



“Student Enhancement Fund Extension”

Proposed Motion: *Approval of \$25,000 grant for one year to maintain the Student Enhancement Fund.*

Sponsor: AS Vice President for Business & Operations, Alexander William LaVallee

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Guest Speaker: (none)

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Background & Context

On Friday, May 27th, 2016, then AS President, Belina Seare, proposed a solution to the ambiguity surrounding the AS Board of Directors funding conference travel requests and the processing of those requests. That solution was the Student Enhancement Fund. For two-years, the fund dispensed \$70,000 (split over the two year period, \$35,000). Now is the time of final reckoning for this fund. For the program to continue, funding must be allocated. It is the AS Vice President for Business & Operations’, Alex LaVallee, goal to see this fund incorporated into the AS Reserve policies by the end of academic year 2018-2019. If such an action can be completed sooner, then this proposal will not be needed.

Summary of Proposal

Proposed motion: Approval of \$25,000 grant for one year, out of FXXRES.

- The fund will receive a grant of \$25,000 per year coming out of discretionary reserves. The purpose of having the grant as a one-year program is to give the board of 2018-2019 an opportunity to shift the funding source of this fund to the AS Reserves policies.

Proposed motion: To continue to fund a wages for Student Enhancement Fund Coordinator, not to exceed 12 hours per week

- This fund will also have a position to support the work of the Student Enhancement Fund. This position would be responsible for working with the Finance office, the AS Business Office, the committee, and students who are hoping to get funding and have the ability to prepare each meeting and provide guidance throughout the year. The salary is NTE \$XXXX.XX (\$XX.XX @ 12 hours a week for Fall, Winter, Spring) with an additional 20 hours in the summer.

Fiscal Impacts

Student Enhancement Fund Facilitator Salary:

Fall (X weeks) + Winter (X weeks) + Spring (X weeks) = X weeks in the regular academic year

Hourly Wage + \$X.XX an hour, NTE 12 hours a week= NTE SXXX.XX per week

Final Salary: X (weeks) x \$ X.XX per week = XXXX.XX + (20 summer hours x \$X.XX= SXXX.XX)

Final Salary = NTE SXXXX (rounded up from SXXXX.XX)

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	Fund fills only when there are excess reserves (similar to AS Large Event Reserve)	Incorporate Fund in AS Reserve Policies

Rationale

The fund was created as a grant and would be used with a deep understanding to respect the manner in which it was collected, which is through the student dollars which have accumulated in discretionary reserves for many years. There are several opportunities for students to receive partial, and occasionally full, funding for conferences if they are seeking funding as an AS club, for an ESC club, through the Personnel Development fund, as an Environmental organization and more. However, it can be extremely difficult for students who aren't necessarily directly affiliated with the AS or another AS affiliated organization. The creation of this fund has supported student's development, professionally and personally, while also increasing students' access to engage with the Associated Students in the future. Students who receive this funding are supported in pursuing unique opportunities that will enhance their professional and personal development in a way that contributes to the betterment of our campus community.