

**Student Awards Committee
Report to General Faculties Committee**

The Student Awards Committee had seven in-person meetings during September 2015 through to August 2016:

September 10, 2015	February 25, 2016
October 15, 2015	March 24, 2016
November 19, 2015	April 21, 2016
December 17, 2015	May 16, 2016 – Gold Medal Meeting

At all the meetings we had quorum and reviewed the business at hand.

The usual business is:

1. Discuss items of information which typically includes:
 - Alberta Scholarships Program awards that the University nominates a large number of students for.
 - Activity of the Scholarships and Student Finance Office.
2. Items for action;
 - approval of U of L administered awards
 - review and approval of award descriptions and new awards
 - appeals by students on award decisions

This year the committee looked at the impact of the changes made to the entrance awards supported by central budget. For the most part, the changes had a positive impact on the budget, but did result in a lower percentage of for entering students receiving an entrance award (by 10%).

Two new awards were piloted by Student Aid Alberta (the Alberta Scholarships programs are now administered through SAA). The pilot is to support Indigenous Alberta learners to pursue post-secondary and graduate education. The pilot had a late start and will continue in 2016/17 before being evaluated.

The May meeting is the medals meeting and all faculty/school medal nominations (students) for convocation are reviewed and selected.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
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