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RE: Scholarships, Awards and Special Events Committee Report for 2016-2017

Below are the highlights from the Scholarships, Awards and Special Events (SASE) committee for the 2016-2017 academic year:

• The Committee selected thirteen students in both the Fall and Winter semesters for the Maize and Blue Awards from two pools of highly-qualified applicants (25 and 60 nominees respectively). Thanks to all the faculty members who wrote letters of recommendations. In addition, the committee interviewed a total of sixteen shortlisted candidates and selected the student speaker and an alternate for each of the commencement ceremonies. Faculty mentors were also arranged for the speakers and the alternates to help with their commencement speech.

• Our committee reviewed a total of sixteen nominations and made selections for eight different faculty/staff awards as follows. We encourage everyone, including Deans and department chairs, to be involved in making nominations or encouraging others to nominate deserving faculty for these awards. We also recommend that previous nominees continue to be encouraged to resubmit the following year, but kindly request that the nominee update letters and information to the current year. The committee also recommends that faculty carefully consider copying entire books or chapters as evidence of scholarship or other creative activities.
   o Distinguished Service Award
   o Scholarly or Creative Achievement
   o Teaching Excellence Award
   o Lawrence D. Kugler Academic Advisor Excellence Award
   o Dorothea E. Wyatt Award
   o Alvin D. Loving Junior Faculty Initiative
   o Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Junior Women Faculty Award
   o Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Senior Women Faculty Award

• The committee decided on the allocation of money for five different scholarship funds as follows to well-deserving students. In total, we distributed around $30,000 to approximately 21 students. These awards were awarded to students based on high GPA, need as evidenced by information given to the committee, money already receiving and the number of institutional credits earned.
  1. India Award—The scholarship fund held $1500 which was divided into three $500 awards. Two alternates were selected.
  2. Skaff Award—The scholarship fund held $5000 which was divided into five $1000 awards. Three alternates were selected
3. SEIU Local 591 Scholarship was divided into two awards of $2395 and $5000 as one of the candidates had a much lower award limit.

4. SEIU Local 591 Scholarship for Mott College Transfer Students was awarded to the same two students as (3) for $1000 and $2000.

5. Roberson Award—Ten awards were given in the amount of $1000 each, one award of $937 was given, and five ranked alternates were selected.

- The committee also discussed the eligibility of the faculty awards and proposed to the Provost Office to make the language clearer.

Respectfully Submitted,

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