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Scholarships, Awards and Special Events Committee Annual Report for 2018-2019

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Below are the highlights from the Scholarships, Awards and Special Events (SASE) committee for the 2018-2019 academic year:

**Maize and Blue Awards:** 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. Thank you to all the faculty members who wrote letters of recommendation. In addition, the committee interviewed candidates and selected a student commencement speaker and an alternate for each of the commencement ceremonies. Faculty mentors were arranged for the speakers and the alternates to help develop their commencement speech. The committee made recommendations to the Provost’s office addressing international student eligibility Maize and Blue Award concerns whom graduate in August of each year. Discussions are ongoing with the Provosts office regarding the current Maize and Blue policy and procedures for these students.

**Faculty and Staff Awards:** Our committee reviewed a total of fourteen nominations and made selections for seven different faculty/staff awards as listed below. 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. In addition, the committee recommends that qualifications for each of these awards be reviewed and potentially further developed/clarified.

- Distinguished Service Award
- Scholarly or Creative Achievement Award
- Teaching Excellence Award
- Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Junior Faculty Award
- Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Senior Faculty Award
- Dorothea Wyatt Award
- Kugler Adviser Excellence Award

**Scholarships:** The committee decided on the allocation of money for five different scholarship funds as follows to well-deserving students. In total, we distributed $25,300 to 22 students. These scholarships were awarded to students based on high GPA, need as evidenced by information given to the committee, money already receiving, and equitable distribution to the 5 schools/colleges on the UM-Flint campus.
• India Award—The scholarship fund held $2500 which was divided into five $500 awards.
• Skaff Award—The scholarship fund held $6000 which was divided into six $1000 awards.
• SEIU Local 591 Scholarship—The scholarship fund held $1,831 of which $1800 was awarded to one eligible recipient.
• Roberson Award—The scholarship fund held $15,127 and was divided into 15 $1,000 awards.

Respectfully Submitted,

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