

Minutes for Fall 2018 Scholarships and Awards Committee

Old Business

- [Final] reassessment of the scholarship flip?
 - Makes judging easier. The Comm is happy to flip
 - Improved the quality of several scholarships, particularly Juniors
 - Discussed topics for workshop
 - “Best way to help your students is to judge”
 - What’s the best time for the workshop?
 - STD scholarship discussion as a springboard to move toward applying for national scholarships
 - PREZI draft by January?
- Statistics from Spring 2018
 - Change “Applicants **do not** need to be under contract at the time of application, but to receive their stipends, winners must provide verification of the appropriate degree and of full-time employment (per instructions from the Sigma Tau Delta Central Office) by August 31.”
 - The people who are applying who will win—may have increased the quality of apps.
- Removing outdated language such as “Each chapter may nominate three students....”

New Business

- Providing questions for 2018-19 round
 - Committee discussed three possible questions; we’re going to refine those question within the next week.
- Revisiting the idea of the Diversity Scholarship
 - Conversation about having diversity awards for Convention—students do not know how to categorize their own work.
 - Discussion of “need based,” of scholarships that require students to self identify disabilities or the ways in which they count as “diversity”
 - Research how other academic organizations handle diversity scholarships
 - *** Make a goal for our Spring Board mtg ***
 - Ask Glen to charge a committee with creating a statement about our beliefs
- Helping students understand the LIT grant—and how to apply for it
 - Discussing how to fix this will continue; working with CO not to reinvent the wheel.
- Devising a way to weed out summer programs for the Continuing Education Scholarship.
 - **“If you are enrolled in a summer program, will that program be offered through your current institution or as an internship?”** If yes, we ensure they do not get funneled into the Continuing Ed scholarships
 - Agree to add this to the application
 - Revise Continuing Education Scholarship to say “up to \$2000?” We awarded \$2000 for the winner and \$1000 for the runner-up.
- Streamlining the application process for scholarly papers
 - Include this language: “Works presented within your own department and not at a larger convention are ineligible for this award.”
 - Language needs to be firmer about “essay as presented.” We received 4000-word submissions (40 minutes of presentation time at a convention?)
- Considering budgets
 - Junior and Senior budgets: we currently are not spending all of them
 - When was the last time the WCJ total amount rose?
 - MOTION: Increase to \$6000, with a \$3000 runner up

Other New Business?