



Budget Request Form FY2011

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: Student Activities

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

SDS I position shared 50/50 between the departments of Student Activities and Residence Life

SSFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description:

Beginning in the Fall of 2007, the Department of Residence Life and the Department of Student Activities began a partnership with the hiring of a Student Development Specialist I to work ½ time in each department.

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.)?

In the Department of Student Activities, the position was to serve as advisor to the Freshman Class Council and the Sophomore Class Council. A part time Graduate Assistant was initially considered for this role, but this unique partnership was selected because it would provide an opportunity for a new professional with a Bachelor’s degree to gain full time work experience in Student Affairs, while at the same time addressing staffing needs in both departments. For the Department of Student Activities, the need was to greatly increase the advisement to the Fish Council, the Freshman Class, and the Sophomore Class. Class Councils, which has nearly 200 members, had only one advisor at the time. This advisor worked with the five organizations that comprise Class Council, those being the Class Council Executive Team, the Senior Class, the Junior Class, the Sophomore Class, and the Freshman Class. Each of these five groups within Class Council annually produce traditions related programs for the student body that involve over 5,000 participants and generate revenue in excess of \$400,000.00. These programs, many of which are synonymous with Texas A&M, include Maroon Out, Elephant Walk, Junior E-Walk, Fish Fest, Ring Dance, Pull Out Day, and Class Gifts. Now in its third year, the SDS I position has successfully provided the much needed assistance to the advisement of these high profile organizations and programs and increased the student development opportunities for the students of Class Council.

The salary, benefits, and professional development funds for this position are currently split 50/50 between the Department of Student Activities and the Department of Residence Life. Student Activities is paying for its portion from reserves. This request from Student Service Fees would provide permanent funding for this important position within the Department of Student Activities.

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

Student Activities has no other source of funding beyond Student Service Fees or the use of one time funding within the Reserve Spending Plan.

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

The success that has been demonstrated in the above mentioned programs over the past three years.

Funding Description:

	Dollar Amount
Total Estimated Cost	
50% Salary	\$13,000.00
Benefits	\$4,290.00
Professional Development	\$500.00
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	
TOTAL SSFAB INCREASE REQUEST	\$17,790.00

SSFAB Comments/Notes:

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