



Scholars Board
3/23/07

Agenda Items	Time	Name	Decisions/Notes
Introductions & Brief Announcements		All	Present: Bri Watkins, Ray Mullenax, Mary Jo Murdie, Mark Schulz, Jeremy Player, Mardell Nelson, Kathy Tidwell. Mark is a new Board member and represents scholars. He has worked for DHW for 16 years. He returned to school with the stipend program and will graduate with his MSW in Aug. 2007.
Minutes Approval and Review Agenda		All	Minutes not completed yet.
<u>Work Updates:</u> *Student Institute *IVE Enhancement Plan *Student Report *Affiliation Agreement *Student Contract			<u>Student Institute:</u> Everyone agreed that it was a raving success! Bri said that HR wants to be invited again next year. Michelle's opening was seen as very personal and welcoming to the students as new workforce. Student projects were very high quality. Thanks to Ray and all the others who helped make the Student Institute such a successful event. <u>IVE Enhancement Plan:</u> Enhancement plans will fit very well with program recommendations. Moving forward. <u>Student Report:</u> 2005/2006—Board wants to know more about retention—who stayed and why and who left and why. Exit interviews will help out of HR also. <u>Affiliation Agreement:</u> EWU and BSU have agreements. Mary Jo and Mardell working on draft for all schools. Will send it to the Board for approval.

			<u>Student Contract</u> : Discussion about which Regions students are declaring and whether those match with priority areas needing to hire.
<u>Policy & Procedure Issues</u> *Stipend Distribution Formula *Policy Manual			<u>Stipend Distribution Formula</u> : There was a great deal of discussion about this. Need to change the agreement so that students select areas where hiring is needed. Also, much discussion about BSW/MSW students and the need for a career ladder in order to retain MSW's. There was some discussion about the need to "beef up" the clinical program in child welfare. Jeremy is on the Workload study group and reported that hiring need tends to be at the front end of the system but best learning for students is in case management units. There was also some brainstorming about how to take the numbers of students to cover hiring needs without overstressing supervisors such as University staff doing student supervision, student units, MSW students supervising BSW students, partnering student supervision between DHW and Universities ... Also discussed the need in Region V. BSU may be starting a program there and is also starting a part-time program. Jeremy and Mary Jo will send an email to Program Managers about these issues. <u>Policy Manual</u> : Summer project.
Next meeting & Agenda		All	Scheduled for 4/20/07