

Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF) Feedback from NASFSS Presentation, 4/7/17

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

Native American Studies Graduate Student Symposium

- Funding for this event would be of great service to communities that have been historically oppressed and marginalized. As the presenter mentioned, the symposium is increasing in scope annually which is of great service to the UC Davis Native American community. However, they should increase undergraduate involvement in the planning process.
- 1. More advertisement needs to let more students know about this symposium. 2. Provide the symposium report to the student affairs department.
- Seems like a great event, and this money will allow a more expansive audience to attend. Would be good for UC Davis as a whole to make this event as great as it can be.
- The symposium is a great student initiation to promote diversity by bringing in keynote speakers from all over the world. It is welcoming to see this being done by students, and I believe the school should support them in the form of monetary support.
- I think the NAS Symposium should happen, especially because no other Native American Studies Symposium exists in the entire country. At this moment, I do not know what the Student Affairs Discretionary fund is supposed to go toward. What responsibility does SA have for funding symposiums? How much is the budget we are looking at and how much is being asked for each year? Without answers to the above comments, I cannot state whether SA should fund such projects.
- This is a very important program, especially since it is unique to UC Davis. Because each year they request less money, it shows their commitment to the program and the goal of being sustainable. Also, since this event is solely funded by this grant (10%) I feel it is quite worthy.
- The Native American Community is underrepresented on our campus and has shown efforts to incredibly minimize their costs. I think \$1,000 is very little compared to the \$5,000 they asked for 2 years ago. Additionally, it is the only event like this so schools around the U.S. will see the success of this one and model off it. Good for UCD to have this kind of event.
- I really admire the work effort and fundraising done by the students. I would say support the event this year, but I think of an event of this caliber being the only NA conference for graduate students should gain more from the other institutions who are benefitting and in attendance. I would not approve seeing an increase in funding for next year to an amount over \$1,000.

- For this being a student-organized symposium, it is awesome that they know how to reach out to many different funding sources to make this event happen. They represent underrepresented students and need help from student affairs funds.
- This population is severely underserved and this symposium, although not sponsored by a main UC Davis department, is a wonderful service to Native American scholars. Since this is the only one in the world, I think eventually a department/campus entity/ student affairs etc. should permanently fund this in the future.
- The requested amount of funding is more than reasonable given the past amounts given and the work that has been put into collecting funds from a diverse range of beneficiaries.