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Name of the Event/Project/Conference: United States Student Association (USSA) National Student Power Summit (formerly National Grassroots Legislative Conference and National Student Lobby Day or 'LegCon') 2016

Event Date(s): March 18-21st

Location: Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Hotel.Washington DC

Estimated Number of Attendees: 8 WWU students

Reason for Funding

The United States Student Association (USSA) is the country's oldest, largest, and most inclusive student-led organization in the nation. USSA helps amplify the student voice at the local, state, and national levels by mobilizing grassroots power to win concrete victories on student issues. Each spring USSA organizes a legislative conference and student lobby day. This year, it is the National Student Power Summit, and this three-day event includes workshops, marches, rallies, and the opportunity for students to lobby their elected representatives on student issues. Past legislative conferences have resulted in Congress passing historic student aid reform and investing more federal money into higher education. Students at prior legislative conferences have attended Senate press conferences, bill signings with President Obama, and LegCon has had media coverage from the Washington Post, NPR, CNN, Fox News, the Nation, and USA Today.

USSA's National Student Power Summit is organized to develop students' abilities in advocacy, networking, lobbying, and protesting. NSPS is the largest lobbying event USSA holds and each year students from all over the country join to work towards affordable and accessible higher education. Sending delegates to this conference is a unique opportunity for Western's students' voices to be heard at the national level and ensure diverse representation of Western's study body. As Western seeks to increase our national engagement, students attending the National Student Power Summit would serve its purpose by bringing valuable skills back to Western's campus while helping to increase our national presence overall. Additionally, Western is an active and involved campus in USSA and several Western students hold Vice Chair or Co Chair positions on USSA's board. It is important that we continue to have Western represented in USSA and sending a large delegation to this conference assures that we'll have continued involvement in USSA decision making.

Amount Requested from the Legislative Action Fund (please be as specific as possible): _____

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
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<u>Registration</u>	8	\$150.00	\$1,200
<u>Flights</u>	8	\$450.00	\$3,600
<u>Lodging</u>	2 rooms, 3 nights	~\$350/Night/Room*	-\$2,100
<u>Meals Stioend</u>	8	\$100.00	\$800
<u>Total Total</u>		-\$787.50 / person	<u>-\$7,700.00**</u>

***Federal Government Per Diem ALWAYS Available, potential for USSA block rate**

****~Total for sending 12 WWU students = \$11,550.00**

Note from Patrick: The Legislative Action Fund (FXLACF) is currently at a balance of \$17,000 with a reserve balance of around \$18,000 (as far as I know from our conversations last fall, Lisa may have a better idea). There are also non-discretionary expenses still to be processed this year, including \$600 for the VLD Board Assistant pay, approx. \$6,000 for USSA dues and \$13,000 for WSA dues. This leaves the total at approximately \$15,400 as of the end of this quarter. Expected for revenue for Spring Quarter is around \$14,000, leaving approximately \$30,000 in the fund. There are also approved or pending discretionary expenses including Environmental Lobby Day (NTE \$1,500), January's USSA BoD meeting (NTE \$1,050), the WSA January BoD meeting (NTE \$150) and weekend organizing training (coming soon), as well as other potential opportunities as the state legislature is in session.

Legislative Action Fund Balance:	Reserves Balance	\$18,000.00
	Revenue less Expenses	\$17,000.00
	Expected Spring Qtr. Revenue	<u>+\$14,000.00</u>
	Estimated FXLACF balance:	~\$49,000.00

Encumbered Funds:	USSA Jan BoD NTE	\$1,050.00
	Env. Lobby Day	NTE \$1,500.00
	USSA Dues	~\$6,000.00
	WSA Dues	-\$13,000.00
	VLD Board Assistant	- \$600.00

Funds Pending Approval:	WSA Jan. BoD and Org. Training + NTE	\$170.00
		<u>- \$22,320.00</u>

Estimated Balance Remaining:	<u>\$26,680.00</u>
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