

AS Legislative Action Fund Funding Request

USSA Board Meeting Set Up Costs (\$78)

Presenting organization: United States Student Association

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Name of the Event/Project/Conference: USSA Board of Directors Meeting

Event Date(s): May 29-31

Location: Viking Union

Estimated Number of Attendees: 30-40 people

Reason for Funding:

We will be hosting the United States Student Association's board meeting and we have the Viking Union reserved for the meeting to take place. With WWU discovery days happening, a lot of the spaces were already reserved early on. With the unavailability of space, I had to reserve different rooms for each day. One of the rooms we reserved doesn't have computer and projector access, which we will need to run the meeting. We will be getting that set up by the VU staff, but set up comes with expenses that I'm hoping can be supported by Legislative Affairs Council.

More info about USSA:

The United States Student Association (USSA), the country's oldest, largest, and most inclusive national student-led organization, develops current and future leaders and amplifies the student voice at the local, state, and national levels by mobilizing grassroots power to win concrete victories on student issues. This year is Western's first year as direct campus member of the USSA following the Washington Student Association's vote to leave the organization for fiscal reasons. Membership is paid per academic year, and as our first year, we are currently paying at a discounted price of \$0.40 per FTE from the Legislative Action Fund. As many of you all know, the LACF is going through it's first year of restructure and will need a few years for stability.

As direct members, here are the benefits as listed on their website and in the contract with WWU:

Benefits of Direct Member Campuses include:

- Regular campus visits from USSA national staff and officers
- Trainings and advisement on campus-wide campaigns
- Discounted registration fees for USSA conventions
- Voting rights at annual conventions that enable students from your campus to run for national office, vote in national elections, propose national campaigns/resolutions, and vote on national campaigns/resolutions
- Direct contact with your national staff and officers in DC who track decisions being made at the federal level and provide ways for you as students to affect those decisions
- 1 discounted GROW Training a year

As a USSA Board member, it is my responsibility to help execute campaigns on a national level, assist with the planning of both USSA Congress and Legcon, be present for biweekly conference calls, and also bimonthly Board meetings.

Amount Requested from the Legislative Action Fund:

VU 464 needs to be set-up for Friday, that will cost \$52. Also, the Viking Union will need to be open by 8 am so that USSA staff can set up for our 9 am meeting. On the weekends, the Viking Union opens at 10 am, so to have VU staff there earlier than VU operating hours to unlock and be available in the building by 8 am will cost \$26 (\$13/hour). The total cost is \$78.

Funding your group is providing: Other costs that need to be covered are meals, which is being supported through the Operational Enhancement Fund that's overseen by the Board of Directors.