

## Benefitting Organizations through Student Senate

The UNMC Student Senate supports student organizations in a variety of ways, including through the BOSS proposals. BOSS stands for Benefitting Organizations through Student Senate and this is a funding mechanism for student organizations for events and initiatives. Proposals are evaluated on a rolling basis monthly by the UNMC Student Senate Issues Committee, starting in September 2023.

- To enhance your proposal, **emphasize the impact of the proposal and how it benefits students**. The more likely it is to benefit a greater number of students at UNMC, the more likely your proposal is to be funded. BOSS proposals that benefit students from multiple colleges are highly encouraged. Approval is less likely if the proposed event only benefits a single program. (This does not apply to institutions with only one graduate program).
- BOSS proposals cannot be used toward wages (like payment for interpreters or prizes). However, they can be utilized toward paying speaker fees. Other stipulations for uses of funds may be determined by the UNMC Student Senate Issues Committee.
- This year, we will have a separate category for events and initiatives submitted by a group of student organizations to encourage collaborative efforts. Multi-group events and initiatives will be evaluated separately from the other proposals.
- Any funding granted through a BOSS proposal may only be used for UNMC students. Faculty, staff, or community members may not receive food or items paid for using BOSS proposal funding. If your event calls for non-students, the Student Organization Activities coordinator can suggest alternative sources of funding available to UNMC student organizations.
- When reviewing the BOSS proposal application, a high level of importance is given to the “Funding” section. Itemization of all expenses hastens the approval process. If food is part of the requested funds, be sure to identify the caterer. The Student Organization Activities Coordinator keeps a list of all UNMC pre-approved vendors, and if a vendor is not pre-approved, they must go through the approval process before the proposed event.

This is an important element to discuss with the Student Organization Activities coordinator BEFORE submitting your BOSS proposal.

- Due to an increase in applications, student organizations are less likely to receive funding if they have previously received BOSS funding during the same or previous semester.
- Lastly, we ask that a member of every organization applying for funds attend ONE of the informational sessions for student organizations monthly (September thru April) and meet with Kiara Kocsis-Gregurich, the Student Organizations Activities Coordinator with the Student Life, Inclusion, and Diversity Office (SLIDO), for your application to be considered during the 2023-24 year. **The deadline to apply for funds for the 2023-24 year (for events or initiatives held through August 2024) will be April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO BOSS PROPOSALS, CONTACT [SHAKER DUKKIPATI](#), UNMC STUDENT SENATE VICE PRESIDENT.**