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		This experience should translate towards understanding results in all of our Astro/Phys courses (105, 110), as well as numerous STEM courses that discuss experimental results. Its easier to visualize the big telescope replaced with an x-ray crystallography machine in Rosalind Franklin's lab that revealed the structure of DNA Visiting a dome on a mountaintop makes science feel much more exciting and interesting.		
Description of The 1.5-2 hour bus ride home will be an opportunity for open discussion and exploration of lessons learned.	Assessment Process	A mandatory post-trip assignment will be to write a 2-5 page essay describing the most impactful aspect of the trip or prior chapters in the book. Essay rubric will focus on clarity of expression, logical and factual content, and creative choice of emphasis. Those who don't take the field trip will base their essay on the book and/or other sources of their choice.		

The effectiveness of the field trip will be assessed by measuring 1) the fraction of students who participated that choose to focus their essay on it, and 2) whether these essays are better -- more creative, logical, accurate, etc.

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Other Sources of Funding	Astro/Phys 107 has no fees.		
Ū	Students could be asked to contribute, but I believe that could be discriminatory.		
	We *could* ask students to bring or buy their own lunch, but some may not have the money or forget. I don't think it would be appropriate to let some go hungry while others eat on this 7-8 hour trip – so as a conscientious instructor, I'll end up picking up the tab for several students, which would be awkward. Thus I strongly request letting Mt. Wilson Observatory prepare the food for us – for simplicity and fairness – I won't have to worry about food nor money on the trip.		
	I asked the Observatory (as a Caltech alumni Caltech runs the observatory) whether they can offer discounts or foundational money for a CSU class, and was told no.		
	I solicited quotes from Roadrunner and Mt. Wilson Observatory in 2014 as part of an unsuccessful mini-grant application. I expect these costs may have risen by ~5% due to CPI.		
Target Audience/Student Marketing	Once funded and reservations secured, the activity will be announced on the class website and and in class. Students will sign up committing to attend. If space remains, I'd be happy to invite students from the other Spring 2017 Astro/Phys 110, "Life in the Universe" class, which I believe has enrollment of ~100. That professor could use a lottery or merit system to fill empty seats.		
Bring Benefit to Campus	Students will bring back their experience of visiting and seeing, first hand, a world class scientific institution and museum. I will allow time in the classroom after the trip for discussion and exchange. Its reasonable to expect such exchanges to continue informally in the dorms and venues that students meet.		
Sustainability	All travel invokes an environmental cost, that must be offset by significant educational benefit. This proposal takes students to a relatively near (~70 miles) site of major scientific and historic importance, using the most efficient form of transportation to get there.		
	In 2014, it was suggested that I let my students arrange their own transportation to Mt. Wilson Observatory and I refused, because that's grossly inefficient and exclusionary. As someone passionate about sustainability (and a teacher of Energy and Society and such issues), I will be sure to point out the carbon footprint of the trip.		
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Acknowledgement	I acknowledge that I have reviewed and accepted the Conditions and Considerations herein. Please check off boxes as appropriate.		
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Current Tasks

Task	Time Assigned	Assigned To
Edit Request	9/29/2016 6:40:44 PM	Brian Rasnow
Review from ivona.grzegorczyk, Program Chair/Director	9/29/2016 6:40:44 PM	Ivona Grzegorczyk

Completed Tasks

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