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**Dear Dr Sooliman,**

The School of Agricultural Sciences and Agribusiness and the University of KZN, are very grateful for your generosity and Gift of the Givers Agricultural Scholarships/ Bursaries. Herewith is some feedback re the awards for 2006/7.

In 2006 we received more 25 applications for the GoG scholarship/ bursary for 2007. The majority of the applicants wanted to study Dietetics, with only a few applicants interested in studying core agricultural production disciplines.

Three merit based scholarships and five bursaries were awarded in 2006 to deserving first year students, which were selected by a GoG committee, consisting of academics from Animal Science, Agricultural Economics, Community Resources and Horticultural Science. The three scholarships were given to BScAgric students who unfortunately did not perform as well as projected from their matric results. All three will carry first year courses in second year and the Committee is still to review their supplementary examination results to decide if they will receive the GoG bursary in 2007.

The 2006 bursaries were awarded to five financially needy students. Although one student withdraw from the University after she failed subjects in the first semester, the other three made good to excellent progress. The fifth bursary was awarded to a financially needy 4<sup>th</sup> year student (Agribusiness/Animal Science) who did exceptionally well. She was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Faculty on the PMB campus and was placed among the top 30 students who obtained a credit weighted average of more than 75% with results for all 2006 modules above 75%.

We have screened this year's applicants (34) and are in the process of sending out award letter for two scholarships and four bursaries. The other selected applicants have, to this point, failed to provide either their matric results or their intended field of study. We may consider 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year students if there are not enough students to take up first year bursaries in 2006.

We hope that we have handled the awarding according to your intention and once again would like to thank you for your financial contribution to produce agriculturists able to solve problems associated with low agricultural production in Africa.

Kind regards,

Sheryl

for the Scholarships Committee