

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3 – C (2)**  
**DATE: October 5-6, 2022**

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**SUBJECT**

**SDSU Student Organization Awards**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

At the March 2022 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved recommendations offered by each institution for the 2021 student organization award winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2021. South Dakota State University (SDSU) Student Organization Awards will be presented at the October BOR meeting in Madison.

SDSU Award for Academic Excellence: Student College of Clinical Pharmacy (SCCP)

The goal of SCCP is to advance students’ education of clinical pharmacy and pharmacotherapy through the support and promotion of research and training. They do this through various activities and events throughout the academic year such as: monthly journal clubs that correlate with current topics in their classes, statistic reviews, an annual clinical research challenge, an annual clinical pharmacy challenge, and speaker panels to increase student exposure to different areas of pharmacy practice and possible specialist positions.

SDSU Award for Community Service: University Program Council (UPC)

The University Program Council (UPC) is designed to serve as the primary programming organization at SDSU to provide educational, social recreational cultural programs and leadership opportunities for the growth of the SDSU community. Members of UPC must maintain 6-7 office hours/week along with 2-3 promotional hours/week, attend weekly board and one-on-one meetings, and planning 2-3 events per semester. Members are expected to be punctual, communicative, supportive, be receptive to constructive criticism, and exemplify professionalism with each other, other students, university staff and guests.

The UPC of SDSU has made community service and the inclusion of nonprofit organizations in the Brookings area an overarching theme this past year. From hosting events off-campus to give back to the community and local businesses to inviting local

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service organizations and nonprofits to campus, the UPC understands the importance of highlighting the excellent work being done in the community.

SDSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Chi Omega

Chi Omega strives to provide each sister with a commitment to personal integrity, excellence in academic and intellectual pursuits, inter-generational participation, community service, leadership opportunities, social enrichment, and allowing its members to be a part of something bigger than themselves. During the Fall 2021 semester, the Xi Theta chapter worked to organize the most successful Wish Week they ever experienced. Chi Omega raised over \$9,000 in five days through multiple fundraisers including 4k in a day, a pancake feed, pie at chi, a bake sale and a tip night. As a result, the Xi Theta chapter was able to grant a local wish for a child in the Brookings area.

**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 practical opportunities to hone skills, including those in leadership and communication.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None