“Underground Coffeehouse Keyboard”

Proposed Motion: "To introduce an electronic keyboard to the Underground Coffeehouse event programming."

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Attached Document
No additional documents.

Background & Context
After reviewing the feedback from both the Underground Coffeehouse Coordinator and participants from the programming that occurs, it has become apparent that there is a need for a keyboard to play during events such as Open Mies. The Underground Coffeehouse Coordinator believes that this will provide more musical diversity to the Open Mies and enable greater accessibility to students that do not have the means to purchase or transport their own keyboard.

Summary of Proposal
This proposal shall act to introduce an electronic keyboard into the event programming of the Underground Coffeehouse. AS Productions would like to purchase an M Audio Keyboard, a keyboard stand, a wheeled keyboard bag, and piano bench.

M Audio Accent 88-Key Digital Piano (comes with pedal)  
http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/1218364-
RE G/m audio accent 88 key digital piano.html

K-88 Tightweight Keyboard Case with Wheels  
http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/287620-
REG/Gator Cases GK 88 GK 88 Keyboard Case.html

Piano Stand  
http://www.sweetwater.com/store/detail/PlatformStd

Piano Bench  
http://www.bhphotovideo.com/c/product/1039786-REG/auray pbs xx x style piano.html

Fiscal Impacts
Cost of Keyboard: $499.00
Cost of Case: $145.00
Cost of Stand: $79.95
Cost of Bench: $35.95
Total Cost: NTE $1,500.00

Rationale
The introduction of the keyboard would improve accessibility of the Underground Coffeehouse programming, specifically the Open Mics. However, this keyboard can also be used to backline Wednesday Night Concerts and Jazz Jams. Musicians in Jazz Jams have received parking passes in the past to transport their keyboards and this purchase would eliminate that cost, in addition to the other benefits described.