



“Ethnic Studies Conference 2017”

Proposed Motion: Funding for Ethnic Studies Conference

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Attached Document

Attached is the broke down Budget

Background & Context

“The objective of this organization was to serve as a forum for promoting research, study, curriculum design, and publication of interest to its members. The Association sponsored its first conference on ethnic and minority studies in 1973 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. At the conference, university and college professors, public school teachers, and students gathered to examine content and approaches to multicultural studies. Today, NAES members continue to examine the interlocking forces of domination that are rooted in socially constructed categories of gender, sexuality, class, and race, and are committed to challenging paradigms that systematically marginalize the experiences of diverse national and international populations. As scholars and researchers, NAES members are also committed to nurturing civic-minded and culturally informed students to strive to strengthen their communities.”

Summary of Proposal

The National Association for Ethnic Studies is holding a conference at San Francisco State University in March 23-25 2017. This year the Vice President for Diversity and Academic Affairs would like to attend and take a delegation of 12 students. We are planning on driving there and we would need to cover registration, board and room and also gas and the rental of two cars. In addition to attendance, we are working with the Education and Social Justice minor to have a panel or workshop around the work of social justice at WWU. The theme of this year is “The Promise of Ethnic Studies: On Healing, home, and the Radical Power of Solidarity.”

We believe that in attending this conference we can bring back knowledge on how to create more inclusive curriculum design and also as we start working on a new multicultural center, services that can be included within that center. Struggles are not alienated with each other and by going conference we would be bridging knowledge from our campus to other places. As well as opening a space for students here at Western to engage on future collaborations with people from across the country in any capacity doing the same work.

Fiscal Impacts

Price for Student \$389

If financial impacts occur:

What do you need to happen?

- Transfer \$ _____ from _____ (budget) to _____ (budget).
- Board’s approval to spend \$ 4,500 _____ from ____ FXXEHN and no other steps needed.
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Alternative Solutions

Option	Financial Impact of Option	Services or Outcome of Option
A	Board Reserves FXXBDS	\$4,500
B		
C		

Rationale

In the past money has come from this budget to fund conferences, especially the one for students of color. As the Board of Directors we have not funded activities for the VP for Academics and thinking about Intersectionality, this is an excellent opportunity to bridge the Academics and people from marginalize communities. This will also serve to integrate an ethnic studies program in the curriculum at WWU and expanding similar programs in the University.