



“Proposal to fund the travel expenses for the Vice President for Student Life to attend the Regional NASPA conference”

Enhancement Fund (fxxenh) for the 2017-2018 academic year to send the VP for Student Life to the Regional NASPA Conference, in addition to an ~~_____~~

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Attached Document

Attached is the NASPA Western Regional Conference Website:

<https://www.naspa.org/events/L7WRC>

NASPA Main Website:

<https://www.naspa.org/>

Sample Flight Prices

<https://www.expedia.com/FI/flights-Search?flight-type=on&starDate=11%2F02%2F2017&endDate=11%2F06%2F2017&xpid=11905%7Cl&mode=search&trip=roundtrip&leel=from%3ASeattle%2C+WA+%28SEA-Seattle+-+Tacoma+Intl.%29%2Cto%3AHonolulu%2C+HI+%28HNL-Daniel+K+Inouye+Intl.%29%2Cdeparture%3A11%2F02%2F2017TANYT&leQ2=from%3AHonolulu%2C+HI+%28HNL-Daniel+K+Inouye+Intl.%29%2Cto%3ASeattle%2C+WA+%28SEA-Seattle+-+Tacoma+Intl.%29%2Cdeparture%3A11%2F06%2F2017TANYT&passengers=children%3A0%2Cadults%3A1%2Cseniors%3A0%2Cinfantinlap%3AY>

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Background & Context

NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) is a national organization that works to teach, engage and advance student affairs administrators in higher education across the United States. NASPA has 2,100 institutions holding membership, Western Washington University being one of them. Western Washington University’s newly hired Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services, Melynda Huskey, wishes to engage the university in the resources that NASPA offers. Part of this plan includes sending the Vice President for Student Life to the Regional NASPA conference each year. Huskey’s office will be providing the room, board, and registration fees, leaving only the cost of travel to be covered by the VP for Student Life.

Summary of Proposal

Gordon proposes that the Associated Students Board of Directors approves to use funds for a two year period from the Operation and Enhancement Fund (fxxenh) to allow this position (soon to be the Vice President for Student Services) to attend these conferences. After two years, the current board can access the value of attending and decide whether or not to operationalize this funding.

Fiscal Impacts

As previously stated this would be a two year cost. Because this is a regional conference it should be noted that the travel expense will vary year to year depending on location (ie. Seattle,

Washington in comparison to Honolulu, Hawaii). In a long term sense this position hopes to operationalize this fund.

If financial impacts occur:

What do you need to happen?

- ***Board's approval to spend \$500.00 from the operating and enhancement fund (fxxenh) and no other steps needed.***

Alternative Solutions

Due to the high value of interfacing personally and intimately this position believes that physically attending the conference is the best option to truly maximize the benefits. Those benefits include the vast amount of workshops and trainings attended that this position will be able to bring back to Western Washington University in hopes of bettering the University and the Student Services offered.

Rationale

This position believes that there is a lot to be gained from attending this conference and believes that this position should have the opportunity to continue to develop critical ideas about how to best serve students.