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IRA Funds Request for Model United Nations

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Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Summary

Project Sponsor	Andrea Grove
Activity Title	Model United Nations
Activity/Event Date	19-22 Nov 2015, 11-14 Feb 2016, 15-19 April 2016
Date Funding Needed By	15 Aug 2015
Previously Funded?	Yes
Semester/Year	AY 14-15
Proposal #	625
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity?	Yes
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity	irareportformGrove_fall2014.docx
Additional Report #1	ModelUNreflectionpapersfall2014.docx
Additional Report #2	irareportformGrove_spring2014.docx
Additional Report #3	MUN_2014_reflections.docx
Additional Proposers	Dr. Christopher Scholl
Academic Program(s) / Center Name(s)	Political Science Global Studies
Estimated total Course Fee revenue	n/a
Amount Requested from IRA	32,717
Estimated Number of Students Participating	16
Conditions and Considerations	Field Trip
Brief Activity Description	Model UN has become a signature program of the Political Science program and a premier learning experience for students across all majors. Model UN events are academic conferences for students for which they engage in research and then discussion about the global community's most pressing problems. The conferences provide students with a unique opportunity to develop an understanding of the complexity of specific issue-areas in global politics. Benefits for students include skill development in research, conflict analysis, thinking from different perspectives, negotiation, and public speaking. Students are also able to interact with a diverse range of students from around the region. These are all qualities that benefit any major, as well as more specifically related political science majors, communications majors and global studies minors. However, we encourage interdisciplinarity in the team, and as part of the application and selection process always choose a team from a cross section of majors. Participating students are enrolled in POLS 427, a 3-unit course.
	This application is for funding to take students to one Model UN event in fall, the Northwest MUN, which we have participated in for the last 5 years, and two in the spring: the National Model UN-West conference in Portland, Oregon, to which we were honored to be invited, and Model UN of the Far West in San Francisco. The budget below is estimated for sixteen students and two faculty.
	By receiving funding to keep the program running as a program, we have been able to include many students from diverse backgrounds and to build leadership skills of those who do return. For example, several students have been selected to staff the West MUN conference (in Spring 2013 and 2014) and even serve as Under Secretary General (Spring 2013—one of our alumni).
Learning Outcomes and Relation to IRA to Course Offerings	Model UN is integrally related to several courses: POLS 427: Model UN offered each semester. Students who participate this spring will be enrolled in that course. POLS 329, International Law and Organizations, is offered most academic years. In addition, the subject matter for all Model UN conferences is germane to POLS 103, Introduction to International Relations (offered every semester). Further, it is related to the subject matter in COMM 320, Persuasion & Argumentation, COMM 340 Conflict Management and Mediation and COMM 430 Political Communication.
	The direct relationship is with POLS 427. The conferences are an integral part of the course. All of the course work is to prepare the students for the

topics at the conferences. We meet each Friday for 2 hours during the semester to prepare, and then after the conferences to debrief and engage in writing activities to assess.
The SLOs are as follows.

Upon leaving the course, students should be able to:
--present a country background brief to the class
--articulate the positions of assigned countries on selected global issues based on their research;
--debate the pros and cons of the issues and resolutions to those issues with delegates from other countries;
--negotiate solutions and compromises to the issues under scrutiny;
--write a United Nations resolution in proper format in a collaborative setting

Description of Assessment Process	As noted, the primary educational goals for participation in Model UN are skill development in policy research, conflict analysis, thinking from different perspectives, negotiation, and public speaking. Students are graded for the courses based on their exhibition of these skills in papers they must write for each topic covered. For all three conferences, that will be nine papers. They also have to write a country background paper and present it orally with a group. Students also write a reflection paper on their participation after the conference. Crucial to evaluation is the observation of student time at the conference. The faculty advisors are engaged in constant observation during the entire nine-twelve hour per day period, each day of the conference.
Activity Budget	1516iratravelbudgetModelUN.xlsx
CIA Budget	—
CIA Proposal	—
Course Syllabus	—
CIA Certification	—
Other Sources of Funding	Faculty costs for teaching the course are borne by the Political Science program for one faculty member, and by the other faculty member. The other faculty member team teaches the course for free. There are no other sources of funding.
Target Audience/Student Marketing	We recruit students from classes to apply for the team. We also recruit using University social media sites. We also post from the events on Facebook (program FB page).
Bring Benefit to Campus	The students share their experiences in their courses and bring their knowledge to contribute to other classes. The lcasses we have with MUN students are always of a better quality--their knowledge base is deeper, they are more engaged, and they have a passion for learning about global issues and how they affect us. They also write the reflection papers which are viewable with IRA reports on the IRA site (their names are removed).
Sustainability	All of the materials for the course are online and papers are submitted electronically.
Program Chair/Director	scott.frisch
Academic Affairs AVP	karen.carey
Acknowledgement	I acknowledge that I have reviewed and accepted the Conditions and Considerations herein. Please check off boxes as appropriate.

Program Chair/Director Approval

Approval	I approve the IRA Funds Request described on this page
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