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**AS Executive Board**

**Decision Package**

**Overview**

**Title:** AS Executive Board Travel Budget

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**Summary of proposal:** The AS Executive Board is in need of some funding to support their professional development. Currently, AS employees are given some professional development funds and as currently written, the AS Executive Board is not eligible to access those funds.

**Total fiscal impact:** $5250- $7000

**Information**

As with all positions, the Executive Board would like to have the opportunity to travel for professional development. It is critical for all employees to be able to engage in best practices, create contacts from other institutions, and learn new skills and perspectives to achieve their goals in their positions so they can better serve the WWU students.

**Fiscal Impact**

There are 7 Executive Board members and if there was support of $750 the total would be about $5250. If the support was at $1000 the total would be about $7000. A typical conference fee is about $350 which would leave $400 for flight, lodging, and per diem thus why $1000 would be ideal allowing for $650 to be used for flight, lodging, and per deim.

**Justification**

This funding allows for equity to our AS Executive Board in accessing funds for professional development travel. The only travel that is allocated in the budget is the Federal Lobbying trip for up to two Executive Board members- even then, this is not meet the need of opportunity to develop our leaders through professional development. By allowing for professional development funds, it is my belief, the students if Western Washington University will be better served due to the skills and knowledge being attained through professional development. Opportunities such as leadership conferences for student government, conferences focused on diversity, sustainability, student affairs, student activities, etc are critical in developing our elected student leaders.