



“Queer Students of Color Conference”

Proposed Motion: Approve an underwrite of 2,000 from Operating Enhancement [FXXENH] for 12 WWU students to attend the Queer Students of Color conference in Portland, OR.

Sponsor: *AS VP for Diversity, Abby Ramos*

Persons of Contact:

Guest Speaker:

Date: 3/9/16

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Background & Context:

Portland State University will be putting on the 6th year Queer Students of Color Conference from April 16th to the 17th. The two-day conference provides QSOC with different workshops around identity and community building and the chance to meet prominent speakers in the Queer community who are of color. The opportunity is unlike one that is currently available in Washington state. The conference is held by their Queer Student Resource center. The theme and workshops are still being finalized.

Summary of Proposal

This proposal is requesting funds for students to attend the conference and bring back their learned information back to campus. The funds will cover 12 students with their registration, food costs, and lodging. The proposal will also cover funds for transportation.

Fiscal Impacts

<i>Registration</i>	<i>12 students @ ~\$25</i>	<i>\$300</i>
<i>Food cost</i>	<i>12 @ Portland per diem (dinner for two days) \$34 for dinner</i>	<i>\$816</i>
<i>Lodging</i>	<i>\$85 per night with on campus dorms (1 night) 6 rooms</i>	<i>\$510</i>
<i>Transportation</i>	<i>.44 per mile @524 roundtrip</i>	<i>\$230.5</i>
<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>~154 per student for conference</i>	<i>\$1,856.50</i>

Rationale

Attending this conference will be beneficial in so many ways and it will overall enhance the everyday operations of the AS as well as the campus culture. The students-at-large who attend this conference can bring back their acquired skills, knowledge and experience and apply it to their communities of Western. The AS employees can apply it to their work in the AS for the rest of the year, ultimately become better resources for the student they are serving.