

JMU FACULTY SENATE MOTION

DONATION TO VALLEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Whereas:

- The Mission of James Madison University's Valley Scholars Program is as follows: "The Valley Scholars program provides outreach activities to first generation middle and high school students, engaging them in educational enrichment activities designed to increase awareness and access to institutions of higher education with the goal of providing scholarship support for students admitted to and attending James Madison University,"
- The second cohort of Valley Scholars will be matriculating next fall (2020),
- Many Valley Scholars, even with the extensive financial assistance provided through the Valley Scholars Program, still have difficulty with various academic costs, including textbooks, differential tuition fees, course/lab fees, and the like,
- The Faculty Senate is committed to supporting the academic mission at JMU, and desires to help student populations of all kinds to achieve academic success without, as far as possible, being burdened by financial worries,

Be it now therefore resolved that:

The Faculty Senate of James Madison University will donate \$4000 from the Faculty Senate Treasury to the Valley Scholars program in order to offset academic costs for the neediest cases. The Director of the Valley Scholars program (Shaun Mooney), given his relevant knowledge and expertise, will be responsible for determining the neediest cases.

[NOTE: According to our Bylaws (Article VI), resolutions that involve the use of Faculty Senate Treasury funds must pass by a 2/3 majority (of those present and voting, and not counting abstentions)]