

Membership Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Fall 2015

1. English Education Strand (Strand Leader-Lexey):
 - a. Report on strand discussion(s)
 - b. Action items for large-group meeting:
 - i. Proposed Motion: The Membership Development Committee moves to establish a classroom library grant program for Sigma Tau Delta students and alumni in their first five years of teaching pre-K to 12th grade.
 - ii. We recommend that the Scholarships and Awards committee review the eligibility criteria for the PC scholarship and consider amending the eligibility to include graduate student.
1. Virtual Chapter Strand (Strand Representative-Deb):
 - a. Report on strand discussion(s)
 - i. The first virtual chapter at Southern New Hampshire University is in the process of their second induction. There have been issues with virtual chapter sponsors enrolling their members, because they have to collect money and individually enroll each student.
 1. Deb sent report to Traci who will include it in the minutes
1. Diversity Strand (Strand Leader-Tim):
 - a. Report on strand discussion(s)
 - b. Action items for large-group meeting:
 - i. Proposed Motion: The Membership Development Committee moves that the Diversity and English Education strands increase the amount of their awards to make them consistent with other convention award categories
1. International Strand (Strand Leader-Andrea):
 - a. Report on strand discussion(s)
 - i. Recommendation: We recommend that the Convention committee work with the International Strand institute a Sigma Tau Delta International Travel Award. The draft language could look

something like this-- *Sigma Tau Delta will award up to \$1000 for the best undergraduate student creative or scholarly work presented at the Annual Spring Convention by a member from an international chapter. Priority will be given to members from chapters established within the last two years. In the event no such applicants apply, submissions from student members of any international chapters will be considered with priority given to students from most recently chartered chapters. Student must present their winning paper at the Sigma Tau Delta annual Spring Convention. The Award will be presented at the Convention.*

1. *Travel Award Eligibility:*

- a. *Currently an undergraduate student*
- b. *Member of an international chapter*
- c. *Presentation of the paper at the convention by the travel award recipient*
- d. QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS: Can this be opened up to international graduate students? Should it be called an award if the intent is to encourage more international students to travel? Should the criteria be broadened to allow as many students as we can to apply?

1. Alumni Strand (Strand Leader-Traci):

- a. Report on strand discussion(s)
- b. Action Items for large-group meeting:
 - i. Proposed Motion: The Membership Development Committee moves to eliminate the current fee structure for Alumni Epsilon members (\$13 annual fee), making any graduating member of Sigma Tau Delta (so long as they do not qualify as a faculty sponsor or graduate student at an institution with an active chapter) a member of Alumni Epsilon.
 - ii. Proposed Motion: The Membership Development Committee moves to change the AR position to an AA position by amending the Constitution to allow voting membership on the Board

Motions Made at the 2015 Fall Board Meeting:

- Motion: The Membership Development Committee moves that the Diversity and English Education strands increase the amount of their awards to make them consistent with other convention award categories
Motion Passes
- Motion: The Membership Development Committee moves to establish a classroom library grant program for Sigma Tau Delta students and alumni in their first five years of teaching pre-K to 12th grade. The grants will be up to five awards of \$400 each. **Motion Passes**
- Motion: The Membership Development Committee moves to eliminate the current fee structure for Alumni Epsilon members (\$13 annual fee), making any eligible graduating member of Sigma Tau Delta a member of Alumni Epsilon. **Motion Fails**
- Motion: The Membership Development Committee moves to change the AR position to an AA position by amending the Constitution to allow voting membership on the Board **Motion Fails**

Recommendations Made at the 2015 Fall Board Meeting

- We recommend that the Scholarships and Awards committee review the eligibility criteria for the PC scholarship and consider amending the eligibility to include graduate student.
- We recommend that the Convention committee work with the International Strand institute a Sigma Tau Delta International Travel Award. The draft language could look something like this: *Sigma Tau Delta will award up to \$1000 for the best undergraduate student creative or scholarly work presented at the Annual Spring Convention by a member from an international chapter. Priority will be given to members from chapters established within the last two years. In the event no such applicants apply, submissions from student members of any international chapters will be considered with priority given to students from most recently chartered chapters. Student must present their winning paper at the*

Sigma Tau Delta annual Spring Convention. The Award will be presented at the Convention.

- *Travel Award Eligibility:*
- *Currently an undergraduate student*
- *Member of an international chapter*
- *Presentation of the paper at the convention by the travel award recipient*
- QUESTIONS/THOUGHTS: Can this be opened up to international graduate students? Should it be called an award if the intent is to encourage more international students to travel? Should the criteria be broadened to allow as many students as we can to apply?

Non Membership Development Committee Motions

- The Student Leaders propose that the description of the powers and duties of the Alumni Representative position, as defined on the Sigma Tau Delta home page, be added to the Sigma Tau Delta Constitutional By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Thomas-Card
Co-Chair, Membership Development Committee