

**CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

October 08, 2015

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Higher Education Investment Committee was called to order by Chair Hampson at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Conference room, 4035 Broadway. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Marjorie Brant John Hampson Randy Holt Colin Hopkins Bill Wise

Ex-Officio members: Council President Berry, Stephen Smith and Tami Kelly were present. Mr. Don Walters was also present, on behalf of the Mayor.

1. Mr. Hopkins moved to approve the Minutes from the 10/01/15 meeting; seconded by Ms. Brant. Vote unanimously approved.
2. Chair Hampson distributed the latest version of the Application for review.

Mr. Holt asked about the requirement for the certificate programs to have a completion rate of at least 75%. Dr. Wise said that was a recommendation to insure that we did not invest in a program that led to nowhere if there is no completion rate.

Chair Hampson reviewed Mr. Hopkins e-mail about residency requirements. He pointed out that the initial legislation states there would be a living/residency requirement. However this Committee will make recommendations to Council. He asked what the Committee's feeling was on this requirement.

Mr. Smith stated that he drafted a Promissory Note, but didn't know where we would fall in the line-up for payment. He said his duty requires some action of recovery but it may not be collectible.

Discussion took place over the residency requirement.

Mr. Holt said if someone lives here, goes to school here, volunteers here, it may encourage/entice them to stay here after graduation.

Ms. Brant suggested making a recommendation on the Preliminary Plan and punting the ball to Council on residency for the Final Program. She said that would give the Program some time to see how it is working. She then asked about the brick and mortar portion. She said she thought that would be City owned. Mr. Walters said not necessarily. It could be, or it could be a joint effort, or it could be owned by a school.

Mr. Hopkins said he sees the residency requirement as being a brute force way to make educated people stay here, if they accept a scholarship. He said he is a bit uneasy with it.

Mr. Holt said he believes that volunteerism could do the job of having them want to stay.

Ms Brant asked if there was a way to get the money back. Mr. Smith said yes, there is a way. It isn't full proof. Mr. Berry suggested leaving this in the hands of the Law Director, since it is his obligation. Committee agreed.

Chair Hampson returned to the application and asked if the Committee wanted to leave the 75% completion rate in. Ms. Brant asked how it would be verified. Dr. Wise said each program is different, but it can be verified. Ms. Brant said understanding the reasoning for it, she would still take it out. Mr. Holt suggested taking it out for the first year and see how it works.

The Committee agreed to remove the completion rate as a requirement.

Chair Hampson asked if everyone was agreeable to #3 – choosing volunteer hours or residency.

Mr. Holt said it seems restrictive, but agreed to try it. He said his company gives “sign on bonuses” and when an employee doesn’t honor the agreement, it becomes a negative spot for the company. He said he is “ok” with allowing the applicant to choose.

Ms. Brant said she is not supportive of replacing “or” with “and in #3, whereby an applicant would have to volunteer and live here after graduation. She said she doesn’t like the “or” but would accept it if the majority of the Committee agrees.

Mr. Hampson said he is in favor of “or”. He said there is enough pressure on folks already and he likes allowing them to choose which is right for their situation.

The Committee agreed to leave #3 as is, with a choice of volunteer hours OR residency after last scholarship award – noting Ms. Brant’s concurrence.

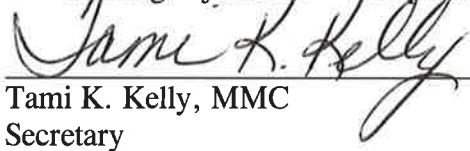
Chair Hampson moved to #4 – maintaining a C average. Ms. Brant asked about requiring “absent of disciplinary and honor code violations”, as stated in the Promissory Note. *The Committee agreed to leave this out and take it out of the Promissory Note.*

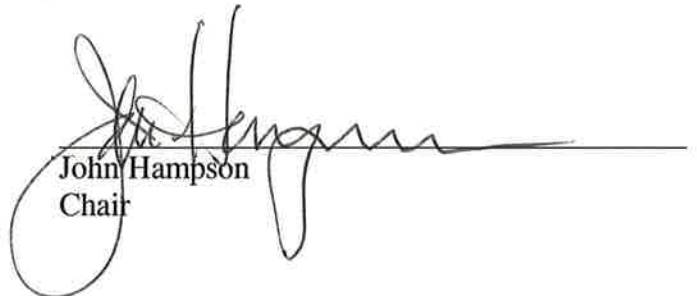
Under the Part-Time Student, #3a, Chair Hampson asked if the number of volunteer hours should be decreased to 5. Mr. Holt said he is fine with requiring 10 hours for them also. He said the intent is to get them to participate in the community. Others felt that part-time students may also be adults with full-time jobs and families. *The Committee agreed to reduce the volunteer hours to 5 for part-time students.*

With these changes, Mr. Holt moved to approve the Application; seconded by Mr. Hopkins. Application was approved.

4. Mr. Smith will update the Promissory Note and Mr. Hampson will update the Proposal language for the next meeting.
5. The next meeting will be 10/17/15 at 9:00 a.m.
6. A motion was made to adjourn and was approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Secretary


John Hampson
Chair

Grove City Center for Higher Education Scholarship Application

The city of Grove City in an effort to encourage those seeking a higher education and to encourage their continued residency and contribution to the city has endowed a scholarship for (\$500) renewable for a period of four years.

The following stipulations are necessary to apply for the scholarship:

1. Residency in the city of Grove City, Ohio's corporation limits
2. Acceptance in an accredited program of the city of Grove City's Consortium Schools
3. A willingness to donate ten hours every semester to the city of Grove City through the "Keep Grove City Beautiful" program or the "VIP" program or reside in the city of Grove City for three years following graduation from the institution of higher learning.
4. Maintain a C (2 point) average at the institution of high education.
5. Must be completed every semester.

Please print or type:

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ (S.S.# ____ *this is to be determined* ____)

Please provide the following:

Bursar's bill from the institution of higher education that applicant has applied to.
Proof of residency if an adult (Examples: utility bill, lease, rental agreement in your name or a document signed by the people you reside with. If you are using the document please include the property holder's name, address and phone or a copy of a utility bill.)

Voter registration (*to be determined*)

Please return this scholarship to city hall by

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1. **Residency in the city of Grove City, Ohio corporation limits**
2. **Acceptance in an accredited program of the city of Grove City's Consortium Schools**
3. **A willingness to donate (seven) hours yearly to the city of Grove City through the "Keep Grove City Beautiful" program or the "VIP" program.**
4. **Maintain a (C) average and complete studies in the time specified to receive awards yearly.**
5. **Must agree to reside within the corporation limits of the city of Grove City for three years after their last course's completion.**

The Application

Please print of type:

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

First

Middle Initial

Last

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

High School Diploma or GED Acquired: _____ (Year)

Please list the school(s) where you have attended

Are you currently employed if so where? _____

Please provide the following:

A copy of your FAFSA application.

All financial awards and scholarships awarded and the amount.

If the applicant is living independently a copy of your lease or rental agreement.

A copy of your acceptance letter

If you have a transcript one is required

Some important stipulations:

Depending on the number of applicants the following criteria might be considered: (to be discussed by the committee)

Return to the city of Grove City by:

All things in parentheses are to discuss at the next meeting.