

JMU FACULTY SENATE MOTION

DONATION TO CENTENNIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Whereas:

- The Mission of James Madison University's Centennial Scholars Program is as follows: "The Centennial Scholars Program provides financial assistance and a multi-level academic support network, to retain eligible underrepresented students. We believe that qualified and deserving students who are not able to finance the cost of attending college should have the opportunity to graduate from a higher-education institution. In addition, we feel a holistic support system is essential in order to provide assistance and help students grow throughout their undergraduate careers,"
- Many Centennial Scholars, even with the extensive financial assistance provided through the Centennial 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 underrepresented student populations 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 wishes to donate \$1000 from the Faculty Senate Treasury to the Centennial Scholars program in order to offset academic costs for the neediest cases. The Executive Director of the Centennial Scholars program (currently Diane Strawbridge), given her 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)]