



“North West Filipino American Student Alliance Conference”

Proposed Motion: To approve \$800 from FXXRES AS Discretionary Reserves to cover lodging for WWU FASA attending the NWFASA Conference
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Attached Document

None.

Background & Context

The Filipino American Student Association is part of a regional organization called NWFASA. They hold an annual conference, and this year it will be held in University of Washington, Bothell on April 1, 2017. FASA is asking for \$750 to provide lodging for one night. FASA is taking 30 students, and they will pay for their own registration (\$45-55 per student), transportation, and some meals.

The theme of this year's conference is “Isang Bagsak: Moving Forward in Solidarity” Translated to "One Down" or "One Fall," "Isang Bagsak" is an action of a singular clap by a group of people that originated from the 1960's by the Farm Workers Movement in California. Figuratively, it is a statement representing unity and empowerment. This year, as members of the Filipino community in our respective organizations, we hope all of NWFASA embrace each organization's individuality and grow stronger as a whole from the experience. In essence, it's learning and enriching ourselves from past experiences as we develop as individuals and as an alliance. By the end of conference, it is our hope that attendees will find themselves being involved in teamwork, collaboration and unity within their community in order to make a difference in our society.

Summary of Proposal

Lodging at Red Lion Hotel and Suites on April 1st. The estimated rate is \$129/night for a 2 Queen Bedroom plus pullout couch, which could fit 6 people. FASA is reserving 5 rooms to accommodate ~30 students. The cost will be:

$$\$129 \times 5 = \$645 + \text{tax}(\sim\$80) = \$725$$

FASA is asking for the full \$750 from AS Reserves to cover this cost, and to leave room in case the rate slightly goes up. As for ESC Steering Committee, FASA has already asked for \$1800 for their dinner from Fall Quarter, and each club is limited to ask for only \$2000. As for the Student Enhancement Fund, their proposal timeline is still in the works, and the proposal would not be approved by the time we need the hotels booked as the conference is happening during the 1st week of Spring Quarter. FASA's account is also currently in the negatives, and they have been fundraising a lot in order to recover their club funds.

Fiscal Impacts

What do you need to happen?

- Transfer \$750 from FXXRES (budget) to FXXCLUB ASB131 (budget).*
- Board's approval to spend \$750 from FXXRES and no other steps needed.*

Rationale

FASA attends this conference every year in order for students to be able to network with other Filipino organizations in the region. It is a way for students to explore their identity, gain leadership skills, and bond with each other. This year's conference theme especially emphasizes the solidarity work with each other.