



Budget Request Form FY2015

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: Memorial Student Center (LEAD)

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

Leadership Conference

SAFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description:

Sustainability, whether it be food, water, or culture requires a group effort. MSC LEAD would like to initiate a sustainability conference with new student leaders which would open discussion about what we all could do to improve the campus. This conference could also become a spring board for the university to send individuals to talk to the new leadership on campus and enlighten them on the improvements A&M is trying to bring about. Two of LEAD's values are innovation and service. Through this program we hope to bring innovation to organizations across campus by getting them to think about the way they impact and adapt to the environment at large. Through this concept of sustainability we hope to promote self-less service for our community by being more conscious of our impact on the community.

Request Type: Full Increase One-Time Partial/Matching

Type of Funds Requested UAF Other

General Questions:

Why is this important to your department? How does this increase impact students, and what motivated this request?

LEAD values service and innovation. This leadership conference would allow us to impact student leaders at A&M and as a result the University. Malcolm Gladwell (noted journalist, author, and speaker) speaks about the idea of connectors. If we educate the top leaders of organizations, they will be empowered to take the information back to their own organizations. This conference is a great way to utilize this concept and improve the A&M student body. Such a conference would require speakers, accommodations, and food. This would require funds that our organization does not possess.

Is it part of your strategic plan? What will be the impact if it is not funded?

Yes, this committee strives to provide top quality leadership programming. This program, in particular, meets this goal and failure to offer this conference would lessen our impact on the students regarding the important topic of sustainability.

How do other sources of funding (fundraising, sponsorship, reserves, etc.) been considered? Please explain.

Yes, and while we considered other sources of funding, this project as a start-up venture requires some secure seed money.

What sort of input did you receive (student, faculty, staff, other) to determine this need?

The committee consulted with the advisor and others to determine the level of student interest in Sustainability and the ways that we might collaborate with the campus efforts on this topic.

What actions have you implemented internally to address the identified need?

We intend to isolate internal funding resources to meet some of the expense needs.

Generally, what assessment tools will you use to evaluate this program/service?

We intend to check-in individuals when they attend the conference in order to assess the response and provide future planning information. Also, we will survey participants for feedback.

Funding Description:

Dollar Amount	
Total Estimated Cost	
Room and Board for Guest Speakers	\$500.00
Dinner for 60+ individuals	\$900.00
Facilities Cost	\$500.00
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
TOTAL UAF INCREASE REQUEST	\$2,000.00

SAFAB Comments/Notes: