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## **Student Awards Committee Annual Report to General Faculties Council**

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The Student Awards Committee had six in-person meetings during September 2016 through to August 2017:

September 29, 2016	February 16, 2017
November 24, 2016	March 30, 2017
January 26, 2017	May 15, 2017 – Gold Medal Meeting

Quorum was met at all meetings.

Usual business entailed:

1. Discussed items of information:
  - Alberta Scholarships Program nominated awards
  - Activity of the Scholarships and Student Finance Office of which pertains to the UofL Awards program (i.e. off cycle awards, administrative overview)
2. Items for action:
  - Approval of UofL administered awards
  - Review and approval of award descriptions and new awards (Terms of Reference)
  - Student appeals by students on award decisions

The last award cycle (2015 – 2016) saw the highest number of award applications ever received. There was an enormous amount of pressure on the already stretched budget.

The committee discussed the awards program and how improvements could be made both with access and implementing the Terms of Reference. It was decided to create a survey so that students could provide feedback.

The Scholarship and Student Finance office created a short survey for students to review the awards program:

- Survey was open from January 9 - 23, 2017.
- Students (7061) were invited by email to complete the survey.
- A total of 2527 responses were received. Of the 2527 responses, 57.2% (1446) students declared they had applied for awards.
- The majority of responses were positive and further review will help provide insight to help implement and/or improve the UofL awards program.

All Student Award Committee meeting minutes are on file at the Scholarships and Student Finance office.

Respectfully submitted by:

Student Awards Committee (Assigned Chair – July – August 2017) Sue Kovach  
September 13, 2017