



Budget Request Form FY2011

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: Greek Life

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

Aggie Greek Summit

SSFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description:

The Aggie Greek Summit is a weekend retreat that would be held in Fall 2011 to bring chapter presidents, chapter advisors, and the department staff together for leadership training and community building. Utilizing a curriculum vetted by the Greek Life Student Advisory Board and Faculty Advisory Board, this comprehensive leadership experience would feature guest speakers, team builders, breakout sessions, and facilitated discussions, this program will provide education and awareness on a variety of topics, including crisis management, university organization co-programming, leading with integrity, and mutual expectations of chapters.

The Aggie Greek Summit would offer programming for both undergraduate leaders and chapter/faculty advisors. The collegiate track will focus on providing participants with skills and resources that will enable them to be more effective in their respective positions. The weekend program will also allow organizational leaders to build relationships, so as to facilitate further discussions about co-programming for similar educational initiatives and philanthropic causes. The advisor track will focus on providing information that will allow participants to more effectively work with the undergraduate fraternity/sorority chapter. This will focus on providing a generational understanding of college students, as well as skills training regarding how to facilitate conversations in difficult situations, serving as an advisor during a crisis and pro-active risk management.

The summit weekend will provide a forum to discuss current issues not only specific to Greek organizations, but the entire Texas A&M campus community. The Aggie Greek Summit will challenge participants to move beyond discussion toward developing action plans and setting goals for their respective officer term. As a result of their attendance at the Greek Summit, attendees will have a heightened awareness of their leadership role in Greek Life at Texas A&M University and their respective organization's responsibility to enhance the Aggie experience.

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 Greek Summit will directly impact students by offering programming specific to the leadership needs of all 56 fraternities and sororities at Texas A&M University. Currently, the only comprehensive education program for officers is the Greek Life Officer Orientation Seminar, and each council has a separate retreat. The Greek Summit will serve to unify leadership and organizations across all four councils – a specific area to be addressed as per the department’s 2009 Comprehensive Program Review team.

The Greek Summit will also provide outreach to chapter and faculty advisors which is something the department has not offered extensively. During a meeting with the Comprehensive Program Review site team visit, as well as in informal meetings with department staff, advisors have expressed a desire to have an opportunity to meet with other advisors and learn more about how they can be more effective in their advising roles. By involving advisors in this program, not only will they feel as if they are needed - they will feel better prepared in their role and can serve as a better resource to their students.

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

To date, staff have only discussed this program with student leaders as to their interest and it has been STRONG. We have not, however, asked for funding from the Councils themselves. However, it would be likely that each Council would donate some amount so as to cover a portion of the overall expenses associated with the activity. In addition, this is a program the Department of Greek Life will seek funding from former Greek students to fund specific aspects of the program – such as nationally known fraternal leadership speaker or a facilitator. These individuals would also be invited to serve as guest speakers or panel members.

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

Prior to the retreat, a needs assessment would be conducted to see what participants feel are current issues in the community. This will be coupled with information provided through the Comprehensive Program Review. From these two sources, learning outcomes and program focus areas will be developed.

Following the retreat, another assessment would be done to see how much each student learned, and how satisfied participants were with the structure and content with the retreat. Informal assessment may also be done by the department in seeing how organizations modify and improve programming and operations following the summit.

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	Dollar Amount
Total Estimated Cost	
Rooms & Meals @ Retreat Site (~ \$150/person with 120 anticipated attendees - 2/chapter)	\$18,000.00
Supplies (Handouts, Binders, Flip Charts etc.)	\$200.00
Travel Expenses for Speaker(s)	\$500.00
Buses to/from Retreat Site	\$2,500.00
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	
TOTAL SSFAB INCREASE REQUEST	\$21,200.00

SSFAB Comments/Notes: