

Proposal to the Academic Senate Governing Council

The Academic Senate will designate \$2000 [amount up for discussion] per semester for honoraria granted to guests to lecture in regularly scheduled classes.

Purpose: To provide students up-to-date information, potential for hands-on experience, and different perspectives in classroom lectures. This will also help faculty to remain current in their discipline, nourish academic growth, and maintain high standards of professional expertise.

Need: There is currently no general way of funding guest speakers for the campus and for classroom instruction.

Screening Process: Applications for honorarium support will be made by the instructor of record of a class. A sub-committee of the ASGC will review the applications, and make recommendations for approval of the applications. Perhaps there will be two processes – advanced planning (applications due and reviewed by the 4th week of the semester), and a “subito” review for quick approval (within one week of the application; approval to be done via email) if there is remaining funding.

Criteria: [for discussion] The application will explain the value of the guest lecture to the students. Is the lecture for registered students only, or will it be open to the public? [relevant/irrelevant to approval?] A final report will be submitted to the sub-committee.

Honorarium amount [for discussion]

- one set amount? \$100
- variable amount?
 - \$50-250, depending on length of lecture, travel distance, equipment cartage, prestige of speaker?

This is a pilot program, given a four-semester trial period. At the end of that time, the ASGC will review and evaluate the effectiveness of the initiative, and decide if it should continue.