



**Proposed Motion:** Approve \$4,500 from an account(s) (to be agreed upon by the Board) for the purchase of (1) Raft for the Outdoor Center.

**Sponsor:** Vice President for Business & Operations

**Persons of Contact:** VP BusOps, Outdoor Center Manager

**Guest Speaker:** Outdoor Center Manager

**Date:** September 2012

**Request:** Seeking \$4,500 to purchase a raft for the Outdoor Center. The funding for the request may come multiple accounts or one.

**Context:** The VP for Business & Operations and the Manager of the ODC met after the first Board meeting discussing the Raft Request. This was to get further context and explanation of the request. The ODC Manager again stressed the hazardous condition of existing rafts in our inventory; and the importance of upgrading outdated equipment. The VP for BusOps stressed that the original request of 2 rafts (\$8,500) would not likely to pass a board vote. A compromise was made to purchase at least 1 raft so that the program may run. It is the opinion of the VP for Business and Operations that there are more than enough funds, today and for tomorrow, for this purchase.

**Fiscally:** The \$4,500 can come from a couple accounts.

Current Balance of related budgets

General Repair & Replacement (FXXGRR)	Approx. \$13,500 of Est. \$24,000.
Operational Enhancement (FXXENH)	0 of \$10,000.

A possible scenario would be \$2,500 out of FXXGRR and \$2,000 from FXXENH.

"Operating Enhancement: Increase of \$10,000 - restored after being eliminated in FY '12 budgeting process. Recommended that this budget be used instead of utilizing reserves to supplement AS program requests. "

-from FY'12-'13 Budget Allocation Report

To further my point about the availability of funds; and to again stress the importance of maximizing student dollars.

Fund Balance at the end of Fiscal Year 11-12'.

Operating Budget	\$ 184,038
Reserve Funds	\$1,117,850

At the end of each year, leftover from the Operating Budget flow into the reserve funds. These reserve dollars have strict regulations of how they can be used.

Fred Collins Raft Request on back.

## Raft Proposal:

This year our rafting trips were very successful and had a high demand in the student population. All of our raft trips had long wait lists and we frequently have requests for more raft trips. Currently we are planning to offer even more raft trips next year and are designing a rafting course, similar to the Whitewater Kayak and Mountaineering Courses we offered this year. In order to continue the program we require new rafts.

Our current rafting program is run as a part of our Excursions Department.

A typical raft trip consists of:

- Pre-trip meeting
  - o Fit Gear
  - o Team building games
  - o Safety talks
  - o Logistics
- Day Rafting
  - o Basic skills demonstration
  - o Rafting on easy whitewater

We would like to offer more rafting trips next year and implement the above mentioned raft course, which would look something like this:

- 3 Workshops where basic skills are learned
- A weekend rafting and learning basic river running skills and practicing skills from the workshops
- A multi-day trip over spring-break or Memorial day weekend

Our current rafts were purchased in 1998 and have outlived their useful life. They now present numerous safety concerns based on their current condition. For instance one of the rafts internal bladder systems has blown out and only has 2 chambers instead of 4. This is a major safety hazard if the raft gets a hole in it. Between the 2 rafts there are dozens of patches required. Both rafts have started to delaminate. Overall, the rafts are not in safe working condition right now. Thus we cannot offer any rafting excursions at this time. In order to continue offering rafting trips and expanding our services to students, new rafts need purchased.