



Request for 2024 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name:	<input type="text" value="Student Transitions and Success"/>	Create Date:	<input type="text" value="01/31/2024"/>
		Due Date:	<input type="text" value="02/07/2024"/>
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		Requested Amount:	<input type="text" value="\$24,492"/>

Departmental Information

STUDENT UTILIZATION

The position will employ a current Champions student (former foster youth/unaccompanied homeless youth), with the aim of giving students the opportunity to gain employment and work experience, in a safe space geared toward supporting their peers, while sharpening their people facing and clerical skills. Students in the program have increased support in the form of having a staff person with lived experience involved in the shaping of the program, coordinating events, helping with marketing messaging, while offering an experience informed lens on how to better support Champions students. Additionally, the position will help free up capacity for the program to outreach into the community and local highschools. To engage with foster youth/unaccompanied homeless youth with the idea of bridging the gap between post-secondary enrollment for this vulnerable student population.

CORE VALUES/MISSION ALIGNMENT

1. Student-Equity Gap: Former Foster Youth and Unaccompanied homeless youth have some of the poorest retention and graduation rates among underrepresented student populations. This student population is an effort to bridge the equity gap to bolster student retention, persistence, and success. <https://nfyi.org/issues/higher-education/#:~:text=Less%20than%2010%25%20obtain%20a%20degree&text=Less%20than%205%25%20graduate%20from,particularly%20vulnerable%20dur>
2. Vitality: Champions students receive the Passport to College scholarship, that covers their full tuition. The University receives \$500/student/quarter by WSAC, as a source. Additionally, this position will increase capacity for internal and external events for the Champions Program to build a thriving and sustainable campus community.

SAF-FUNDED PROGRAM OR SERVICES GOALS AND OUTCOMES

N/A (The program has never received SAF funds up to this point)

STUDENT UTILIZATION (COMPARISON OVER PAST 2 YEARS)

The Champions Program started in Mid-Autumn 2023 when I was hired for the role of Champions Program Advisor in late October '23. At that point, the program had 40 enrolled students. Today, the program has 40 enrolled students.

All students enrolled in the program were either in the foster care system as a youth, had a dependency action with the state, or was deemed homeless by a public agency.

COLLECTION OF FEEDBACK & IMPROVEMENTS

Student Survey's (Qualtrics): Data informs student preferences for workshop choices. It also provides feedback to workshop/program efficacy and satisfaction.

Registrar aggregates a group report that the program uses for tracking enrollment so as to identify student's who stop-out of school. Once stop-outs are identified, conduct outreach and case management services to help student's get back into school, if it still aligns with their life-goals.

Attendance tracking: Sign-in sheets currently used but program is switching/modernizing to collecting and tracking data with Dubnet.

SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- One on one case management through a trauma informed lense with an emphasis on harm-reduction and creating safe spaces within the University.
- Creating programming in group spaces that are inclusive and welcoming for student's of diverse backgrounds.
- Being a resource hub for students to help navigate the University, as well as resources for basic-needs services like hosing, food security, healthcare etc.
- Identifying stop outs and guiding students through returning the University. Identifying barriers to success, helping fill out appeals forms, writing support letters, meetings etc

Staff Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Student Staff ³	The position will employ a current Champions student (former foster youth/unaccompanied homeless youth), with the aim of giving students the opportunity to gain meaningful employment and work experience, in a safe space geared toward supporting their peers, while sharpening their people facing and clerical skills. Students in the program will benefit from having increased support in the form of having a staff person with lived experience involved in the shaping/coordinating of the program. E001	
	Student Staff Wages:	\$20,325
	Fringe @ 20.5%:	\$4,167
PERSONNEL TOTAL:		\$24,492

Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:		

PERSONNEL
SUPPLEMENTAL
COMPLETE PROPOSAL

Supplemental Documents



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