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1. Project Name: \*

WRC Ecofeminism Summit

2. Semester or date of project's original submission. \*

This question is required.

3. Below please include a brief project summary and your requested changes. \*

We wish to reallocate funds originally planned for a speaker and intern wages to secure 25 copies of Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer, stickers to be used as giveaways at events, and sustainable reusable grocery bags and other items to be used as prizes during the trivia event.

In addition to the planned speakers for the Ecofeminism Summit, we hope to host two additional events, a book club featuring Braiding Sweetgrass and an Ecofeminism Trivia Night in collaboration with the Illini Union's Trivia Tuesdays program in the Courtyard Café. The Trivia Tuesdays events will require the WRC to provide 12 prizes for the winners of the trivia contest.

During our Welcome Back event, the WRC gave away sustainable reusable grocery bags and found that they were more popular than we had imagined. Students continue to come back to the WRC in hopes of receiving a bag. Because of the popularity of the item and its function as a reusable item meant to reduce waste, we believe that offering an Ecofeminism version of this bag will encourage attendance at events and promote sustainable practices amongst students.

In regards to the book club, we would like to include a book club featuring Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The Women's Resources Center will provide students who register for the book club with a free copy of the text. This scope change is to account for the purchase of the texts. The original application that was submitted did not include a book club, however, by hosting a book club we can further engage students in the critical research surrounding indigenous wisdom, social justice, and environmental justice.

4. Date of Scope Change Submission \*

09/07/2023

## 5. Type of Scope Change: \*

- Project Direction
- Budget
- Timeline
- Project Advisor/Financial contact
- Project Lead

## 6. Please provide a detailed description of the requested budget change, increase, decrease or returned funds. \*

In the original application, we requested funds for two speaker honorarium, a keynote speaker at \$10,000 and an additional speaker for \$5000.

We have confirmed author, activist and influencer, Leah Thomas for Wednesday, September 27 at SDRP with a speaking fee of \$9,999. However, in addition to her honorarium, we agreed to pay for Leah's lodging while on campus. The cost of the hotel is proposed as an additional expense.

For the second speaker, we are working to bring Niharika Eley, a South Asian designer and fashion blogger who incorporates sustainable fashion, art and heritage into her work. Niha has agreed to speak on Monday, September 25 as part of the WRC's Dish It Up lunch series for \$2500, inclusive of all travel and lodging expenses.

Additionally, the original approved budget included \$4650 for intern wages. We project these costs will be approximately \$2400 less for two reasons. The student who has been leading the project is eligible for Federal Work Study during the fall semester (FWS is not offered over the summer,) which means the WRC is reimbursed for 50% of the wage costs incurred during the fall pay periods, and the intern's start date was 4 weeks later than originally planned.

We propose to spend these saved funds on the following:

\$300 for up to two nights hotel at the Illini Union for Leah Thomas

\$331.25 to purchase 25 copies of Braiding Sweetgrass to be used as part of a book club and discussion on Friday, September 29

\$180 to purchase twelve prizes for the Ecofeminism Trivia Night

\$1200 to purchase giveaways to participants in the Summit (Stickers with environmental messaging and reusable shopping bags)

Please note: The attached Supplemental Budget & Timeline Spreadsheet includes both the original proposed budget and a revised budget in a second tab.

7. Please upload your updated Supplemental Budget and Timeline spreadsheet here  
Fill out the detailed expenditures Excel sheet, and submit it below.

<https://studentengagement.illinois.edu/student-sustainability/ssc/docs/SSC-Supplemental-Budget-Timeline.xlsx> \*

 [SSC-Step2-Supplemental-Budget-and-Timeline\\_Kasey\\_Umland.xlsx](#)

## 8. Additional comments (Optional) \*

Thank you for your support and for considering these requested changes!