



## **“The Power of One LGBT Student Leadership Conference”**

**Proposed Motions:** *Approve an underwrite of \$2,140 from Operating Enhancement [FXXENH] for 10 WWU students to attend the Power of One Conference in Tacoma, WA.*

**Sponsor:** *AS VP for Diversity, Abby Ramos*

**Persons of Contact:** *Casey Hayden, Coordinator of Student Activities*

**Guest Speaker:** *Casey Hayden*

**Date:** 3/30/16

### **Attached Document**

Attach supplementary documents to complement this summary page

### **Background & Context**

The Power on One Conference has been hosted by our western region of NASPA (student affairs professional organization) for many years, and Western has send delegations in the past who have come back with very positive feedback and renewed energy to make positive change on our campus. However, it has been at least a few years since Western has had a group of students and/or staff attend this conference.

From the conference website:

***April 28 – April 30, 2016***

***University of Washington, Tacoma***

*The Power of One LGBT Student Leadership Conference is an established and sustainable conference and is housed administratively in NASPA's Region V. Each year different campuses bid to host this conference and continue the work to develop the leadership skills in our LGBT students.*

#### **CONFERENCE THEMES & TOPICS**

- *Ally Development*
- *Gender*
- *Health and Wellness*
- *Social Justice*
- *Leadership*
- *Creative Arts*
- *Advisors, Administrators, and Professionals*

### **Summary of Proposal**

The organizations within the AS that have the purpose of serving the needs of our queer student community are in a period of renewed growth. The Queer Resource Center is making some strategic decisions to strengthen its role on campus. And we now have more than a few clubs either flourishing or revitalizing: WWU Queer Club, Queer People of Color, T.A.G. Team (Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students), and Western Aces (asexual student club). Several students from these groups have expressed interest in attending Power of One.

Also, one or two staff advisors may also be attending this conference, and if so would be paid for from FXXVU professional staff development funds. This proposal is coming to the AS Board instead of the Activities Council for a few reasons: 1) The action to gather a delegation of students is coming from VU staff rather than any particular club, 2) students from several clubs and an AS program (QRC) have expressed interest, 3) having VU advisor staff take on the securing of funds and completion of travel procedures makes this a much more accessible conference opportunity for students, and 4) the Activities Council does not have sufficient conference funds to be able to fund this activity.

**Fiscal Statement**

**Cost Breakdown for Power of One Student Delegation**

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Per Person</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Covered by VU Staff dollars</b>
Registration	\$125	10 students	\$1,250.00	staff regis. @ \$145 ea.
Hotel	\$260 (per room)	3 rooms for students	\$780.00	addl. Staff rooms
Transportation	\$110 (per AS vehicle)	2 vehicles at 244 mi RT ea.	\$220.00	\$110.00
Parking at hotel	\$14 (for 2 nights per car)	2 vehicles	\$28.00	\$28.00
Meals	most included with registration, students would pay out of pocket for others			
Grand Total Request			<b>\$2,140.00</b>	

**Rationale**

This conference would have so many benefits to our students and to the continued success of our queer student community. Based on feedback from previous student delegations, the conference content should provide excellent opportunity for skill and knowledge development by delving deeply into the complex issues faced by queer or LGBT-identified students on our campus as well as those faced by (and created by) the institution when trying to ensure equitable access and success for queer students. By being able to connect with, and learn from, other student leaders in roles similar to their, our students will come back to Western with fresh ideas and strategies for implementing better structures and activities.