
Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Committee Annual Report, 2017-2018

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. The committee approved eight ongoing commitments in all in 2017-2018.

The committee makes other grants for one-time projects, typically in the range of \$500 to \$5,000. The committee approved support for sixteen of these projects in 2017-2018.

Awards approved during the 2017-2018 funding cycle are intended for projects occurring during the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year. During the 2017-2018 funding cycle, the committee received 26 total requests and granted funds to 24 programs for projects taking place in 2018-2019. The Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Committee approved grants totaling \$1,332,709.90 for 2018-2019 projects. Refer to Appendix A for the list of awards.

This year, the committee also took an extra initiative to confirm that awardees reached out to under-served student groups and students in under-funded areas. Committee members also reviewed detailed narratives, outlining student impact from previous award cycles.

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, 2017-2018

Corinna Burger, Biological Sciences (Neurology)
Alberta Gloria, *Chair*, Social Studies (Counseling Psychology)
Paola Hernandez, Arts and Humanities (Spanish & Portuguese)
Basil Tikoff, Physical Sciences (Geoscience)
Laurie Mayberry, Office of the Provost

Appendix A

Project/Program Name or Description	2017-2018
Sponsoring Unit	
<u>Ongoing Commitments</u>	
Chancellor’s Scholarship Program..... Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	\$80,000
Graduate School University Fellowships..... The Graduate School	\$179,080
Legal Education Opportunity Program..... Law School	\$80,000
Office of Student Financial Aid Scholarships..... Office of Student Financial Aid	\$750,000
Secretary of the Faculty..... University Lectures Committee	\$35,000
Sophomore Summer Research Apprenticeships..... L&S Honors Program	\$23,000
Sophomore Research Fellowship Program..... Office of the Provost	\$60,000
Transportation Options Program..... Morgridge Center for Public Service	\$40,000
<u>One-Time Awards</u>	
Baytunaa..... African Cultural Studies	\$1,000
Bringing UW Latino Earth Partnerships to Schools in Rural Ecuador..... Earth Partnership Program / Planning & Landscape Architecture	\$3,000
Canoes for GreenHouse Residential Learning Community..... GreenHouse Residential Learning Community	\$4,717.40
Community Gatherings Program Luncheons..... Chican@ & Latin@ Studies Program	\$4,000
Concrete Canoe Team..... Civil and Environmental Engineering	\$6,000
Engineers Without Borders Guatemala Team..... Civil and Environmental Engineering	\$10,000
Evening of Storytelling..... American Indian Studies	\$10,000
Garage Physics..... Physics	\$6,000
Human Powered Vehicle Team..... Mechanical Engineering	\$4,970
Kaleidoscope Conference..... Spanish & Portuguese	\$4,200
Midwest Undergraduate Geography Symposium..... Geography Club	\$4,000
Second Language Acquisition Graduate Student Symposium..... Second Language Acquisition Graduate Student Organization	\$5,920.50
Steel Bridge Team..... Civil and Environmental Engineering	\$5,000
Sustaining Scandinavian Folk Arts in the Upper Midwest..... Scandinavian Studies, Folklore and Religious Studies	\$3,686
Techniques of Wildlife Management..... Forest and Wildlife Ecology	\$7,680
WisQueer 2018 Conference..... Open House Gender Learning Community	\$5,274