

Request for 2025 Funding Services and Activities Fee Committee

BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name: Center for Student Involvement (UWY and Dawg House)

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Department Head Approval: 

Department Head: Conor Leary

Requested Amount: **\$2,600**

Departmental Information

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - CRITERIA

Following the most recent annual allocation and reduced awards, we were able to allocate \$1,838 for office supplies. Our annual spending on compostable plates and utensils alone was \$2,671.80. Disposable kitchenware is made available for open student use in the Center for Student Involvement's UWY office and the MAT Dawg House, and it represents the most popularly consumed item by students. As of this writing, we have been replenishing Dawg House utensils from reserves and relying on leftover kitchenware from events in the UWY office--under the current amount available it will not be possible to continue replenishing these items without taking away from other necessities, such as cleaning and office supplies.

STUDENT UTILIZATION

The compostable disposable kitchenware is easily the most popularly used item by students. More than 5,500 plates alone were used by students during the 2024-2025 academic year. Items are stocked at public kitchenettes in the Dawg House and UWY for students to take. These are two of the only locations on campus where disposable kitchenware is not gated behind a business's point-of-sale, meaning there is no pressure to make a purchase to make use of them. This assists students who wish to bring meals from home in making more economical choices.

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

When funds are available, kitchenware is restocked as supplies run low. The kitchenettes are maintained and restocked regularly. As noted, these are some of the most used items by students, and they have become an expectation--at the Dawg House certainly, but also in the UWY office. We are highly motivated to maintain this inventory for students.

SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

The Center for Student Involvement's office and lounge services help students manage a day on campus more economically by offering alternatives to services they would otherwise have to pay for. This includes access to computers, funded color printing, recreational items, and, relevant to this proposal, meal accessories. By tracking purchases of disposable items that go toward student use, we gain a sense of the demand for them. Across the Dawg House and University YMCA CSI office, students used more than 5,500 compostable plates, 5,700 forks, and 7,100 spoons. Curiously, compostable knife use was comparatively low, at 1,100 units consumed. Regardless, each item individually served 30-40 students per business day.

Staff Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
PERSONNEL TOTAL:		\$0

Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Non-Food Supplies & Materials	Funding for compostable kitchenware--utensils and plates. S001	\$2,600
SUPPLIMENTAL TOTAL:		\$2,600

PERSONNEL TOTAL:	\$0
SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:	\$2,600
COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:	\$2,600

Supplemental Documents

	KITCHENWARE ORDERS, 2024-2025 An Amazon order report of compostable kitchenware purchased during the 2024-2025 academic year.
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