

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Planning and Resource Development

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – B
DATE: October 3-5, 2017

SUBJECT

Student Organization Awards – DSU

PERTINENT HISTORY

March 28-30 2017 BOR Meeting, [4 – J Student Organization Award Winners for 2016](#)

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In March 2017, the Board approved the recommendations offered by each institution for 2016 student organization awards winners and agreed to announce the names of the award winners throughout the following year.

The DSU Student Organization Awards will be presented at the October BOR meeting in Madison. Information about the DSU student organization award winners can be found below:

DSU Award for Academic Excellence: Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Business Club

Phi Beta Lambda’s mission is to bring business and education in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Phi Beta Lambda gives members the unique opportunity of building leadership, team building, networking, project management, business organization, and academic integrity skills. The organization’s members gain a competitive edge through professional and leadership development and community service projects. PBL members get an opportunity to build their advanced business skills, develop a professional resume, network with business leaders in the community and beyond, experience the rewards of dedication and volunteerism, and enjoy the benefits of travel to leadership conferences and competitive events. The member body of PBL consists of collegiate/postsecondary students.

DSU Award for Community Service: The Alliance at DSU

The goal of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance is to (1) provide a safe and comfortable environment for people of all identities and (2) raise awareness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual communities and its issues. The Gender and Sexuality Alliance

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

This item is for informational purposes only. Any action will be at the Board’s discretion.

is open to all DSU students, faculty, and staff as well as people not associated with DSU upon the approval of an officer or advisor. Research shows that on campuses with GSAs (Gay-Straight Alliances) students are less likely to experience verbal harassment, discrimination, or feelings that they were unsafe because of their sexual orientation. They also felt more connected to their school community. In order to achieve this level of connectedness and to provide service to the community, The Alliance organized the following events and services: Safe Space training, clothing drive, drag show, Ally Week table, Bill table, panels and special events.

DSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Computer Club

Computer Club promotes increased knowledge and interest in the science, design, development, construction, language, and application of modern computing machinery. The organization provides a means of communication for students interested in computing. The DSU Computer Club hosts a plethora of events, including both weekly meetings and special events. Chief among these are the weekly Computer Club meetings, which consist of a revolving door of learning opportunities, guest speakers, and fun. These events, which require a great amount of commitment and dedication to operate successfully, take a total of 10 hours per week.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board recognizes the important role that student organizations play in the regental system. Student organizations provide students the opportunity to connect with others who have similar interests as well as experience a sense of community, all of which increases the likelihood of successful college completion. They also provide students with opportunities for professional development by offering students practical opportunities to hone skills, including those in leadership and communication.

ATTACHMENTS

None