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## Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Committee Annual Report for 2015-2016

### I. Committee Function

The Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Committee meets at least once each year to evaluate requests to fund special projects that will take place during the following academic year. The committee favors projects that cross departmental lines and have an impact on the educational and cultural life of the university community, particularly projects that benefit undergraduate students. Knapp funds are not often used for purposes that can and should be supported elsewhere, such as from regular grants or research funding, from fees charged for performances, or from the regular university budget. When considering requests for funds, the committee keeps in mind the spirit of the will of Kemper K. Knapp:

*“In general it is my wish that such funds be used for purposes outside the regular curriculum of the university. . . to cultivate in the student body ideals of honesty, sincerity, earnestness, tolerance, and social and political obligations.”*

### II. Activities

As in previous years, the major share of the income from the Knapp Bequest Fund has been allocated to enhance scholarship opportunities at the UW-Madison. Support in this category has been granted toward undergraduate and law scholarships, minority scholarships administered through the Office of the Chancellor, and Graduate School fellowships.

In addition to the ongoing support for scholarships, the committee makes regular allotments to the Lectures Committee and to the Morgridge Center for Public Service.

Lastly, the committee makes other grants for one-time projects, typically in the range of \$500 to \$5,000. During the 2015-2016 funding cycle, the committee received 21 requests and has granted between 96-99% of available funds to 17 programs. We are able to carry-over funds from year-to-year. The Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Committee approved grants of \$958,317 in 2015-2016.

### III. Summary

In its commitment to the enrichment of the intellectual environment of the university through the use of the Kemper K. Knapp Bequest, the committee strives to encourage increased interest in the development of campus activities that will fulfill the donor’s interest in the undergraduate experience.

### IV. Membership, 2015-2016

Julie Allen, Arts and Humanities (Scandinavian Studies)  
Alberta Gloria, Social Studies (Counseling Psychology)  
Tracey Holloway, Physical Sciences (Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Study)  
Scott Lutz, *Chair, 2014-16*, Biological Sciences (Forest & Wildlife Ecology)  
Laurie Mayberry, Office of the Provost

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Appendix A

<b>Project/Program Name or Description Sponsoring Unit</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>
<u>Ongoing Commitments</u>	
Chancellor's Scholarship Program.....	\$70,000
Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	
Secretary of the Faculty.....	\$35,000
University Lectures Committee	
Legal Education Opportunity Program.....	\$75,000
Law School	
Transportation Options Program.....	\$33,000
Morgridge Center for Public Service	
National Merit Finalists.....	\$630,000
Office of Student Financial Services	
<u>One-Time Awards</u>	
Garage Physics.....	\$6,000
Department of Physics	
Holding History.....	\$4,000
UW Continuing Studies / UW Special Collections	
Local Food Systems and Sustainable Horticulture.....	\$5,000
West Madison Ag Research Station / Horticulture Department	
Human Powered Vehicle Team.....	\$4,617
Department of Mechanical Engineering	
Kaleidoscope.....	\$4,000
Department of Spanish & Portuguese	
Sophomore Summer Research Apprenticeships.....	\$13,000
L&S Honors Program	
Sophomore Research Fellowship Program.....	\$60,000
L&S Honors Program	
To the People, Prairies, Lakes and Streets: Field Trips with Graduate....	\$3,000
Students to Nelson Institute Research Sites	
Nelson Institute	
Second Language Acquisition Student Symposium.....	\$4,500
Second Language Acquisition Student Organization	
Steel Bridge Team.....	\$5,000
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering	
Arabic Language and Culture.....	\$1,300
Department of African Languages and Culture	
Village Health Project.....	\$4,900
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	