



“Ethnic Studies Conference Funding 2018”

Proposed Motion: To partially fund 12 students to the National Association for Ethnic Studies Conference on March 8-11, 2018 at Virginia Commonwealth University”

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Attached Document

Attached is the *Funding Information Draft*

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 Virginia Commonwealth University in March 8-11, 2018. This year the Vice President for Diversity and Academic Affairs would like to attend and take a delegation of 12 students. We are flying from Seattle to Virginia, and this funding will cover airfare, lodging, registration, and possibly per diem.

The theme of this year’s conference is “The Ongoing Struggle: On Confronting White Neo-Nationalism, 21st Century Racisms, and Settler Colonialism.” We believe that in attending this conference we can bring back knowledge on how to create more inclusive curriculum design as we make efforts in revitalizing the college of Ethnic Studies at WWU. 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

Expense per student: \$914.5 for 12 students to attend

- Board’s approval to spend \$6000 from FXXRES.

Alternative Solutions

Options (Please provide multiple options for the same proposal if alternatives are available).

Option	Financial Impact of Option	Services or Outcome of Option
A	Student Enhancement Fund	\$2000 - \$3000
B	Activities Council	\$1200-\$1800
C	Academic Affairs/Diversity Initiative Fund	\$1000-\$2000

Rationale

We have started the work on Ethnic Studies last year, so it is imperative that the work is continued and that we are passing this history/knowledge to new students coming to WWU. This is a great opportunity for Academic Affairs to think about ways in which we are representing marginalized students' identities within the classroom, and through the curriculum. We are planning to take 12 students to this conference, similar to last year, but we can take 8 students if that's what the budget allows.