New Mexico Institute of Mining \& Technology Student Government Association
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## Senate Bill

Short Title:
Agency, Agent, or Individual Proposing:

## QuASAR

Requested Date of Resolution: $\underline{27}$ day of September

## Proposing Individuals' Information:

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## To the Proposing Agency, Agent, or Individual:

Please attach a typewritten explanation of your needs and/or concerns in double-spaced 12point format, placing a page number and title on the top of each page. Include all information necessary and pertinent to your argument. State exactly what action you would like the Senate to consider taking and by when you must have a decision. Please take in to consideration that the Senate meets approximately once every two weeks while classes are in session - a schedule is available from the SGA Secretary.

Please see the Manual for Drafting Bills to help fill this page out; it includes explanations and examples for each field. If you have any further questions, please contact the SA Vice President.

## OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT USE ONLY

Date Presented to the Vice President: $\qquad$ Initials of Receipt by Vice President: $\qquad$
Session of the Senate: ( ) Fall ( ) Spring/Summer of the calendar year $\qquad$
Amount Approved: $\qquad$

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Presidential Signature: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

Classification: $\square$ sGA Club $\square$ Associate Club $\square$ Sports Club $\square$ Other If an SGA club, what were your required volunteer hours (last semester): $\qquad$ How many hours has your club fulfilled to date: 8

Please detail events where volunteer credit was earned:
Fall2022:TnT Fest- Pride Rocks Booth, Spring2022: Karaoke, 49ers Speakeasy

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| If requesting funds for traveling please fill out below information: |  |
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| \# Members Attending: Undergraduate: $\frac{8}{} \quad$ Special: |  |
| Method of Travel: $\square$ NMT Vehicle $\quad \square$ Personal Vehicle $\quad \square$ Plane $\quad \square$ Other |  |

FOR ALL REQUESTING AGENCIES:
Please attach a ONE PAGE ( 12 pt . font) explanation for your funding request. This should include any additional information relevant to your request and an itemized budget with exact costs and explanations for all necessary items which may or may not include: Supplies and Materials, Services, Equipment, Travel, Registration, Etc.

Travel Funding Request

| Budget Item | Total |
| :--- | :--- |
| Transportation | $\$ 2,870$ |
| Lodging/Meals | $\$ 1,730$ |
| Registration/Misc. | $\$ 1,240$ |
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| Transportation (Vans, Gas, Flights, Rentals, Taxis) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Items: Highest to Lowest Priority | Quantity | Price Each | Total |  |
| Round-trip airfare | $\$ 358.75$ | 8 | $\$ 2,870$ |  |
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| Lodging/Meals |  |  |  |
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| Items: Highest to Lowest Priority | Quantity | Price Each | Total |
| Single-night four-person hotel room | 6 | $\$ 288$ | $\$ 1,730$ |
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| Registration/Miscellaneous |  |  |  |
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| Items: Highest to Lowest Priority | Quantity | Price Each | Total |
| Undergraduate_Conference_Registration | 8 | $\$ 155$ | $\$ 1,240$ |
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On behalf of the executive officers and members of the Queer Association of Socorro Area Residents (QuASAR), a local chapter of oSTEM:

QuASAR enriches the diverse community of New Mexico Tech by hosting public events, cosponsoring events with other organizations, and volunteering in support of events on campus. During this past year QuASAR aimed to increase student interaction by hosting several events conjunctively with other clubs (such as: SWE, AISES, Ballroom Dance, Alpha Sigma Kappa). QuASAR hosted a 49ers Speakeasy during the Fall semester, as well as Karaoke during both the Fall and Spring Semester. This semester QuASAR aims to continue growing the cohesiveness of the tech community, having demonstrated our continued commitment by having a booth at Tech and Town (TnT). This upcoming school year we hope to improve community education in health and inclusion, something that will be enhanced from the knowledge and resources gained through attending the 12th Annual oSTEM Conference.

We are requesting funds from the SGA for eight students to attend the annual International oSTEM Conference. Currently 59 students are registered with QuASAR's mailing list. Many of these students actively participate in meetings and events. By sending these eight students to the conference, QuASAR benefits all of its 59 members, as well as the larger campus community, through leadership training, networking opportunities, and shared experiences from other collegiate communities around the world.

The oSTEM Conference will be taking place in Boston, MA from November 10th - 13th. As this is the first in person conference since 2019 it is imperative for our club to attend this conference. Attendance not only maintains ties with our parent organization, but it enriches our student community with the academic, leadership, and career opportunities afforded by this conference. It is the mission of oSTEM to provide resources and opportunities for students in the LGBT+ community who wish to see themselves represented in academia and in the workplace.

This year, we plan to pay for 8 undergraduate students to attend the conference. Four students will share each hotel room, and food will be provided at the conference. Here is the basic breakdown of the expected costs:
Registration fees for 8 undergraduate students: $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 2 4 0}$

Airline travel round-trip for 8 passengers: $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 8 7 0}$
Hotel rooms at \$288 per room, per night; 2 rooms for 3 nights: \$1,730
Total funds requested:
\$5,840

We are also requesting funds from oSTEM (estimated \$400) and intend to request funding from the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Dean of Students, but we cannot guarantee any amount of funding from these sources. Any amount that can be funded by the SGA would be appreciated.

Thank you for your time,
QuASAR NMT
A Local Chapter of oSTEM

Here is the expected way we can break down expenses:

| People | Hotel Cost | per day | per trip |
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| 8 | Conference one (per 4) | $\$ 287.38$ | $\$ 1,730.00$ |
|  |  | Hotel on 10-13 (per 5) | $\$ 127.34$ |
|  |  | Air BnB (everyone) | $\$ 508.33$ |
|  |  | $\$ 1,530.00$ |  |
|  |  | Registration Fee | per person |
|  | Member | $\$ 153.99$ | $\$ 1,240.00$ |
|  | Non member | $\$ 230.49$ | $\$ 1,850.00$ |
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|  |  | Flights | per person |
|  | $11 / 10-11 / 13$ | per trip |  |
|  |  | $\$ 358.00$ | $\$ 2,870.00$ |
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|  | $11 / 10-11 / 13$ | $\$ 5,840.00$ |  |
|  | (cheaper hotel) | $\$ 4,880.00$ |  |
|  | Air BNB | $\$ 5,640.00$ |  |

For the hotel, I've only been able to find a slightly cheaper Air BnB for everyone. It may appear cheaper when researching but once you go to book there are additional fees that make the costs so close that it is not worth the hassle of transportation and downsides of not being at the conference hotel.

So that leaves us with 2 viable options; getting a further away cheaper hotel or staying at the conference hotel. The conference hotel is preferred, as it is the best opportunity for networking, allowing us to stay later and engage more completely with the conference attendees. The cheaper hotel is about 45 minutes away on transit, however it is well linked so it is still a viable option, just not the optimal one as there is a lot that could go wrong. However, if we end up with a 9th or 10th person to take it won't cost more, unlike the conference hotel.

The ticket prices should be member pricing, as everyone going to the conference can become an oSTEM member for cheap or nothing.

The flight prices are about the cheapest I could currently find. This will fluctuate as we get closer to the conference.

All prices are with fees associated with the transactions included.

