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**Application**  
**Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request**  
**2012-2013 Academic Year**  
**DEADLINE: Fall and Academic Year 3/31/12**  
**Spring 2013 deadline is 10/31/12**

Applications must first be sent to the appropriate program chair. Chairs will then recommend and route them to the Dean's Office for review and authorization. The Dean's Office will then forward them to the IRA Committee for consideration.

**Activity Title:** Congressional Government in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: An Election-Year Appraisal of American Politics

Project Sponsor/Staff (Name/Phone): Sean Kelly (3309) and Scott Frisch (2770)

Activity/Event Date(s): Fall, 2012

Date Funding Needed By: August, 2012

*\*\*Please Note that for Fall Requests the earliest that you will be notified of funding availability will be early June 2012 and for Spring Requests early January 2013.*

**Please check if any of the following apply to your IRA:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Purchase     | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trip   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Events    | <input type="checkbox"/> Participant data collection for public dissemination, i.e. interviews/surveys that result is a journal/poster session/newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IT Requirements        | <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management Consultation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Travel   | <input type="checkbox"/> Late Submission  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Space/OPC Requirements |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure/Remodel |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____            |   |

Previously Funded: YES XNO Yes, Request # \_\_\_\_\_

\*If previously funded, please attach copy of IRA Report

Does your proposal require IRB (Institutional Review Board) approval: Yes XNo

Assessment submitted for previously Funded Activity: YES XNO

Academic Program or Center Name and Budget Code: Lib 840

Date of Submission: 3/30/12

Amount Requested: \$62,500

(Should match item 2. E. on page 4)

Estimated Number of Students Participating: 500-1000

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**Conditions and Considerations**

**Equipment Purchase**-If requesting large equipment, Project Sponsor must show proof of correspondence with OPC Administration. In addition, all other purchases must follow Procurement Guidelines.

**Events**-For a large event, consultation with the events coordinator is recommended.

**Participant Data Collection for Public Dissemination**-If Project Sponsor proposes to conduct research with human participants then it may be subject to IRB (Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects) review. It is the Project Sponsor's responsibility to inquire with the IRB prior to IRA application submission to determine if the project is exempt from IRB review so that funding is not delayed. Please indicate on the cover page if your project is exempt from IRB review.

**Field Trip**-If approved, Identified Risks of Participation and Release Agreement must be submitted for each student to the Program Office (Public Folders-HR Forms).

**IT Requirements**-Requires proof of correspondence and approval from IT Administration

**International Travel**-Requires International Travel application be submitted to Center for International Affairs.

**Risk Management Consultation**-Requires proof of correspondence with Risk Management.

**Space/OPC Requirements, Infrastructure/Remodel**-Requires proof of correspondence with OPC Administration .

**Late Submission** - Requires explanation for emergency funding.

**Fiscal Management:** Project Sponsor's program will be responsible for all costs incurred over and above what is funded through the IRA award and will be responsible for seeing that any revenue that is intended to offset the amount of the IRA award is transferred accordingly.

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**Requirements and Signatures**

Please provide the following in your application:

1. **Brief Activity Description.** Describe the activity and its relationship to the educational objectives of the students' program or major.

Congressional Government in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
An Election-Year Appraisal of American Politics

**Introduction:** President Rush requested that Professors Frisch and Kelly arrange a year-long series of events surrounding the presidential election. The proposed activities associated with this IRA grant are aimed at achieving that goal.

The major theme running through these activities is whether American political institutions (Congress and the Presidency) are able to respond to changes in the national and international political environment. In addition, the activities will examine the issue of partisanship in America and explore the impact that increasing partisanship has had on governing.

*We envision this set of activities as a major contribution to the on-going 10th Anniversary events that will be occurring on campus throughout the year.* It is our expectation that these activities will draw significant attention to CI and involve the Ventura County region.

Major events:

**High-Profile Speakers:** These speakers will be highlighted in evening lectures throughout the year. President Rush has a commitment from *The New York Times* to provide two speakers most likely from among the following four writers: David Brooks, Paul Krugman, Susan Chira (Editor, Week in Review), or Adam Nagourney (formerly Chief National Political Correspondent, now L.A. Bureau Chief).

We intend to add two additional high-profile speakers to this lineup.

Invited participants will present in one or more classes and deliver a public lecture in the evening. The topics that we plan to cover through the series include:

1. Race, ethnicity, and LGBT politics in California and the Nation
2. Media, politics, and the American political environment
3. Bi-partisanship and civility in government and society
4. Polarization in the American electorate

Several of these events will be hosted in cooperation with the Reagan Library, the Camarillo Library, the Ventura County League of Women Voters, and the Moorpark Library.

**Congress to Campus:** A three day event that brings two former members of Congress, one Democrat and one Republican, for a number of events. Congress on Campus is a joint program of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress and the Stennis Center for Public Service at Mississippi State University. Over the course of the three day event the members who visit campus will speak in courses, put on a public forum, and interact with the local media. Programming will focus on: 1) the value of public service and civic engagement, 2) the policy process and, 3) the role of civil discourse in addressing society's most contentious problems.

The public event associated with this program will be hosted in conjunction with the Reagan Library. In Fall 2008 we participated in the Congress to Campus program, and it was extremely successful, and the events were very well attended (more than 200 people attended the event at the Reagan Library alone).

**Conference on Congressional Government:** This conference will focus on the viability of American political institutions—that is, Congress-centered government—in the modern era. Can a set of institutions designed to cope with 19th century conditions and problems respond to the challenges of our current politics?

Conference presentations will be by invitation. Top scholars from around the country in the study of American political institutions will present papers that will be critiqued by other authors and invited guests. Discussion will be open to participation by students and guests from throughout the region.

Sessions will be webcast to make the conference accessible to anyone with a computer anywhere in the world. We will partner with the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress to promote the webcast at institutions throughout the country.

Among the topics to be addressed are:

1. The role of civility, bipartisanship, and comity in congressional government;
2. Campaigns, constituencies, and congressional government;
3. Leadership in a Congress-centered system;
4. Reforming congressional government;
5. The future of congressional government.

**Post-Election Roundtable:** A roundtable session the day after the presidential election focusing on several themes: 1) the outcome of the election, 2) what we can expect from the new president and the new Congress, 3) the likely political dynamics and policy focus of the president's first year in office and 4) what the election means for California. The roundtable will be composed of distinguished scholars from the Southern California region. This high profile session will be scheduled and promoted to maximize student involvement and will also be open to the community. Local media will be encouraged to cover the event.

**Other Related Activities:** Several other smaller events will also be held in conjunction with this proposal. We will partner with the League of Women Voters of Ventura County to screen and discuss the film *Patriocracy*. This film explores the growing polarization of the American people and fits well with the theme of the conference. Additional speakers who are local and do not require an honorarium will be invited to talk about the election and the theme of the events. Finally, an election night coverage watch party will be held, where video coverage of election results will be screened and analysis will be provided by on campus experts.

2. **Relation to IRA to Course Offerings.** All IRAs must be integrally related to the formal instructional offerings of the University and must be associated with scheduled credit courses. Please list all classes that relate to the program proposed.

Political Science 150, American Political Institutions, is a course that is required by Title V of the state education code to teach students about the U.S. Constitution, the founding and contemporary application of constitutional design. These events will focus on these issues, and will be attended by the 250-300 students who will enroll in this course in the fall. In addition these events will be attended by students who are taking other political science courses as well as history courses. Our events will benefit the broader student body too. Events will address a number of policy issues and topics attractive to students and faculty in other programs: business, communication, environmental studies and resource management, and history courses (the exact courses will be determined as the Fall Semester course offerings in other programs solidify). Speakers will be made available for appropriate courses outside of political science. In fact, the Congress on Campus program requires that the members of Congress present to non-political science courses. Though we do not control which members will visit campus we plan to request members with background in business and politics, budgeting, environmental policy, and/or health policy.

In short, our cross-disciplinary approach will provide benefits across campus.

3. **Activity Assessment.** Describe the assessment process and measures that the program will use to determine if it has attained its educational goals. **Please note a report will be due at the end of the semester.**

Knowledge of the Constitution, American political institutions, and public policy is a goal of Political Science 150. Students in Political Science 150 will be assessed in two ways to determine if the program has achieved its goals: 1) they will write reaction papers in response to the panel discussion and 2) there will be questions drawn from our functions that will be included in exams administered in class.

For activities that attract a wider audience we will *request* that faculty include substantive assignments in their coursework that will allow for evaluation in disciplines outside of political science. We will also administer evaluations of speakers that include substantive assessments of knowledge gained from the presentation.

4. **Activity Budget.** Please enclose a complete detailed budget of the entire Activity **bold** specific items of requested IRA funding. (Page 4)

Our total budget request is \$62,500. Much of the budget will be used to pay for honoraria and travel for invited speakers and conference participants, and film

screening costs. Most of the approximately 12 speakers will receive modest honoraria and travel expenses (approximately \$3,000); however, high-profile speakers will require costs in the \$5,000 to \$7,000 range.

In addition funding will be used to cover the program costs for Congress to Campus and the associated travel costs. We also request funding for busses to transport students when there are off-campus events associated with this program (the Reagan Library, for example).

5. **Sources of Activity Support.** Please list the other sources of funding, and additional support for the activity.

President Rush has secured a commitment of support from the Ventura County Star. These funds will be used to fund meals and other hospitality costs not covered by IRA funds.

6. **Acknowledgment.** Project Sponsor and Program Chair acknowledge that they have reviewed and accepted the Conditions and Considerations detailed on page 2.

Sean Kelly

4/2/2012

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Scott Frisch

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4/2/12

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Karen Carey

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4/2/12

Date

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**ACTIVITY BUDGET FOR 2012-2013**

1. Operating Expense Budget

A. Supplies	_____
B. Vendor Printing	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
C. In-State Travel	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
D. Out-of-State Travel	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
E. Equipment Rental	_____
F. Equipment Purchase	_____
G. Contracts/Independent Contractors	_____
H. Honorarium	<u>\$30,000</u>
I. OPC Chargeback	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
J. Copier Chargeback	_____
K. Other (Congress to Campus Program Fee)	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
 TOTAL Expenses	 <u>\$62,500</u>

2. Revenue

A. Course Fees	_____
B. Ticket Sales	_____
C. Out of Pocket Student Fees (exclusive of course fees)	_____
D. Additional Sources of funding (Please specify And indicate source)	_____
 Total Revenue	 _____
 E. Total Requested from IRA	 <u>\$62,500</u>