

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – B

DATE: October 7-8, 2015

SUBJECT: Student Organization Awards – NSU

NSU Award for Academic Excellence:

The NSU Honors Program is an organization that brings students from different majors together with a common goal of academic excellence. The students in the Honors Program are dedicated to their education and work to excel. In order to graduate ‘In Honoribus’ students must take a minimum of 18 Honors credit hours and complete a Thesis. This year, four students attended the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Denver, Colorado where two of these students presented their undergraduate research. The main event for the Honors Program was sponsoring and facilitating the Campus-Wide Common Read program that featured *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline. This year the Honors Program collaborated with other clubs and organizations and campus departments to host special social events and programs such as an 80’s Dance, Game Night, Quiz Bowl, and hosted Author Ernest Cline to campus.

NSU Award for Community Service:

The mission of the Northern State University Art Club shall be to build a community in support of the arts through education and exploration. In the last few years the NSU Art Club has made a concentrated effort to expand and enhance its involvement in the campus and civic community. This effort stemmed from new leadership and the re-writing of the club’s mission. The NSU Art Club has been active in many Aberdeen Area non-profit organizations, partnering with groups such as *Empty Bowls*, *Aberdeen Humane Society*, and *Fall Out Creative*. In addition to these partnerships, the NSU Art Club has taken an active leadership role in future event planning for some of these non-profit events as well as partnering with May Overby elementary school and other local organizations to continue to improve community outreach.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Information only.

NSU Award for Organizational Leadership:

The purpose of Northern State University's Campus Activities Board (CAB) is to involve students in co-curricular experiences that promote learning, personal growth and development, leadership, social responsibility, an appreciation for diversity, and a sense of belonging to the campus community. Throughout the year CAB has put on a variety of events that provide opportunities for effective leadership, not only on the campus but with the community as well. A specific event that was hosted was the One Day Blood Drive Project. A national campaign for college campuses focused on remembering the heroes that lost their lives on September 11th by donating blood. This event provided a live radio broadcast from the student center, involved the community of Aberdeen, and NSU was the only College in the Dakotas that participated in this national event. Additionally, CAB has partnered with other clubs and organizations such as the Honors Club, Residence Life, and Welcome Week to provide additional opportunities for events, programming, and leadership development.