

## Scholarships Committee Minutes, Fall 2016

1. Motion to add two more \$1500 Sigma Tau Delta Scholarships for NEHS (making a total of six)

Discussion: Noted request from Dave Wendelin and Bil Johnson.

**Motion: We move to add two \$1500 Sigma Tau Delta Scholarships for NEHS for a total of six. (unanimous vote of approval within committee and from the full Board)**

2. Motion to add a second round of Summer Program Scholarships in the spring:

Discussion: There were several applications, but a slightly reduced number from previous year. We want to catch those who find out about a program later.

**Motion: We move to add a second round of Summer Program Scholarships in the spring. (unanimous vote of approval within committee and from the full Board)**

3. Review awards that do not receive many applications (Two options: Discontinue or work to attract more applications) (see Budget Request)

Discussion: Natasha noted Elfi's suggestion of adding a column to the budget that indicates which committee is responsible for requesting funding for a specific line item. Add facilitators to the scholarship sessions at Convention to have some small breakout sessions. Also push reminders pre-Convention for students to start and bring questions. Ask if we can open up the requirements for the Part-Time Undergraduate Scholarship to include more populations—returning students and both grad and undergrad. Consider creating a virtual international chapter for students who transferred away to a school without a chapter or where a chapter goes inactive.

**Motion: We move to remove the requirement that the student be an undergraduate for the Part-Time Undergraduate Scholarship and to rename it the Part-Time Student Scholarship. (unanimous vote of approval within committee and from the full Board)**

Rationale: To see if this change encourages more applications and as a way to support alumni.

4. Review judging rubrics or information gathered

a. Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarly Paper Awards—too much information requested that is not used in judging

b. Review other rubrics to ensure the items included on the rubric match the application requirements

Discussion: This will be work we do by email as each round of judging is ready to begin.

5. Request for fall judges: by email

6. Additional tasks or suggestions?

Discussion:

--Increase number of junior and senior scholarships

--Increase number of Regents scholarships, up to a proportional number that would vary for different regions.

--Small Chapter Scholarship?

Motion: We move to increase the number of Junior and Senior Scholarships by one per year. (unanimous) (Will require a budget adjustment.)

**[Amended in Board Meeting to this version:**

**Motion Passed: We move to increase the number of Junior and Senior Scholarships by one each and, at the discretion of the committee, the number of runners-up per scholarship by one each. (As amended, passed unanimously by the board.) (Required budget adjustment made and also passed.)]**