Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Forest E. Brammer Endowed Lecture Series (Fund Functioning as an Endowment).

Background

Professor Forest E. Brammer came to Wayne State University in August 1960 as head of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Dr. Brammer was a full-time faculty member until his retirement in 1982. He returned to the department on a part-time basis the same year and served as undergraduate advisor through December 1989. This lecture series was established in 1990 in recognition of Dr. Brammer’s many contributions and distinguished service to the ECE Department through financial contributions from faculty, alumni, students, and friends of the department, as well as Dr. Brammer’s family.

Endowment Amount
$50,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RODNEY CLARK MEMORIAL FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY ENDOWED STUDENT AWARD

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Rodney Clark Memorial Fund for Excellence in Psychology Endowed Student Award.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Background

The Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is establishing the Dr. Rodney Clark Endowed Student Award in memory of Dr. Clark, who was known as an accomplished scholar and researcher, as well as a dedicated teacher and devoted mentor to countless students throughout his career.

Dr. Clark came to Wayne State as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology in 1997 and was promoted to associate professor in 2003. Until his untimely death in 2006, he promoted excellence in education, especially at the undergraduate level, through leadership, innovation and motivation. Perhaps, above all else, he believed in maintaining high standards for students, balanced with the willingness to provide them resources to help them achieve this goal.

Endowment Amount

$25,000
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Edward T. and Ellen K. Dryer Endowed Professorship in Vision and Blindness Research.

The Edward T. and Ellen K. Dryer Endowed Professorship in Vision and Blindness Research is established to recognize faculty scholarly achievement and to promote research in degenerative vision diseases and visual prostheses in the Ligon Research Center of Vision. A key responsibility of the Edward T. and Ellen K. Dryer Professor will be research in visual devices and visual stimulation of the brain.

Background

An executive in the banking industry, Edward Dryer and his wife Ellen were lifelong residents of Detroit. It was while traveling on business in New York that Mr. Dryer suddenly lost his sight and as a result, his job.

Mr. Dryer continued to follow the market by having his wife read to him daily from the Wall Street Journal and other financial news. Mr. Dryer began investing in the stock market and through a combination of savvy investment strategies and a modest lifestyle, his investments grew.

Eleven years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Dryer passed away within four months of each other. The Dryer Charitable Foundation was established in their name with the mission to aid people who have limited sight and to aid in research for the prevention and cure of blindness.

The Trustees of the Dryer Foundation are establishing this professorship, which will support the mission to fight vision loss and cure blindness and continue to honor the legacy of Mr. and Mrs. Dryer in perpetuity.

Endowment Amount
$1,000,000
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Iannotti Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Law School.

Background

Daniel V. Iannotti, Class of 1979, has been a long-time supporter of the Law School and established the Iannotti Scholarship soon after graduation. He perpetuates his energy and interest in support of the Law School each year with the award. This scholarship is awarded to an upper-class student who has demonstrated qualities of scholarship, character and has taken a leadership role in the Michigan Association of Future Italian-American Advocates.

Endowment Amount
$10,000*

*grandfathered
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RALPH AND JEAN KUMMLER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Ralph and Jean Kummler Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Engineering.

Background

Ralph retired as dean of the College of Engineering in August 2009 after nearly 40 years of outstanding service to Wayne State. He first joined the Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science as a faculty member in 1970, and was chair of that department from 1975 to 1993. He was associate dean of research from 1997 to 2001, when he was made dean of the College of Engineering. As dean, he was a major force in fund-raising for the Marvin I. Danto Engineering Development Center and oversaw its design, construction and opening. Kummler also was essential in helping to bring about the university’s selection as a member of Partners for the Advancement of Collaborative Engineering Education, which resulted in $408 million in in-kind contributions to the College of Engineering.

He championed the alternative energy certificate and M.S. programs, the college’s collaboration with NextEnergy and establishment of the Center for Academic Excellence in National Security Studies, while promoting programs in sustainable and systems engineering. He also was instrumental in moving the Department of Biomedical Engineering to shared oversight with the School of Medicine. He was highly active on the international front, where he created and co-chaired 11 biennial Cairo International Conferences on Energy and Environment, and opened negotiations with many Chinese universities to design pipeline programs.

The university owes a great debt of gratitude to Kummler for his many contributions throughout a long and distinguished career. But he was more than just a productive member of the academic community. He also was a profound and creative thinker, as well as an enthusiastic cheerleader and tireless fundraiser for the College of Engineering.
And even more important, he was a universally admired member of the Wayne State family.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, his sons Jeff, Brad and Randy, and their families.

This scholarship was begun by Dean Emeritus Ralph Kummler through payroll deductions during his tenure as dean. At the time of his unexpected death in December 2009, the fund had almost reached the $25,000 endowment threshold. Through generous gifts made by friends and colleagues, the fund has past the threshold and can now be established to perpetuate Ralph Kummler’s legacy at Wayne State.

Endowment Amount
$25,000
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IRVIN D. REID ENDOWED ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Irvin D. Reid Endowed Athletic Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Department of Athletics.

Background

Irvin D. Reid was sworn in as Wayne State University’s ninth president on November 24, 1997. During his decade-long tenure as president, he worked tirelessly to accelerate the emergence of Wayne State as the premier center of learning in an urban setting. With unparalleled energy, focus, determination, enthusiasm and infectious optimism, President Reid witnessed the fulfillment of many of his ambitious goals.

Notable developments during his tenure include hundreds of millions of dollars in improvements to the campus infrastructure, including three residence halls, a major expansion of the Law School complex, the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, the Mort Harris Recreation and Fitness Center and a Welcome Center complex; the establishment of Tech Town, a 75-acre research and technology Park, which is a catalyst for regional economic development and a major addition to the university’s research capital; and an increase in the university’s presence worldwide to help educate students to be citizens of an increasingly global society.

Now President Emeritus and Eugene Applebaum Distinguished Professor of Community Engagement at Wayne State, he directs the Forum on Contemporary Issues in Society (FOCIS), which he established prior to stepping down as president in July 2008. FOCIS comprises a variety of scholarly and public service activities that target critical urban concerns from regional, national and global perspectives.

Endowment Amount

$25,000
Submit by: David W. Ripple, Vice President
Development and Alumni Affairs
President, Wayne State University Foundation

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IRVIN D. REID AND PAMELA TROTMAN REID
ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Irvin D. Reid and Pamela Trotman Reid Endowment for International Studies. This endowment will be used to support global education through scholarship, sponsorships, lectures, travel, speakers and events. It is the donor’s desire that the fund reside in the Irvin D. Reid Honors College.

Background

It is Dr. Reid’s desire to establish a new endowment at the $25,000 level to support global education through scholarship, sponsorships, lectures, travel, speakers and events.

The new endowment will be funded through the transfer of the following funds:

- Index 061852-6013D1 corpus market value $12,180.44
- Index 447327-290AK beneficiary balance $ 4,387.46
- Index 060274-601G32 corpus market value $ 9,192.67
- Index 447630-290MN beneficiary balance $1,105.61

Total available to establish new endowment $26,866.14

Endowment Amount

$26,866.14
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHOKOOHI FAMILY ENDOWED RESIDENT AND FELLOWSHIP

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Shokoohi Family Endowed Resident and Fellowship.

This resident and fellowship fund is established to assist residents with their education and living costs in the Kresge Eye Institute.

Background

Dr. Farhad K. Shokoohi is a 1975 resident alumnus of the School of Medicine. A passionate supporter of his alma mater and the Department of Ophthalmology, Dr. Shokoohi is establishing this fund to support residents and fellows in the Kresge Eye Institute.

Endowment Amount

$100,000
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Shokoohi Family Endowed Medical Student Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine.

Background

Dr. Farhad K. Shokoohi is a 1975 resident alumnus of the School of Medicine. A passionate supporter of his alma mater and the Department of Ophthalmology, Dr. Shokoohi is establishing this fund to support medical students in financial need.

Endowment Amount
$125,000
Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish the Jerald K. Tranzow Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Background

Jerald K. Tranzow completed his bachelor’s degree in history at Wayne State University in 1964 as a part-time student attending night school. He was married, had a family and struggled financially. It is Mr. Tranzow’s desire to establish this endowed scholarship because he knows firsthand how difficult it can be to continue studying for a degree under these circumstances and wishes to help students in situations similar to what he experienced.

Endowment Amount

$100,000