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This bill updates the ASISU scholarship bylaws in order to reflect changes in College of Graduate Studies processes.

ARTICLE VII—DISTRIBUTION OF ASISU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SECTION 1: Scholarship Eligibility
Clause 1- Eligibility
  B. Students must be full-time (a minimum 9 graduate credits for Graduate Students or a minimum of 12 credits for Undergraduate Students) at time of award
  C. Students must have 3.0 GPA or greater at the time of the award in order to be considered.
  D. Students receiving a Graduate Assistantship/Fellowship or other awards that pay for their full-tuition in the award semester are not eligible for the award

SECTION 2: Scholarship Committee
Clause 1– Formation of the Scholarship Committee
  B. The ASISU Undergraduate Scholarship Committee shall consist of all student senators from that college and two (2) faculty members from the same college. The faculty in the committee should be teaching or researching at the Graduate level.
  D. In case of College of Graduate Studies, the ASISU Scholarship Committee consists of ASISU Graduate Senators, a representative/staff from College of Graduate Studies, the Dean of College of Graduate Studies, the Dean of College of Graduate Studies and a faculty member from Graduate Council. The staff of a College/Department are not considered as faculty of the College.

Clause 2 – Scholarship Evaluation by Committee
C. No standardized tests will be a factor that is considered during the selection process, as not all programs require such exams.
D. Letters of reference will not be required.
E. The scholarship committee can consider other scholarships a student is receiving when making awards.
F. Majors and Colleges can also be considered for fairness and equal distribution of awards among colleges/majors.

SECTION 3: Criteria and Distribution of Funds

Clause 2 — The Graduate Studies College Committee shall distribute money on the following basis:
A. For those individuals who do not have an established ISU graduate GPA, the formula used will be a weighted 100% emphasis on upper-division undergraduate/entry.
B. For those individuals with an established ISU graduate GPA, the formula used will be 20% emphasis on upper-division undergraduate/entry GPA, 80% emphasis on *graduate GPA.
C. The graduate GPA will be divided by an individual's program of study's average (over the last three years) GPA and then again dividing this number by 1.15, rather than using a 4.00. This method is used to be recognized for their achievements in their program of study.

Clause 2 — The ASISU Scholarship committee for College of Graduate Studies shall distribute money on the following basis:
A. For those individuals who are “new” to the ISU Graduate Program, the scholarship office will use/report the “admitted GPA” used by the College of Graduate Studies for their first semester only.
B. For those individuals with an established ISU graduate GPA (completed one semester or greater at ISU), the ISU Cumulative Graduate GPA will be used. This GPA will be divided by their program average GPA to standardize by program. If the standardized GPA is greater than 1.0, then the student is considered as above average student and vice versa.
C. The final selection process will be based on the standardized GPA and total number of credits taken by the student at ISU.

NOTES: The Scholarship Office has access to the BANNER system, which provides the cumulative GPA and admitted GPA for reporting and awarding purposes.

SECTION 6: Scholarship Office
Clause 1 -- The scholarship office will send an email to students who are “not” selected for an ASISU award (in a given semester) to notify them of other “resources” in which they may check into to assist with cost.

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SENATE ACTION: _______________________ DATE: _______________________

ASISU PRESIDENT: _______________________ DATE: _______________________

ASISU SECRETARY: _______________________ DATE: _______________________