

SENATE BILL #2040

Title: Funding for Multicultural Youth Conference

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Sponsors: Senators James, McGriff, Tai

1. WHEREAS, there exists a need in the state of Wyoming to educate young
2. people on issues surrounding diversity and multiculturalism; and
3. WHEREAS, the "Multicultural Pride: Empowerment Through
4. Understanding" multicultural youth conference is being planned for May 24-
5. 25, 2003 to fulfill such needs for Wyoming high school students; and
6. WHEREAS, the "Multicultural Pride" conference will not only contribute
7. to the development of participants' leadership skills and understanding of
8. diversity, but will also serve as a recruitment tool for the University of
9. Wyoming; and
10. WHEREAS, sponsoring organizations (LaJunta/Minority Student
11. Recruitment, Students for Progressive Action, and United Multicultural
12. Council) have raised \$8,000 through fundraising and grant writing; and
13. WHEREAS, there is a remaining need of \$5,125 to make the "Multicultural
14. Pride" conference a successful reality; and
15. WHEREAS, there are sufficient remaining funds from the ASUW Reserve
16. Allocation for the Microsoft Server in the ASUW FY '03 Budget to
17. financially sponsor such an endeavor.
18. THEREFORE, be it enacted that the Associated Students of the University

19. of Wyoming will support the "Multicultural Pride" conference; and
20. THEREFORE, be it further enacted that \$5,125 be allocated to United
21. Multicultural Council to use for the "Multicultural Pride: Empowerment
22. Through Understanding" multicultural youth conference.

Referred to: Budget and Planning Committee

Date of Passage: April 8, 2003

Signed: _____

Lou Reed

(ASUW Chairperson)

"Being enacted on April 9, 2003, I do hereby sign my name hereto and

approve this Senate action."

Keith Sapp

ASUW President

Addendum A

Multicultural Pride: Empowerment Through Understanding

Multicultural Youth Conference 2003 Budget

All projected expenses will be used to carry out one-time event

• One breakfast	175 x \$6/plate	\$1050
• Two lunches	2 x 175 x \$8/plate	\$2,800
• One dinner	175 x \$15/plate	\$2,625
• Keynote Speaker (Bobby Seale)	Contract Fee	\$3,500
• Participant notebooks	150 x \$5	\$750
• T-shirts (participants, presenters, hosts)	200 x \$8	\$1,600
• Publicity	Posters, ads, etc.	\$600
• Workshop supplies/ programs	Copy Center	\$200
	Total:	\$13,125

Total costs:	\$	13,125
# Matching/Supplemental funds:	\$	8000
* Unmet Need	\$	5,125

The La Junta committee has \$8,000 in its budget to contribute to the project.

Multicultural Pride: Empowerment Through Understanding
UW Multicultural Youth Conference, May 24-25, 2003

Need and Rationale

One very significant obstacle to the advancement of diversity in Wyoming is the fact that Wyoming has little ethnic diversity. Additionally, there are few opportunities for students to learn about different cultures and perspectives in the classroom. As a result, many young people remain close-minded and often develop stereotypical views of different people, due largely to the fact that their only exposure to different groups of people is through the media. For most of Wyoming's youth, their first opportunity to attend a multicultural celebration or learn about Chicano, American Indian, Asian-American, or African-American history does not come until they are on a college campus. These factors make it less likely for young ethnic minority students to believe that college is the right place for them, and they make it less likely for Caucasian students to be interested in multicultural issues.

Accordingly, the La Junta committee, in collaboration with other student and non-profit organizations, is planning a youth conference for high school freshman, sophomores, and juniors, for the purpose of exposing them to issues in diversity and multiculturalism. We plan on hosting 150 students, who will be chosen based on an application they submit to the La Junta Committee. The Conference will be open to all students, regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, religion, etc. The purpose of the application will be more for proof of interest rather than to reject individuals. While the conference is open to everyone, we do have one interest group. We will be asking high school counselors and teachers to encourage students who are deemed "at risk" to send an application for the conference. It is a common sentiment among La Junta members that had some of their friends and relatives been exposed to some of the issues we will be addressing, they would have been more inclined to pursue a higher education.

Goals and Objectives

The ultimate goal of the conference is to expose high school students to a multitude of issues concerning diversity and multiculturalism in such a way that they will continue to seek out opportunities and means of educating themselves on such issues in the future. Emphasis will be placed on the value of developing a worldview that recognizes and respects different perspectives and ideas. Our objectives include the following:

- 1) Give conference participants more of an understanding of the history and culture of different ethnicities.
- 2) Dispel myths and stereotypes about different groups of people.
- 3) Provide a comfortable and productive environment in which high school participants can network with students from other schools and students and professionals at the University of Wyoming.
- 4) Create dialogue among the students on pressing issues concerning the state of diversity and give them a forum in which they can express their ideas.
- 5) Give conference participants a chance to hear the perspectives and experiences of college students
- 6) Expose conference participants to opportunities in higher education.
- 7) Provide information on how students can get involved in their communities and their schools and contribute to the advancement of diversity and multiculturalism.

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Multicultural Pride: Empowerment Through Understanding
May 24-25, 2003

Saturday, May 24

- 10:00 - 11:00a.m. Registration
- 11:00 - 12:30p.m. Lunch and Keynote Speaker
Bobby Seale, original founder of the Black Panther Party, will be speaking on social change, challenges to the advancement of diversity and multiculturalism, and his experiences as a civil rights leader.
- 12:45 - 1:45p.m. Archie Bunker's Neighborhood
Interactive activity that explores the effects social characteristics such as race, gender, and sexual orientation can have on politics, economics, and inequality.
- 2:00 - 5:00p.m. Workshop Session I
African-American, Asian-American, Mexican-American, and American Indian culture.
- 5:15 - 6:30p.m. Dinner
- 6:45 - 8:15p.m. Community Dialogue
Facilitated Discussion with open microphone
- 8:30 - 11:00p.m. Entertainment
Cultural entertainment - TBA
- 11:00p.m. *The night will conclude with students returning to their dorm rooms under the supervision of La Junta committee members.*

Sunday, May 25

- 9:00 - 10:00a.m. Breakfast
- 10:15 - 12:00a.m. Workshop Session II – Various Workshops
Workshop Ideas: Leadership and Diversity, Diversity and Hip-Hop, Battling Hate in Your Communities, The Implications of Popular Culture on Diversity, and Women's Rights in the 21st Century.
- 12:15 - 1:15p.m. Lunch
The Daniels Fund will host lunch and talk about community service and student opportunities through the Daniels Fund.
- 1:30 - 2:30p.m. Student Panel – Higher Education and Diversity
Caucasian, Hispanic, African-American, Asian-American, American Indian, LGBT, and International students will sit on a panel and discuss their experiences concerning diversity and multiculturalism at the college level.
- 2:40 – 3:40p.m. Guest Lecturer Series – Various topics
Jason Thompson, Elizabeth Thompson, and Rudy Aguilar will speak.
- 3:40p.m. Closing - Thank you and Evaluations by La Junta Committee