

CAAHE STUDENT SERVICES COMMISSION
Annual Conference Grant Proposal
October 14 and 15, 2010
Institute for Professional Development
Miami, Florida

Background

For thirteen years, members of the Student Services Commission of the CAAHE Consortium have gathered to participate in an annual conference. The conferences are designed to allow sharing of successful institutional practices and to introduce new concepts that can enhance the overall effectiveness of Student Services Departments of all CAAHE member institutions.

The Student Services Commission is scheduled to hold its fourteenth conference on October 14 and 15 in Miami, Florida. This year, we are pleased to be combining our conference with Academic Services. We look forward to working collaboratively and learning from and with each other. Our theme for this year's conference is Supporting Student Success – Meeting Needs, Fulfilling Dreams.

Purpose

Even though there is a wealth of knowledge and experience to be shared among the participants within the consortium, outside experts can provide a new perspective, information on implementing new ideas and motivation for the attendees. The Planning Committee believes that guest speakers can enhance the overall effectiveness and impact of the conference, providing members of the Student Services Commission with skills that can be applied in their day-to-day operations, and strengthen the overall impact of Student Services.

Grant Request

Cost is always a significant concern in planning a successful annual conference. In addition to keeping costs reasonable, participants' expenses must also be affordable enough to allow maximum attendance. The Planning Committee has worked diligently to manage the cost in our efforts to provide a quality driven conference with professional, productive, and enjoyable atmosphere. The primary focus of the conference is to introduce attendees to new ideas, and to inspire creative procedures for servicing the student, possibly with time saving and cost reduction results. Therefore, the Student Services Commission respectfully requests a grant of \$1,000, up to the maximum amount available to all CAAHE Commissions, to assist in defraying the cost for a guest speaker. This year, we are honored to welcome Kimberly Graber of Expert Facilitation & Training out of Phoenix, AZ. We've planned for Ms Graber to speak to us about dealing with difficult people and conflict resolution.

Summary

With the approval of the additional funds, the CAAHE Student Services Commission will be able to contract with Ms Graber. The Commission is committed to using the annual conference as an opportunity for professional development that will ultimately result in enhanced retention efforts, stronger student services, and greater staff commitment and satisfaction. Additional funding will assist us in this important endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,



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