



Budget Request Form FY2017

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: Offices of the Dean of Student Life (ODSL)

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

*CLEAR (Consensual Language, Education, Awareness, and Relationships)
Operating Budget*

SAFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description:

This budget would be designed to provide recurring operating costs on issues of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking which meet requirements outlined by Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act. The requirements funded out of this budget would include, but are not limited to:

- Printing Costs for Educational Materials
- Contract Costs for the Development of Educational Materials
- Training Expenses
- Office Supplies
- Equipment
- Programs for students

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?

This request is important to ODSL given the department’s role as the point of contact for all student complaints and reports related to Title IX and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) issues. ODSL is also responsible for the development and implementation of education and prevention programs for all students. Since April 4, 2011, when the Office of Civil Rights issued its “Dear Colleague Letter” to institutions of higher education initiating the first of many federal recommendations and mandates, we have been working to implement them all on our campus. However, last year, the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act’s mandates have been clarified and impressed upon us. ODSL has created a new office, CLEAR, to focus

attention on these vital issues. The staff are in the initial stages of planning and will be unable to fully complete their mission without a recurring budget to support their initiatives. The intended impact would be a safer campus community where students would be educated on what consent is, safe and positive options for bystander intervention, recognition of signs of abusive behavior, and how to avoid potential attacks.

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

This initiative is in line with every purpose statement in the ODSL strategic plan:

- Providing space and resources for individual student populations.
- Providing programs and services for students at any time during their university experience.
- Educating families on how to support their students.
- Equipping students with knowledge and skills to make responsible decisions.
- Producing and distributing specialized publications.
- Providing individualized assistance and support for students and families in times of need.
- Collaborating and consulting with faculty/staff to address student issues.
- Establishing and maintaining relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

If the operating budget is not funded, the University runs the risk of failing to meet the expectations of Title IX and VAWA. Consequences for failing to be compliant with the guidelines not only jeopardize the University's budget through potential loss of federal funding and/or fines, but could also be damaging to students directly by not providing adequate services. Furthermore, failure to provide education and resources for these issues fails to show institutional support for issues directly and negatively impacting our students.

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

The federal mandates have been unfunded and ODSL has been working to fulfill the mandates the first few years with our own resources—both financial and human. The University's Title IX Coordinator office had been approached for funding for educational materials last academic year but no specific funding was allotted. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs provided one-time funding for specific projects (e.g., video production) as well as some departments have made small contributions to various programs and projects. CLEAR has applied for a federal grant which will be announced this fall if approved. While the grant, if awarded, would pay for start-up costs of large initiatives, the money would only be available for a limited timeframe and would not provide the same level of sustainability that monies from SAFAB would provide.

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

Administrative and staff input has been sought primarily from the perspective that University and Student Affairs administrators have been supportive of the work and know the legal underpinnings that drive it. These administrators are also aware of the everyday work that ODSL performs to support students in all other areas of their lives thereby understanding the need for additional financial resources to accomplish these new mandated initiatives. We have reviewed the costs incurred in the past three years, as well as project what future tasks/projects need to be accomplished to fulfill the requirements, to assist in projecting our financial needs.

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

We have currently used ODSL funding (current operation budget and reserves) to address the federal mandates. And, as stated earlier, we have been provided some one-time funding from the VPSA.

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

We anticipate that the University will continue to conduct an annual climate survey which will provide vital information regarding population based effectiveness. In addition, we will consider various forms of program assessment for the various populations that receive the prevention education and services.

Funding Description:

	Dollar Amount
Total Estimated Cost	
Programming Funds	\$24,000
Professional Development & Training for Staff	\$6,000.0
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	
TOTAL UAF INCREASE REQUEST	\$30,000.00

SAFAB Comments/Notes: