

## Supporting Document 2.D.11(a)

### Sampling of AS Co-curricular Activities

**President/AS Joint Federal Lobbying Trip:** In May, 2013, and in the past few years, the Western's President and the Vice President for External Relations have coordinated a federal lobbying trip to Washington DC with the Associated Students President and Vice President for Governmental Relations. It is certainly rare for student government representatives and university administration to jointly visit federal representatives.

**Coordinated lobbying activities at the state level:** The AS was instrumental in establishing a regular meeting during the state legislative session of administration, faculty, and student representative to share information, coordinate activities, and discuss positions. There is not always agreement but a real attempt to find common ground on issues.

**AS Voter Registration:** The AS consistently registers more students to vote than any other public university in the state. In 2012 the number was 2303 voters.

**Assessment Process:** The AS has established a schedule to assess all programs and services on a four-year cycle. The first cycle was finished in 2013, and the programs have been charged with establishing learning and program outcomes, seeking feedback from students, and identifying future directions. The process includes a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis, presentation, student committee review and final approval by the AS board. The process has resulted in the development, elimination, re-focusing, and re-budgeting of AS programs in an orderly fashion.

**Outdoor Education Learning Center:** The Outback Farm is an AS program that provides the opportunity for students to experience a small scale farm. In the summer, 2012, the program instituted a Food Bank growing program that was designed to raise produce for donation to the local food bank resulting in 1150 pounds in donations. This activity provides opportunities for student workers to experience a dedicated food production operation while providing service to the local community.

**WWU Relay for Life:** An excellent opportunity for student to gather in support of a significant need. In 2012 the event raised \$76,000 for the American Cancer Society. The team-oriented nature of the activity provides a great opportunity for students to develop significant relationships with other students and the faculty/staff that participate.

**Low Rider Show:** We believe this MEChA organized event is the only collegiate event of this type. The intention of the activity is to bring a unique aspect of culture to campus, provide a family-oriented environment, and serve as outreach to members of the region on the opportunities for higher education.

**Vagina Memoirs:** An exceptional program that has a 15-20 member student cast "tell their truth" through the development of monologues exploring their relationships to others and society. This program draws more than 2000 attendees annually. In 2011, it was recognized by

the Association of College Unions International for its quality and service to the student community.

**The Green Energy Fee:** A portion of AS fees are used to support student, staff, and faculty team projects that enhance sustainability on campus. Project examples include the introduction of solar panels on the Environmental Sciences Building, the installation of water bottle refilling stations, and a pilot project to create a “low-energy” residence hall room. The activity provides the opportunity for students to gain significant experience in the process of making change in a large organization.

**The Outdoor Center:** For over forty years the Outdoor Center has provide equipment and experience that allow students to explore outdoor recreation at both the entry level and in extremely challenging situations.

**The EDGE Program:** An exciting leadership training process, the EDGE offers portable activities designed to engage groups of ten to fifteen people in solving mental and/or physical challenges, located at Lakewood or on campus. Student facilitators have the opportunity to develop significant knowledge and skills in this unique leadership training process. (See [The Edge](#).)

**AS Hiring System:** The AS hires over eighty students each spring. Hiring committees are composed of three to five students that go through a step-by-step process to identify the criteria that are important to selection, develop or refine questions to gather relevant information, conduct interviews, and reach decisions. In a follow-up survey of recent graduates that participated in the hiring process, 100% said that they used their AS hiring committee experience in their own job search.