

Staff Senate Scholarship Committee

2013-2014 Annual Report

The 2013-2014 Staff Senate Scholarship Committee consisted of the following membership: Kamie Beeson, Carin Engler, Daniel Erichsen (Chair elect), Nancy Hillen, Penny Hoesel, Wendy McCrory, Frank Oakgrove, Angela Seewald-Marquardt (Chair)

Fund Raising Activities/Sources

Raffle

- The second annual raffle was again co-sponsored by TRiO programs and Staff Senate Scholarship Committee.
- Committee members used summer months to gather prizes from area business. A google document was created for committee use to track donations and communication with business contacts.
- Twenty prizes were gathered with a total value of over \$2,200. A full list of participating business, prizes and values was posted on the Staff Senate website.
- Tickets were sold for \$5 each. All Staff Senators were asked to sell tickets. Packets of 10 were made available to each Senator. There were a number of Senators that did not sell any tickets. A survey was administered among Senators to determine the reasons some did not participate and what might make it better for future attempts. Survey results will be explored further by the 2014-2015 committee.
- MU contact tables were reserved for the purpose of selling additional tickets.
- A total of \$2,195 was raised from raffle ticket sales.
- The raffle was held in early December. Winners of prizes were notified and picked up prizes at Bison Connection. Winners were posted on Staff Senate website.

Staff Senate Scholarship Endowment

- The endowment generated \$1320 for scholarships.

Vendor Show

- The ad-hoc Vendor Show Committee held a vendor show in early Spring 2014. The show generated \$408 for use of scholarships.

Scholarship Applications/Awards

- Three scholarships were offered: Broadbanded staff, Dependents of Broadbanded staff, and General Undergraduate Student.
- Scholarships were advertised via The Messenger, Staff/Faculty listserv, Student listserv, It's Happening at State, Staff Senate website, and Staff Senate meetings. Applications were submitted online on Staff Senate website with paper copies available at Student Financial Services.
- Total eligible applicants included 4 Broadbanded Staff, 21 Dependents of Broadbanded Staff, 97 General Undergraduates.
- Committee members followed the established procedures to avoid conflicts of interest with the scholarship selection process including having redacted personal information on applications, members refraining from scoring applicants with whom they have a personal connection, Chair abstained from scoring, and all information was kept confidential until awards were decided.
- Committee members reviewed and scored applications independently utilizing the same scoring sheet/standards. All individual scores were compiled and averaged by the Chair. The committee met to decide on award recipients and amounts. Recipients were those had highest average compiled scores.
- Scholarship awards totaled \$3,900: \$400 for Broadbanded staff, \$2,300 for Dependents of Broadbanded staff, \$1,200 for General Undergraduates.
- \$23 of unawarded funds stayed in the endowment fund for future years.
- All applicants were notified regarding their award or denial of award.
- Scholarships will be awarded Fall 2014.