

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Planning, Governance, and Resource Development**

**AGENDA ITEM: 7 – B (2)**

**DATE: June 26-28, 2018**

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**SUBJECT**

**Student Organization Awards – DSU**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

At the March 2018 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved the recommendations offered by each institution for the 2017 student organization awards winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2018.

The DSU Student Organization Awards will be presented at the June BOR meeting in Brookings. 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 is a business club at DSU whose three major goals are to promote career preparation, leadership development, and academic excellence. Through membership, individuals can build their advanced business skills, develop a professional resume, network with business leaders, experience the rewards of dedication and volunteerism, and enjoy the benefits of travel. Academic excellence is promoted through competitive events held at both state and national conferences. These competitive events include a variety of objective tests, presentations, reports, and role play scenarios for both individual and team competitors. Significant events and activities conducted by the organization in the past year include the following: Iowa State Spring Leadership Conference, Pizza Ranch fundraisers, annual Spring Banquet and Officer Installation Ceremony, National Leadership Conference in California, class presentation for member recruitment, DSU Activities Fair member recruiting, Trojans Card sales, Homecoming Parade entry, raking leaves for community service project, and conducting the Sweetheart Raffle fundraiser.

DSU Award for Community Service: CybHER

The purpose of CybHER is to provide a network of support and resources that teach and encourage women who aspire to work in the technology industry. All members of CybHER are females that have an interest in Computer Science, Cyber Operations, Network Security

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or other technology centric degrees. The group focuses on outreach and locals meetings. In the last year, it has conducted outreach events at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls, and schools in Flandreau, Dell Rapids, and Madison. Some of the CybHER group meetings are focused on teaching the members about technology like Raspberry Pi, PHP, and a brainstorming event for individual project ideas. Others meetings host about personal development, grant and scholarship writing, career paths, and doing research. The group has also help social events like its boating day were members spend a day focusing on getting to know one another and developing a strong network between all the members of the club.

#### 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 group provides a means of communication for students interested in computing. Significant events or activities conducted by the Computer Club in the last year include the following: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual DSU Hack-a-thon, Association for Computer Machinery Programming Competition, DSU Service Day, project demonstrations for high school and middle school students, laser tag games for the communities of Lake County and DSU, Annual DSU Bowling Night, field trip to Premier Bankcard, 5<sup>th</sup> Place Team – National Cyber Defense Competition, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team – North Center Region Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team – MITRE Annual Capture the Flag Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team – National Panoply King of the Hill Competition, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team – Collegiate Penetration Testing Competition, 4<sup>th</sup> Place Team –p National Collegiate Penetration Testing Competition, invitations to guest speakers, multiple recreational activities for students, providing 3D printing services to faculty and students, providing project resources for students and faculty, and holding mock competitions to prepare students for Cyber Defense Competitions.

#### **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