During the 2007-2008 academic year, the Committee on Scholarships and Honors met and accomplished the following:

1. On November 14, 2007, the Committee reviewed and readopted the Conflict of Interest Statement. The decision to approve the conflict of interest statement was reached through emails.

2. Per request of Ms. Sheryl Hayes, Director of Financial Aid, the committee reviewed and voted the selection criteria for Regents’ and Chancellor’s scholarship for the new undergraduate students. No major change was proposed this year on the selection criteria and process. Because of the budget concerns, however, the amount of award for Chancellor’s scholarship was scaled down to one-year full-fee support, i.e., the Chancellor's Scholarship program is adjusted to a 1-year, full fee scholarship. It appears that a more costly 4-year 75% fee offer did not improve the acceptance yield of these scholars. No change was made to the 4-year full fee Regents Scholarship.

   While most committee members voted in favor of the changes, one member commented that the current criteria may favor applicants that attend high schools offering extensive honors and AP courses. Because those schools tend to serve students from more affluent families, this criteria may have unintended consequences. Perhaps the committee can consider this issue in the future.

3. The committee met on April 25, 2002 to review the nominations for this year's Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research. Eight faculty members, 5 from engineering and sciences and 3 from humanities were nominated for the faculty award, and 4 undergraduate students, 2 from engineering and sciences and 2 from humanities, were nominated for the student awards.

   After detailed discussions, the committee selected the following recipients for this year's awards

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