



Instructionally Related Activities Funds Request Spring 2016

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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	March 24-26, 2016
Date Funding Needed By	January 10, 2016
Previously Funded?	Yes
Semester/Year	2015-2016
Proposal #	694
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity?	No
Report submitted for previously Funded Activity	—
Additional Report #1	—
Additional Report #2	—
Additional Report #3	—
Additional Proposers	—
Academic Program(s) / Center Name(s)	Political Science
Estimated total Course Fee revenue	n/a
Amount Requested from IRA	5334.03
Estimated Number of Students Participating	15
Conditions and Considerations	Field Trip
Brief Activity Description	Model UN events are academic conferences for students that 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 policy research, conflict analysis, thinking from different perspectives, negotiation, and public speaking. Students are also able to interact with a diverse range of students from

	<p>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 will choose a team from a cross section of majors. Participating students are enrolled in POLS 427, a 3-unit course.</p> <p>This proposal is for the WestMUN conference at Santa Barbara City College on March 24-26, 2016. We received funding for conferences this academic year when we applied in Spring 2015. However, we have had three students selected as staff for the conference in Santa Barbara, including recent graduate Sara Sanders as Secretary General, and we would like to also attend this conference in support of these students.</p>
Learning Outcomes and Relation to IRA to Course Offerings	<p>POLS 427: Model United Nations</p> <p>Upon leaving the course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --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	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 at the conference. They are also graded for the research papers they write to prepare for the conference. Finally, students also write a final reflection paper.
Activity Budget	Westmun2016budget.docx
CIA Budget	—
CIA Proposal	—
Course Syllabus	—
CIA Certification	—
Other Sources of Funding	The Political Science Program pays for the faculty to teach the courses.
Target Audience/Student Marketing	The audience is the course. We recruit students for the course/team from those who have taken one of the prerequisite courses, POLS 103 or GLST 200.
Bring Benefit to Campus	Students who attend Model UN conferences become some of the most excellent contributors to class discussions that involve global issues or environmental issues. Many of our students are involved in Student Life, such as RAs, etc., and have programs that share their experiences with residential students. Finally, students on the team are members of the International Relations Club and share their knowledge gained in research with campus with events during International Week and otherwise.
Sustainability	Many of the issues students research involve environmental issues, such as challenges of climate change, clean water, overpopulation, and other challenges.
Program Chair/Director	scott.frisch
Dean	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
Name	Scott Frisch
Date/Time	9/18/2015 5:05:25 PM
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Dean Approval

Approval	I approve the IRA Funds Request described on this page
Name	Karen Carey
Date/Time	9/28/2015 11:45:19 AM
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IRA Committee Decision

Decision	—
Comments	—

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