

AS Board Funding Request

Proposed Motion: Approve an amount not to exceed \$6,200 for the New Equipment purchases as stipulated in Doc. 3 from an account to be named.

4 Computers at \$1,000 each	\$4,000.00
LCD TV-55inch:	\$1,700.00
Appox shipping/taxes	\$ 500.00
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Total	not to exceed \$6,200.00

* The Viking Union will be providing funding for the wall mount for the TV.

From the approved AS BOD TAP Report

Areas for Improvements/ Recommendations:

1. Work with VU Administration to redesign and reurpose the interior of the ESC

Prioritizing the re-purpose is to create the ESC as a desired *destination* with a reliable lounge, meeting and/or work-space as well as to emphasize the academic needs. Per planning meeting 3/22/11 - ESC stakeholders met with VU Facilities to discuss the redesign/repurpose of the ESC space in VU420. Initial plans are to proceed in phases and create short and long range ideas or a multi-year plan. Phase 1 would include purchase of furniture and media equipment to maximize usage of the ESC meeting area (VU420B). Furniture could include couches and other soft seating, comfortable stackable chairs, fold-away tables, and lamps to create a welcome work/study environment. Media equipment suggested include: a flat-screen TV, projector, laptop, whiteboard, and a storage cabinet. With seating and media availability, we will see an increase in club engagement and meetings within the Ethnic Student Center. Other possibilities: move the Program Coordinator to VU420C for a work/archive space, move the part-time salaried staff to VU420H for work space, move all club storage into the ESC workroom, purchase 4 additional computers for club use (an example could be to take \$4000 from Capital Projects Reserve If that is the amount deemed necessary), and not make any immediate major structural changes to walls etc. (Previous is pending input from ESC students).

The costs above the VU administration allocation will be presented to the Board through the Vice President for Diversity for approval. The intent is to emphasize a good-faith relationship between all parties involved.

Project Description from the proposal to the AS/VU Tech Committee

The Ethnic Student Center has recently repurposed the space based upon student and staff feedback that projected how the space could be used most purposefully. As a result this request is focused on two areas that concern technology. 1) Incorporation of technology for the general lounge/meeting area; 2) Incorporation of technology for a small computer lab.

Project Outcome

1. Incorporation of a LCD TV (as recommended, Samsung), wall mount (as recommended, Chief), and a computer (as recommended, standard or small form factor) will allow ESC student clubs to return to the ESC as a meeting space, study area, and general purpose learning space. In recent years the ESC has witnessed a reduction of usage, in part, to the lack of current technology that is utilized in general club meetings. Instead some clubs have opted to utilize classroom space to hold their meetings in order to use a computer for posting agendas, videos, language lessons, etc. The result of this project will allow ESC student clubs to return to the ESC as a welcoming space and become better acquainted with the ESC's services.
2. Incorporation of 3 computers (as recommended, standard tower) into office 420e will support the ESC's new mission of prioritizing educational and academic programming amongst the ESC clubs and the ESC in general. As the ESC evolves into a blended model when paired with

Student Outreach Services, academic success is coming to the forefront of ESC values. Students who utilize the computer lab will be able to simultaneously work on ESC club programming, academic endeavors and seek the support of the newly added ESC Academic Adviser.

Benefits

As stated in the Project Outcome, the two projects will address both quantitative and qualitative goals for the ESC. It is the intention of these projects to raise student interaction in the ESC, as well, as deliver quality services to the constituency of the ESC.

Detailed Itemized Budget as approved by the AS VU Tech Committee

Computer:	\$1000.00(x4)
LCD TV-55inch:	\$1700.00
Wall mount-low profile:	\$300.00
Total	\$6000.00