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BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR WOMEN'S RETREAT

The past two years significant growth has taken place in the Women's Resource Center (WRC). With the hiring of both undergraduate and graduate interns, the office has made significant developments in creating and developing a mission and vision for the programs offered for women here at APU. Included in the mission statement of the Women's Resource Center, are three primary goals: educating, empowering and celebrating. Administration and staff within Student Life from various offices have recognized the impact of programs under the umbrella of WRC as meeting a specific need not previously met in student life. Major educational campaigns have taken place on campus, successfully fostering educational opportunities and programs.

While significant strides have been made in providing programs and campus activities that educate the student body on gender issues and empower students to be active in leadership, there remains a current need to provide women the chance to gather in community. Currently this need is not being met within student life. There is little or no opportunity for women from various offices and departments to gather as a community. The Women's Resource Center is the office where such a program would best be developed. Furthermore in order to accomplish the mission's goal of celebrating female community, the staff and interns believe this would best be accomplished through a women's retreat.

The Women's Retreat would take place over a two-day period, allowing for an overnight stay no more than an hour (45miles) away from campus. The WRC will provide transportation if needed. As well as planning various community-building activities such as worship, art projects and times of reflection, an honorary speaker would be included in the retreat. The proposed budget will help foster opportunities for undergraduate women to engage with peers in a positive and uplifting community as well as meet and network with faculty and staff. It is our belief that the learning environment at a retreat significantly contributes to the social, spiritual, and intellectual development of female student, their sense of belonging as a student at APU, and their future success.

Women's Retreat Expenses:

The proposed budget is an estimated cost of the retreat and at times provides itemized list of expenses.

Advertising/Promotion

Graphic Center Posters	\$85
Creative Tables for Sign Ups (Tables on Cougar Walk, balloons, candy, flowers, etc.)	\$25

Meals/Snacks (100people)

Snack Packs	\$300
(FRI) Buca DiBeppo Catering Meal	\$863
(SAT) Breakfast (juice, muffins, fruit, Starbuck's coffee)	\$550
(SAT) Lunch (sandwich ingredients, soda, snacks)	\$175
Napkins, Cups, Plates	\$125

Transportation

(10 vans- 8 Passenger)

Mileage (estimate @ .50/45mile)	\$225
Gas	\$350

Activities:

Supplies	\$100
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Décor (flowers, candles)	\$50
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Honorarium	\$150
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TOTAL RETREAT EXPENSE	\$2,998
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Estimate of 100 students with a \$15 fee	\$1,500
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BUDGET NEEDED	\$1,498
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