

Policy on Remission of Tuition for Chem 4960

Background

When Del Weber was Chancellor there was a semester in which undergraduate research was supported by remission of tuition for one student in each program. This was prompted by Dr. Hagen's participation on the Faculty Senate at the time. Chemistry may have been the only department taking advantage of this; chemistry may have been the only department aware of this. Students enrolled in Chem 4960 submitted their proposals and the tuition account of the best (Hagen remembers it as all proposals.) was credited with resident tuition.

This tuition credit experiment was not continued, and in fact its existence is now impossible to document. Since the motivation for it remains valid, I thought to use chemistry gift funds to continue this. I have spoken with and written those who contribute charitably to the department, indicating my intention to apply their gifts, in part, toward remission of tuition for students taking Chem4960. They are either silent or supportive.

There have been few enough students taking 4960 since I started offering the possibility of tuition refund that I have not needed to rank students. Without expansion of donations, there will not be enough money coming in to fund more than one student a semester.

There was recently a misunderstanding about tuition remission for undergraduate research, so I thought it best to communicate, as a policy statement, the practices I intend to follow.

Policy

Students enrolled in Chemistry Problems, Chem 4960, may apply for a remission of tuition, to be funded from a Chemistry Department gift account. To be eligible students must be working in UNO laboratories under the supervision of full-time UNO Chemistry professorial faculty on a project that is potentially publishable in a peer-reviewed journal. There will be no remission for Chem 4950. There will be no remission for students whose tuition is already covered by a scholarship or grant. Tuition will be for one credit hour per semester at the resident rate, regardless of the student's residency status.

Application is made on the CHEM4960 orientation sheet. It is due at the end of the second class day following the 100% tuition refund period. When appropriate, e.g. if more applications are received than awards to be made, the department chairperson will ask the research advisors of each student to describe in writing the publishability of the proposed work of their student(s). Applications will be rated on this criterion.

There may be no award. Faculty cannot promise tuition remission to any student, even if there is a single, eligible 4960 student enrolled in a semester.

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