

Scholarship Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 21, 2018

In attendance: Lexey Bartlett (acting as meeting leader in Shannin Schroeder's absence), Kevin Brown, AmiJo Comeford, Magdelyn Helwig, Gloria Hochstein, Kathy Nixon, Diane Steinberg, and Elfi Gabriel

1. Issues that arose with the LIT grant being treated more like a scholarship

Meeting notes: Issue was the combination of items required by the application versus the scholarship requirements. The committee has nothing to add. This seems like a procedural matter that the Board doesn't need to address.

2. Why are Summer Program and Study Abroad Scholarships only available for undergraduates? (e.g. MAT students at TCNJ)

Meeting notes: Helwig notes concern about fewer awards for UG students because graduate students may have other resources to apply for. Some discussion of a possibility of making an exception for MAT students because they would not be eligible for the Continuing Education program. Another suggestion: We could also offer an extra award for graduate students in each category. If we don't get applications from graduate students, we don't make an award. Likewise, if the graduate applications are not as strong, we would not make an award. So, a motion for the board:

MOTION: The Scholarship Committee moves that we open the eligibility for both the Study Abroad and Summer Program Scholarships to graduate students as well as undergraduate students and that we add one additional award for both the Study Abroad and the Summer Program Scholarships to be given to a graduate student applicant, provided the application ranks in the winning group of applications.

[Post-meeting note: The motion was presented to the Board and passed unanimously. The change will be piloted in the Fall 2018 round. It was noted that we have enough money in the budget buffer for scholarships to cover the extra \$4500 needed for the fall round, and possibly for a spring round as well.]

3. Other business:

Meeting notes: Question about scholarship workshop: is there just one? Answer: yes. A suggestion was made to add another session for a scholarship workshop, or even another all-workshops session later in the convention for those who can't attend on Thursday, if the schedule permits.

Minutes submitted by Lexey Bartlett