

SAFC Proposal Questions

SAF-Funded Program or Services Goals and Outcomes

In the fall of 2022 I open a new space (syayaadi) and want to create a family atmosphere in the space. syayaadi (family room) was a vision I had while applying for my current position as Tribal Liaison. I wanted to be intentional in creating a space where everyone can feel safe and welcome while sharing their Tribal customs and traditions. This safe atmosphere will provide an opportunity for the students to share and learn from each other and the Tribal communities throughout the South Sound, Washington, the Pacific Northwest that they come from. UW Tacoma is a young growing institution and we are beginning to attract Native/Indigenous students from beyond the state of Washington, bringing with them their own unique cultures and experiences. With new students attending UW Tacoma from areas we traditionally do not recruit students comes the opportunity to provide space and support to honor and acknowledge the students and their cultures. I work for the Center of Equity and Inclusion but my position focuses on the Native/Indigenous student population. I will partner with CEI for programing and student support, I have also partnered with Student Advising to offer their services for students through syayaadi. I will also work the office of recruitment to specifically recruit Native/Indigenous students at Tribal High Schools, Tribal Colleges, GED programs, Community Colleges to increase the Native Student enrollment.

Student Utilization (comparison over past 2 years)

I have more than 90 self-identified Native American/American Indian students enrolled at UW Tacoma. I have had hosted in person events in the fall where 10-12 students have participated. West Cost Grocery Room 104 has a capacity to hold 25 students and I would anticipate hosting smaller events in the space with around 20 students. The space will also be available to students to use before, between and after their classes as a community space to work and interact with each other. This space is new and I hope to eventually outgrow and move into a larger space. Currently I serve self-identified Native American students, 7 Freshmen, 10 Sophomores, 29 Juniors, 17 Seniors, and 25 Graduate Students. I am serving about 25 more students than in 2021-2022 academic year.

Service Benefits to Students

The most significant benefit is adding value to the student experience which will lead to higher student retention. Students who graduate will return to their Tribal communities and continue to grow and develop their Tribes. UW Tacoma is being intentional with creating these spaces and building positive working relationships with Tribal Communities. These relationships with Tribes will support student recruitment and my job once students arrive to campus is work with them during their journey through higher education. syaya adi is a space that will provide a community away from home atmosphere and begin to move away from the commuter campus atmosphere.

Core Values/Mission Alignment

The first Impact Goal is equity. syayaadi opening a creating a new space on campus will allow all students to build a new culture on campus through Native/Indigenous experience. This is beginning of moving away from the commuter campus experience that for too long as been the norm at UW Tacoma. The various cultural experiences that students can bring to campus and share/exchange with each other will begin to create opportunities for Native/Indigenous students to become more visible on campus.

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The second Impact Goal is communities. With new spaces being created at UW Tacoma comes the opportunity for new or existing communities to continue to grow and expand while adding value to both UW Tacoma and student community. UW Tacoma has a short history; the community is at a time when real growth and organization is about to take place further creating unique cultural opportunities for UW Tacoma students.

The third Impact Goal is the students. There are so many opportunities to add value/experience to the student's time while at UW Tacoma. The students have the chance to help create new spaces while leaving their legacy of work at UW Tacoma after graduation. Current and future students are creating change, not just on college campuses but also in society. We need to begin following their lead and move in the directions they are taking us.

Collection of Feedback & Improvements

I have used a sign in sheet and CEI does use a tablet to collect student data for events. This is an area I can begin to implement as we open the new space to record daily space use and event participation for dog bones rewards. I will be able to use the participation data to expand student support and programming. I want syayaadi to have a family atmosphere and feel so there will be continued growth and experience at UW Tacoma.

Student Utilization

Currently I can provide students a repurposed space. I have no technology or any other means of services to offer. These funds will assist me in creating an atmosphere with technology for student use as we continue to move to being an in-person community. I will be able to offer printing, meet technology needs, provide a space that allows small presentations and hybrid meetings. Currently I have tv that does not the capability to connect wirelessly. The students will appreciate any and all support they offered in syayaadi (Family Room, WCG 104).

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2023-2024 Budget Proposal

Category	Details	Proposed
Personnel		
Student/Hourly	- 1x student Native Student Initiatives Assistant \$14.49	
	Student Staff Wages	\$11,063.54
	Fringe @ 20.4%	\$2,312.28
	Student Sub-Total	\$13,375.82
	Personnel Total	\$13,375.82
Other Services		
	software & subscriptions	\$400.00
	campus services (copy center, media, campus safety, room reservations)	\$1,500.00
	Student staff development & recognition	\$500.00
	Total	\$2,400.00
Non Food Supplies & Materials		
	general office supplies	\$500.00
	Uniforms & Nametags	\$300.00
	marketing & promotional material	\$500.00
	event decorations & materials	\$500.00
	Supplies & materials Total	\$1,800.00
Equipment		
	Color printer toner	\$719.96
	black toner	\$275.56
	paper	\$235.00
	Equipment Total	\$1,230.52
	Total Request	\$18,806.34