University of North Alabama Student Financial Services Committee Annual Report 2013 – 2014

I. Executive Summary

The Student Financial Servic SFSC committeemet formallyone time during the 2013 – 2014 academic year. A change in the selection and administration of certain endowed scholarships by the UNA Foundation Ceffprecluded the action of theoremittee in selecting scholarships for the academic year beginning in Flall 2005, the committee did not review Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) appeals to the expensit of ears due to the needfor a shorter responseme to meet student demandsDr. Kristy Oderserved as Committee Chair. DMark Lawrencewas elected Vice Chair offet committee.

Committee members are:

Mr. Ben Baker (nowoting, by position) Dr. Katie Kinne (Faculty,2014) Dr. Dan Hendrick (non-voting, by position) Dr. Kristy Oden (Faculty,2015) Ms. Doris McDanie F(aculty,2015)

- Dr. Mark Lawrence Faculty,2016)
- Mr. Mark Linder (by position)
- Ms. Prema Monteir@Faculty,2016)
- Ms. Glenda Riche (Staff, 2014)
- Ms. Donna Tipps (by position)
- services in light of the information obtained
- 4. Topropose changes in student financial aid policies federal, state, and NCAA regulations and donor agree

III. The Committee met on the following date(s): April 29, 2014 3:00 pm

IV.

- V. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?
 - TheSFSCommitteemet on April 29, 2014 to select nominees forty-four (44) endowed scholarship awards for the 2020/15 academic yearThe Student Financial Services(SFSTeam had received over 700 applications for endowed scholarships. The SFS Committee met to make recommendations forestipients of various scholarships totaling \$39,890. The committee reviewed and analyzed 700 erscholarship applications to select the44 recipients. These scholarships are provided by endowment funds administered through the UNA Foundation.
- VI. What does the Committee plan to accomplish?
 - 1. In the coming year?

a. To continue assisting the SFS Office with decisions on SAP appeals when called upon b. To continue assisting the SFS Office with decisions on scholarship selections and scholarship appeals when called upon

- 2. In future years?
 - a. Same as 1 (a)
 - b. Same as 1 (b)
- VII. What are the Committee's weaknesses?
 - 1. Response times on SAP appeals are often too slow to meet the needs of the students. A periodic, regularly scheduled meeting might help solve this problem. However, the number of appeals and the response time neededdequately serve the students do not always lend themselves to structured scheduling.
 - 2. Trying to assemble a quorum of members in order to conduct business for regular meeting times is difficult. Faculty and staff members already struggle with overloaded schedules that adversely affect the scheduling process.
- VIII. Comments.

The members of the SFS Committee have performed a vital service to the administration of the financial aid process at the University for the period of this report.