



## Budget Request Form FY2011

*Department should complete one form for each individual request*

**Department:** Multicultural Services

**Program, Service, or Operation Requested**

New Student Conferences

SSFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

**General Description:**

The Community of Respect program is held during each New Student Conference and was presented to the 7500 members of the incoming freshman class. The program is facilitated by 5 paid students. Each student in attendance receives a handout that describes Texas A&M University's commitment to diversity and shares the list of resources the campus has available to assist with this commitment. This program celebrates the differences that make us all unique and the similarities that bind us together as the Aggie family.

**Request Type:**     Full                       Increase                       One-Time                       Partial/Matching

**General Questions:**

***How does this increase impact students, and what motivated this request (needs, strategic planning, etc.)?***

The New Student Conference Diversity Component is an interactive session designed to achieve the following learning outcomes:

- Expose students to the University’s commitment to diversity (ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, gender, socio-economic status, and able-ism)
- Learn what constitutes acceptable behavior at Texas A&M, specifically with regard to dealing with issues of difference
- Understand how diversity benefits all students
- Show how to move beyond comfort zones and engage others who are different
- Learn of available support resources and how to respond to insensitive behavior
- Understand the importance of personal responsibility

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

The first year of this program (2007), the president's office provided start up funding. The responsibility of the program was given to DMS in fall 2007; however no funding was attached. The VP for Diversity provided one time funding from summer 2008. The summer 2009 program was funded from DMS reserves. The 2010 program will be funded by one time funds from student service fees.

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

- 1) New Student Conferences Questionnaire
  - Disseminated to all participants
  - Specific questions asked about the Session
- 2) Pre and Post Questions During Program
  - Students responded using “clickers”
  - Responses were anonymous

**Funding Description:**

<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	
Handout	\$2,200.00
Facilitator Training	\$1,000.00
Equipment Upkeep (clicker batteries)	\$800.00
Video Production	\$2,000.00
Wages for student facilitators	\$3,500.00
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	
<b>TOTAL SSFAB INCREASE REQUEST</b>	<b>\$9,500.00</b>

*SSFAB Comments/Notes:*

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