



## MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT:** Cal Poly Opportunity Fee Committee – 2021/22 Base and One-time Funding Allocations

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The Cal Poly Opportunity Fee Committee (CPOF) met in May to discuss the allocation of base and one-time Cal Poly Opportunity Fee funds. The committee was provided an estimate of approximately \$582,397 in available base funds and \$160,791 in available one-time funds.

With the support of campus leadership, the committee requested staff representatives from Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and the Office of University Diversity and Inclusion meet with the committee to provide an overview of proposed projects that would have the most impact on the majority of students (see attached). For your consideration, the CPOF approved, by majority vote, the following recommendations:

**Base Funding:**

**Academic Affairs:**

Transfer Center/Advising Technical Infrastructure Support	\$122,000
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**Student Affairs:**

Enhancement and Expansion of Student Diversity and Belonging Programming	\$410,000
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**Office of University Diversity and Inclusion**

BEAcON Mentoring Program	\$50,000
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**One-time Funding:**

**Student Affairs:**

LatinX Center	\$ 150,000
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Please let us know if you have any questions, or if we can provide any additional information regarding these committee recommendations.

Thank you.

Approved:

*Jeffrey D. Armstrong*

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Jeffrey D. Armstrong  
 President

## Summary of All Proposals

- Dr. Jackson-Elmoore, representing Academic Affairs, presented a proposal for base funding in the amount of \$122,000 for Transfer Center/Advising Technical Infrastructure Support. This proposal would improve technical infrastructure for advising services across the campus for students.
- Beya Montero and Jamie Patton, representing Student Affairs, presented a proposal for base funding for the Enhancement and Expansion of Student Diversity and Belonging Programming and Initiatives in the amount of \$410,000. The funding requests support the following priorities and programmatic gaps:
  - LatinX Student Programming and Initiatives in the amount of \$205,000. The overarching purpose of these programs is to provide culturally relevant programs and support services that foster the successful transition, adjustment, persistence, achievement and graduation of LatinX students.
  - Native American and Indigenous Student Programming in the amount of \$50,000. The opening of the Native and Indigenous Student Center will occur in fall 2021. This space will enhance and expand programming for key on-campus cultural events like Indigenous Peoples' Day, Beading and Basket weaving workshops, and will increase NAAI speaker representation.
  - Poly Cultural Weekend in the amount of \$55,000. Poly Cultural Weekend is an important component of the cultural communities' growth and success. During the weekend, prospective students will explore academic, cultural, and social resources. The weekend experience will help students establish a sense of community, cultivate a feeling of belonging, and gain the confidence to succeed at Cal Poly.
  - Black Academic Excellence Center Programming and Initiatives in the amount of \$25,000. The Black Academic Excellence Center program is committed to supporting the advancement and excellence of Black students and Black student groups within the Cal Poly community. By fostering an inclusive environment, providing academic support, and promoting a positive self-image, the goal is to empower Black students to take full advantage of all the opportunities presented while actively engaging with Black history and culture.
  - Dream Center Programming and Initiatives Support in the amount of \$25,000. The Dream Center was established to provide resources and programming that promote the academic, professional, and personal development and success of all undocumented students, mixed status families, and allies at Cal Poly. The Dream Center empowers and uplifts the voices of these students, many of whom are fearful of being identified. The center also builds campus-wide trainings and educational resources to increase awareness and understanding of immigration issues.
  - Enhanced Student Diversity and Belonging Programming in the amount of \$10,000. Student Diversity and Belonging provides supplemental support to all students and centers under its purview, allowing for advanced and innovative collaborations and programs. These programs include the launch of a new peer-to-peer PolyPipeline Mentorship program, increased curricular and co-curricular collaborations with academic affairs such as Intergroup Dialogue and the "I am Cal Poly" photo campaign. These programs contribute to greater sense of belonging and sense of self within the Cal Poly community, while simultaneously empowering students to be champions of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Dr. Isom, representing the Office of University Diversity and Inclusion, presented a proposal for base funding for BEACoN Research and Mentoring Program in the amount of \$50,000. The BEACoN Mentoring Program would provide the opportunity for students to be mentored and work with a faculty member on a research project. Both the faculty member and the

student receive compensation. The program also provides workshops for student participants and culminates in an end of the year Research Symposium where all BEACoN participants present their work. This funding will cover the cost for 40 pairs (\$5,000 per pairing - \$3,000 for the student participant and \$2,000 for the faculty member).

- Beya Montero and Jamie Patton, representing Student Affairs, presented a proposal for one-time funding for a LatinX Center in the amount of \$150,000. This proposal request would fund a LatinX Center, which would be a milestone that can create systemic change and a demographic shift at Cal Poly. This milestone is critical given that the number of LatinX students are steadily increasing annually and projected to exponentially increase in the coming years. The primary purpose of the LatinX Center will be to center the experiences of LatinX students and ensure their success at Cal Poly and beyond.











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