with the new committee members, voted unanimously on the following format. The combination of two ranking procedures for deciding upon Regents and Chancellors Scholarships would be used. These two procedures, Rank 1 and Rank 2, are defined as:

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   \text{Rank 1} &= (1,066 \times \text{Honors GPA--HON}) + \text{SAT 1} + \text{SAT II (TOP2)} \\
   \text{Rank 2} &= (1,130 \times \text{Avg. GPA--AVG}) + \text{SAT 1} + \text{SAT II (TOP2)} \\
   \end{align*}
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   where:
   
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   \text{HON} &= \text{UC High school GPA capped at 8 honors points} \\
   \text{HP} &= \text{Honors Points per the Admissions Application (of any type, such as college grades, honors courses)} \\
   \text{GPA} &= \text{UC High school GPA without honors points} \\
   \text{SAT} &= \text{SAT I combined official score from ETS} \\
   \text{TOP2} &= \text{Top 2 SAT II official scores from ETS combined} \\
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   Discussions pertained to using rank 1 to recognize students that took potentially more challenging honors courses in high school and using rank 2 so as to not penalize students attending high schools that did not offer honors courses.

   The Committee also addressed a request by Sheryl Hayes that the Director of Financial Aid be recognized as an ex officio member of the Scholarship and Honors Committee. The Committee voted unanimously on this request in favor of recognizing as an ex officio member of the Scholarship and Honors Committee the Director of Financial Aid. The reasoning surrounding the request pertains to the crucial role the Director on this committee, and was described by Chairperson Schwabe as follows:

   The importance of having consistent and continual input from the Director of Financial Aid was recognized. A survey of past committee Chairs, by the current Chair, re-enforced the idea that the knowledge the Director brings to this committee is important to its efficient functioning. The Director brings to the committee knowledge about past and current financial aid issues associated with incoming student bodies and the criteria that has been selected for choosing whether students are eligible for Regents and Chancellors scholarships. The Director often has a more acute understanding than regular members about relevant financial aid issues at UCR and in the UC system as a whole, including the potential intersection of these issues with characteristics of the
student body. Having the presence regularly from a person with such insight and knowledge seems important to the functioning of the committee. Furthermore, given the revolving nature of faculty committee members every few years, having a member that is likely to have a longer tenure on this committee than the average faculty member seems to have provides many benefits as well. If we may use the current Director, Sheryl Hayes, as an example, both previous and current Committee Chairs recognize Sheryl’s consistent input and administration to this committee. Sheryl brings to this committee knowledge of current issues that are important to the assignment of Regents and Chancellors scholarships, awareness of trends in the UC system, both past and present, an understanding of issues associated with high school students accepting financial aid awards, and familiarity of the criteria, and their genesis, used in determining standards for receiving these scholarships, including an understanding of how the criteria evolved over the years. The committee feels that providing an official designation to the Director of Financial Aid in the manner of ex officio would help encourage the Director to continue to serve in such a capacity.

2. The Committee met again on January 30th, 2003. Changes to the justification recommended by the Rules & Jurisdiction Committee were approved and the bylaw was resubmitted. The Committee also approved selection for the Regent’s and Chancellor’s Scholarships. The top 500 applicants of Rank 1 or Rank 2 criteria were awarded Regent’s Scholarship. Applicants for the Chancellor’s Scholarship who meet the minimum requirements and meet the deadlines were designated to receive the Chancellor’s Scholarship.

3. A nomination for the Carl Fuglie Award was sent to the Committee via email from the Biomedical Sciences faculty during the month of April, 2003. The Committee unanimously approved of the nomination.

4. The Committee still needs to meet before the end of the quarter to decide upon the Chancellor’s Award for Undergraduate Excellence and the UC President’s Undergraduate Fellowship. Since the deadlines for submission are mid-May, no decision has been made on either of these awards. The Committee intends to meet sometime during the last week in May or first week in June.

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