

Update to Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF)

Request for Student Affairs Funds

Program/Event Name: **UC Davis Delegation - Students of Color Conference**

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?**

Our records show that Students of Color Conference has received funding from Student Affairs for a minimum of six years.

- 2. What was the historical context in which the program/event/department started receiving funding from Student Affairs? (if applicable)**

Student Affairs has historically had a great investment in uplifting and creating spaces in which students of color can network and thrive. The goals of this conference very much align with the goals of Student Affairs to provide a safe space for students of color and their allies to collaboratively discuss and explore issues of structural and cultural inequality. Through workshops, caucuses, and cultural performances, a sense of awareness and solidarity is instilled in students. These experiences help cultivate a diverse community of students committed to making a difference for current and future generations.

BUDGET

- 3. What percent of the program/event/department's budget would come from the Student Affairs funds?**

Due to great budget restrictions within ASUCD, we are hoping that Student Affairs would all cover all costs for the conference.

- 4. How will the program/event/department use the funding from Student Affairs?**

The Office of Advocacy and Student Representation, the unit within ASUCD responsible for organizing the conference, would use the funding from Student Affairs to pay for the admission cost of each student to attend, meals for each day, transportation and lodging.

- 5. Does the program/event/department have any other source of revenue or fundraising?**

Historically, ASUCD has been able to contribute up to \$1000 in funding, but this is not always guaranteed and does not cover registration fees for the conference alone.

- 6. Please provide a budget summary of your program/event/department.**

Description	Units	Cost Per Unit	Amount
Registration	56	\$50	\$2,800
Bus- 56 people	1	\$4,650	\$4,650
Hotel - 2 nights	28	\$170	\$4,760
Friday Dinner	56	\$15	\$840
Saturday Dinner	56	\$15.00	\$840
Sunday Dinner	56	\$15	\$840
Total Costs			\$14,730

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?)**

The Student of Color Conference is an annual conference established by the University of California Student Association and hosted by a different University of California campus each year. The Student of Color Conference is unique in its engagement of many post-secondary institutions throughout California and neighboring states. Students from all the University of California campuses are able to come together for a weekend of education, collaboration, and networking. This allows for students to share ideas and goals while also establishing personal and academic connections that will help them through their professional and academic careers.

SOCC provides numerous opportunities for students to participate in spaces that develop their understanding of identity and culture. Workshops at the conference vary in topics, from *Addressing the American Achievement Gap* and *Intercommunity Discrimination* to *Sexual Assault in Communities of Color* and *From Class to Class: Low Income Students in Higher Education*. Not only are these critical dialogues empowering for the individual student, but they also promote civic engagement and continued conversations that are beneficial to the Davis community.

This conference cultivates campus leaders who are better equipped to understand the complex nature of our society and navigate higher education. We believe that it is important for UC Davis students to continue to have the valuable opportunity to attend the Student of Color Conference, as financial barriers should never hinder a student from receiving or sharing knowledge. Because this is a costly endeavor, we ask for Student Affairs' assistance in helping to support the growth and continuation of this evolving community of UC Davis scholars.

- 8. How many students participate or benefit from the program/event/department in which Student Affairs funds are used? How many unique students?**

In 2016, we had over 156 unique applicants apply to the conference but only had the budget to take 43 students, whereas in 2015, we were given the budget to take 100 students. In future years, we would like to take 56 students to the conference.