COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
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During the 2004-2005 academic year, the Committee on Scholarships and Honors met and accomplished the following:

1. The Committee met on December 14, 2004, and unanimously voted to approve the Conflict of Interest Statement pertaining to the Committee on Scholarships and Honors. Jim Sandoval apprised the Committee regarding future changes in the selection for admission to UCR that will deal with a new balance of UC eligible students and the limits to our capacity to accept all of these students, as well as our corresponding goal to elevate the profile of our incoming class. The selection criteria have been revised for fall 2005 to include major revisions to the recruitment plan to address two primary goals: 1) increase the percentage of students prepared for UCR, and 2) preserve and enhance the diversity of students. To meet these goals, Student Services is looking into modeling different scenarios for Regent’s and Chancellor’s scholarships, with the latter one year non-renewable scholarship being converted to a four year renewable 75% scholarship effective 2005-06. Although the selective criteria for admission are being modified, Student Services recommended adopting the same past criteria for the 2005 scholarship applicants.

The Committee re-approved the previous year’s format that is used to decide upon the Regents and Chancellor’s Fellowships. The criteria are based on a balance of Rank 1 \((1,066 \times \text{Honors GPA} [\text{capped at 8 honors points}]) + \text{SAT1} + \text{SAT II (TOP2)}\) and Rank 2 \((1,130 \times \text{Average GPA}) + \text{SAT1} + \text{SAT II (TOP2)}\). Honors GPA is the high school GPA capped at 8 honors points, as compared to the Average high school GPA without honors points. SAT is the combined official score from ETS and TOP2 is the top two SAT II official scores from ETS.

2. The Committee met again on January 26, 2005, to agree upon the list of candidates receiving Regents and Chancellor’s Scholarships. To accommodate a larger pool of fellowships, the committee agreed a cutoff GPA of 3.0 for all applicants (as approved last year), and the inclusion of a new group (A) in the ‘standard’ Regents/Chancellor’s pool for students with a minimum 3.5 GPA, an SAT1 greater than 1300, or more than 710 in one SAT1 test. After selection of the Regents/Chancellor’s scholars from the standard list, the remaining candidates were selected from a second pool (B) that had a GPA greater than 4.0 and an SAT of 1250 or more. Sheryl Hayes presented the list of candidates meeting the criteria for these Scholarships. Two votes were taken, one to select the top 836 students by Rank 1 or Rank 2 as Regents Scholars, and another to select the remainder of the list (1,487 students) as Chancellor's Scholars, which includes the top 60 students in Group B by Rank 1 or Rank 2. Overall there was a total of 2,323 scholarship offers made on March 1, 2005.
3. The Committee still needs to meet before the end of the quarter to decide upon the Chancellor's Award for Undergraduate Excellence, the UC President's Undergraduate Fellowship, and the Carl Fuglie Award as recommended by the Biomedical Sciences faculty. The deadlines for submission of these awards are subsequent to this Annual Report. The Committee will meet on May 13, 2005, to decide these awards.

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