Social Sciences - $1100

Fees for participation in the annual UCB Model United Nations conference. Other costs, such as food and transport, are provided by the students and instructor.

The fees allow the College of Marin POLS 210 class to participate in the UCB Model United Nations conference, generally held at the end of February or beginning of March each year in San Francisco. The students experience the simulated meetings of various UN committees playing the role of diplomats from various countries. The simulation requires that they negotiate and strategize with other students (coming from all over the US and many from foreign schools) in order to accomplish the goal of passing resolutions. The conference lasts 3½ days.

The experience is not directly shared with other disciplines at this point but certainly could be in the future. Students studying business and economics certainly would benefit from the experience. The experience does enrich the life of the College community since many of the students who have participated in the MUN through Pols 210 have formed a Model UN student club. The MUN club has raised its own funding to participate in other Model UN conferences and has plans to bring a Model UN conference to the College of Marin.

We have SLOs that are expected of students taking POLS 210, all of which are enhanced by the Model UN experience including:

~ Identify the international systems of diplomacy and negotiation
~ Explain the historical and political origins of the UN
~ Identify international centers of power and the roles of individuals in those structures
~ Describe important concepts of economic justice and negotiation
~ Learn or improve independent and group research skills