

## **Admissions, Retention and Financial Aid Committee (ARFAC) Committee**

### **Minutes for March 19, 2002**

**Present:** B. Lundberg, K. Ruby, J. Kutulas, J. Grenberg, G. Wicks, P. Niemisto, B. Hanson, A. Schultz

We approved two sets of minutes to be posted on the Web.

Barb reported on Scholars' Day, which was successful, but required a lot of energy and effort to obtain sufficient faculty interviewers. Although Scholars' Day has worked in its present form for ten years, given the difficulty of getting faculty to participate, is it time for something else and, if so, what might that be?

We brainstormed and discussed various alternatives, including dividing up the day into separate days for separate faculties or having candidates do something more hands-on, like discuss a reading. We talked about some of the reasons why faculty didn't participate: time constraints, the fact that Scholars' Day was on Saturday, that it was a voluntary event and not defined as part of their faculty responsibilities. We also discussed whether in future ARFAC should be the conduit through which faculty volunteers should be recruited throughout the year, with various quotas that departments or faculties could then meet.

Spring Open House is coming up. The arrangement will be as in previous years, although the faculties in the ballrooms (Humanities, Social and Applied Sciences, and Interdisciplinary Studies) will be arranged around the edges with tables staffed by faculty to make it easier for prospective students and their parents to find information.

Kathy provided us with information about the new STEP loan program, which we are offering to incoming students. We are one of the first institutions to make this program, which has a more predictable fixed rate of pre-payment/repayment, available. We hope that it will prove a useful tool.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 2nd. Probable topic: International students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Kutulas