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Student Affairs Fee Advisory Board

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Funding Request Form FY2027

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department:

Disability Resources

Program, Service or Operation Requested:

New Lockers for the Student Services Building Central Campus Testing Center

General Description:

The lockers in the Student Services Building Central Testing Center are not large enough to hold most backpacks now that most students carry laptops in their backpacks. This results in backpacks being left on the floor blocking pathways and leaving personal items unsecured. The West Campus Testing Center has lockers large enough to easily hold a backpack with a laptop and a water bottle and have a small shelf for keys or other items.

Request Type:

☒ Full ☐ Increase ☒ One-Time ☐ Partial/Matching

Type of Funds Requested:

☒ UAF ☐ Other

General Questions

How does this address an important need and/or positively impact students?

Many backpacks do not fit in the lockers in the Student Services Building testing center, especially with a backpack. Students' items are left unsecured on the floor of the lobby area and block pathways at busy testing times. This also slows down the process to check in as students attempt to fit their backpacks in the lockers and/or navigate around the backpacks on the floor.

What department/Division strategic plan item does this support?

This fits the Inclusive & Caring Communities Strategic Priority making the Student Services Testing Center more accessible and welcoming to students.

Please provide data, evidence, and/or input (student faculty, staff, other) you gathered to help you determine the need for additional resources.

Students provided the following input when asked about their thoughts about the current lockers and potential need for new ones:

"I never used the lockers though as it was too difficult to fit a backpack in them. From a student's

perspective, not having a secure place to store belongings can be stressful. You're often left leaving items unattended, placing them on the floor, which isn't ideal. It can be distracting to worry about your belongings while you're trying to focus on your exam. I do think that replacing the lockers with deeper ones that can fit backpacks, and other personal items would be a positive change. It could make the TC feel more like a student-centered space where students can comfortably come and take their exam without worrying about their stuff."

and

"I don't use the lockers because my backpack is too big, however I just put it on the floor, and it has worked out. Personally, I think if the lockers were deeper, more students would use them. I think the size of the lockers would need to be big enough to put in a standard backpack in order for people to use them."

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

We have encouraged students to use the lockers that we have, but if their belongings don't fit, there isn't much we can do.

If funding is granted, what metrics will you use to evaluate success of this program/service/operation?

No more backpacks on the floor

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

We are in contact with our Development Officer at the Texas A&M Foundation and would cancel our request if a donor is found.

Total Estimated Cost

Funding Description	Amount
New Lockers for the Student Services Building Central Campus Testing Center	\$20,000
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if Applicable)</i>	
TOTAL INCREASE REQUESTED	\$20,000