To: Richard Cunningham, Li Niu, Christopher Thorncroft, Ariel Caticha

CC: Caren Stark, Brian Gabriel, Chaina Porter, Leslie Saint-Vil

From: Jay Oddi

Date: January 29, 2016

Re: The Class of 1905 Bazzoni Fellowship

Once again, nominees are being sought for the Class of 1905 Bazzoni Fellowship. As discussed, two departments will each select one recipient on a rotating basis. This year, one award will go to a student in the Department of Chemistry and one award will go to a student in the Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences per the following schedule:

2014 – Chemistry & Atmospheric Sciences  
2015 – Physics & Biological Sciences  
2016 – Chemistry & Atmospheric Sciences  
2017 – Physics & Biological Sciences  

At this time, Professors Niu and Thorncroft should proceed to establish within their departments the processes to be followed in making their selections from among their majors. At the time of the creation of the Class of 1905 Bazzoni Fellowship, there were very few guidelines. This is all that we have to guide us:

**Awarded annually on a rotating basis to the best Natural Sciences Researcher (does not need to be a graduating senior).**

As a reminder, the Class of 1905 Bazzoni Fellowship is classified as a scholarship. Accordingly, Title IV regulations and University policy require the Financial Aid Office to apply the funds directly to the recipients’ accounts to cover the cost of tuition, fees, and other educational expenses. The recipients will not receive a direct payment.

Please make it your priority to use this fellowship to defray the cost of attendance for students planning to enroll in the 2016-17 academic year. By awarding this fellowship to continuing students, the funds will reduce their financial burden, perhaps enabling them to excel even more. Be aware that awarding this fellowship to graduating students may have unpredictable financial implications for them; the scholarship would be applied retroactively, resulting in adjustment to aid already received. This means that there is no guarantee that the student will receive a refund even if the account for Spring 2016 is paid in full. Therefore, please use other less-restricted resources to recognize your outstanding graduates and reserve this fellowship to encourage excellence in students continuing in your programs next year.

For recipients who will enroll in 2016-17, the total amount of this scholarship will be divided evenly between the fall and spring terms. Please notify me if the recipient’s circumstances require a different disbursement plan (e.g., the recipient will graduate at the end of the Fall 2016 term).

The Foundation Office will prepare certificates that can be presented to the recipients at a time that is appropriate for your department. At this time, the available funds permit both students to receive **$1,000**.

Please submit the name, student ID number, second majors (if any), and expected graduation term for your selections to me no later than Wednesday, **March 9, 2016**.