

“AS Activities Council Funding”



Proposed Motions: Grant the AS Activities Council the amount of \$4,000 from Operational Enhancement (FXXENH) to Club Conference (FXXACC).

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Summary of Proposal

The AS Activities Council would like to request an amount to supplement an initial loss it received due to a misunderstandings of Viking Union Carry-Over policy (section A. 4.). This money would help the AS Activities Council support student requests in traveling as an AS club. This idea of clubs traveling sits in conjunction with the AS Activities Council's Rules of Operation (section II. 6.) Where clubs are strongly encouraged to host an activity on campus that reflects the benefits obtained at the conference. We are wanting to assist WWU students.

Background & Context

Last year the AS club, NeRDS, came to AS Activities Council requesting in late May, which is generally at the closure of the year, for a conference their club wanted to attend. Since the council was not expecting any more travel requests, as this was the last meeting of the quarter, we decided to allocate the remaining amount to the club. We discussed the Carry-Over policy and how the club will need to spend money in the current fiscal year to not affect the next fiscal year. Ultimately there was a misunderstanding with the Carry-Over policy that resulted in this particular allocation affecting this fiscal year.

We have refined and strengthened the Rules of Operation in regards to clubs receiving money from the AS Activities Council for travel. The initial loss has negatively affected the other clubs this fiscal year as we have been allocating a lot less to clubs to compensate. This year the \$14,000 that is generally allocated for club travel took a \$3000 (21%) hit at the start of the year. We have seen a 150% increase (from 4 to 10) in the number of clubs requesting money by the end of January.

Fiscally

Ideally, we would like to be allocated an amount to cover our initial loss at the start of this fiscal year at the amount of \$3,000. Due to the growing trend of more WWU students in AS clubs wanting to attend more academic conferences we are asking for an additional amount to compensate student needs at the amount of \$4,000. The grant would come from Operational Enhancement (FXXENH) and go into Club Conference (FXXACC).