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The Office of External Scholarships relies on UK faculty members to assist with scholarship review committees such as the Rhodes, Marshall and Fulbright. There are 12 scholarships that require university endorsement and faculty input is essential for those decisions. In the year I have been the Director of External Scholarships, faculty have been very generous with their time and expertise, but I have not always been able to fill all the committees and I am concerned that I will lean too heavily on a small group of faculty who have shown an interest in the past.

Would it be possible to work with the Senate to establish a rotating committee on undergraduate scholarship opportunities? This would be similar to the committee that already exists for review of Graduate School opportunities, the Graduate Council Committee on Fellowships and Traineeships, which has 30 members.

This would allow the faculty to be appointed by the President and the Senate for three year terms, after which they could either stay for a second round or rotate off this assignment. Using this system would help me manage a fair distribution across the colleges and the faculty and also ensure that these faculty members receive proper credit and recognition for this service work since my office has no budget to pay faculty for their review time. It would also help us develop some scholarship advising expertise on campus.

I realize that you have many other priorities this year, but is this something we could discuss at a calmer moment? Do you have any of those as the Senate Chair?

Regards,

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