“Proposal to Grant ASAC Additional Funding”

Proposed Motion: Move to add $3000 to the Activities Council Grants/Loans/Underwrites budget (FXXGRN) from Discretionary Reserves (FXXBDS)

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Attached Documents
   Club Conference.docx
   Grants Loans and Underwrites.docx

Background & Context
Activates Council (ASAC) is one of the most direct ways AS money is allocated to students. Students come in and request funding for all kinds of different events. The attached documents show the stuff we have funded so far this year. There are two funds, one for conference travel and one generally for events put on by clubs. This year both funds have been drained at much faster rates than usual. The Club Conference budget was drained midway through Winter Quarter both due to higher demand and increasing travel costs.

When Club Conference runs out, ASAC will continue to fund conferences from Grants/Loans/Underwrites but with stronger requirements about bringing something back to campus. This reduces the money available for clubs to put on events here on campus. This year we ran out of club conference funding half way through Winter Quarter. Clubs have been more active and we have received more requests than usual this year. Many of the requests, specifically conferences ones, have also come in at larger amounts than they have before. Travel and lodging costs have seen increases but this fund has not seen an increase to account for that.

At this point in the past several years, these two funds combined would on average have between 8,000-12,000 more than what we currently have left. Currently we have $3,823.21 left in Grants/Loans/Underwrites and as of 3/30/16 we have requests totaling $4,396. Not all of these will be fully funded and we do expect around $1,000-$2000 to come back from an underwrite we gave. We are concerned about having enough money to fund requests that come in for the rest of this year.

Summary of Proposal
Grant ASAC an addition $3,000 to help fund the requests that are coming in for Spring quarter. This money is going into Grants/Loans/Underwrites but would be partially used to help fund conference requests that come in during Spring Quarter.

Fiscal Impacts
$3,000 from Discretionary Reserves

Rationale
ASAC money helps students put on the events they believe are important to this campus and helps to send students to conferences to gain skills/experiences to make this campus a better place.