

Update to Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF)

Request for Student Affairs Funds

Program/Event Name:

6th Annual Native American Studies Graduate Student Symposium

HISTORY

1. How many years has the program/event/department been receiving funding from the **Student Affairs Department**? If SA funds were not used, where did funding come from previously?
2. What was the historical context in which the program/event/department started receiving funding from **Student Affairs**? (if applicable)

Student Affairs donated \$5,000 to the 4th Annual Native American Studies Graduate Student Symposium in April of 2015. These funds were utilized for a variety of conference organizational needs. Primarily, however, these funds were utilized to sponsor a banquet for symposium presenters and guests. This banquet seated well over one hundred people and was an important site for networking, sharing, and giving gratitude for the event. The remainder of these funds was spent on the hotel reservations, honorariums, and gifts for our keynote speakers: Dr. Amy Lonetree (UCSC) and Vincent Medina (Heyday Books).

In 2016, Student Affairs donated \$3,000 to the 5th Annual Native American Studies Graduate Student Symposium. This money was, once again, used to fund the symposium banquet. These funds were used to pay for the honorarium, travel and lodging of one keynote speaker: Dr. Dian Million (University of Washington).

BUDGET

3. What percent of the program/event/department's budget would come from the **Student Affairs** funds?
4. How will the program/event/department use the funding from **Student Affairs**?
5. Does the program/event/department have any other source of revenue or fundraising?
6. Please provide a budget summary of your program/event/department.

The Native American Studies Graduate Student Association is requesting \$1,000 from Student Affairs. This money will be used to fund. We have currently received \$7,800 in donations from various entities. A donation of \$1,000 from Student Affairs would roughly constitute 10% of our budget. These funds will be used to pay for food, specifically the keynote luncheon and afternoon snack for the second day of the event (April 14). The keynote luncheon will feature Danielle Finn, Miss Indian World and current law student at Arizona State University. The afternoon snack will allow conference presenters and attendees a final opportunity to network with each other and reflect on the event prior to departure.

Our symposium committee has fundraised widely. We receive funding from Yocha Dehe Endowed Chair for California Indian Studies, a variety of UCs, including UCB Department of Ethnic Studies, UCB Dean of Social Sciences, UCM Vice Provost and Graduate Dean, UCSB Department of

Anthropology, UCSB Dean of Social Sciences, and UCR Department of Ethnic Studies. We also receive funding from several UCD departments and organizations. For further budgetary information, please see attachments.

Our symposium is entirely funded by generous donations and the efforts of graduate student fundraising. We appreciate any contribution.

IMPACT

7. In general, tell the council about the program/event/department's role and function on campus. (What impact does it have on students? The UC Davis campus community? The wider Davis community?)
8. How many students participate or benefit from the program/event/department in which **Student Affairs** funds are used? How many unique students?

In order to get a jump-start on this year's symposium we would greatly appreciate if you can provide funds and/or assistance to the symposium. Any amount of contribution is important to making this event as memorable and successful as last year. **We anticipate participation from graduate students from the University of California, Santa Barbara and your support will help us to make sure that this symposium continues to lead the way in these collaborative discussions.**

This year's theme is "**Currents of Resistance, Activism, and Justice: Indigenous Responses to Neoliberalism**" a topic that emerged from many of the conversations during the 6th annual UC Davis Native American Studies Graduate Student symposium. Due to the tremendous success of last year's two-day event **with over 200 attendees and over 35 presentations** from graduate students of institutions throughout the country, this year's symposium will also be a two-day event. Furthermore, and with great anticipation, we are excited to announce that this event will reach beyond the UC campuses to also include graduate student presentations from graduate and tribal college scholars from around the world who are engaged with the field of Native American/Indigenous Studies. **The UC Davis NAS Graduate Student symposium continues to be the only Native American/ Indigenous Studies graduate student symposium in the country. Our symposium has fostered a reputation for cutting edge research and engaging discussions that have lead to collaborations and partnerships from across campuses.** In order to give you a better sense of how we are organizing this year's event, we have attached our call for papers to this letter.

As we prepare to continue our dialogues from the 2015 symposium with the participation of graduate students from across campuses worldwide, we look forward to your support. We ask that you **please save the date for Thursday and Friday April 13-14, 2017** to join us for some food, art displays, and a whole lot of conversations about what it means to be "**Currents of Resistance, Activism, and Justice: Indigenous Responses to Neoliberalism**" from interdisciplinary perspectives.