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The American Democracy Project (ADP) at Illinois State University is a cooperative effort by students, faculty, staff, and administration. The goal of ADP is to promote civic engagement, in many different forms, on the part of students, now and in the future. ADP embraces all organized activities designed to promote constructive civic engagement on the part of undergraduates while they are on campus, and after they graduate. Building on a wide variety of such activities already occurring at Illinois State University, ADP is designed to serve as a catalyst for programmatic changes that will ensure all Illinois State University students are fully prepared to assume a responsible role as contributors to civic society.

More specifically, we strive to:

1. Support the development of curricular and co-curricular initiatives that will promote increased student awareness of, and engagement in, civic systems and processes.
2. Strengthen campus and community partnerships leading to more coordination between curricular and co-curricular activities to enhance civic engagement by students, faculty and staff.
3. Increase the number of students who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful civic actions.
4. Initiate new projects, courses, teaching strategies and other programs to increase civic engagement.

In pursuing the above goals, ADP contributes to and supports the implementation of *Educating Illinois* in multiple ways. We support Illinois State University's "commitments to responsible stewardship, meaningful civic engagement, cultural enrichment, and the development of global citizens" as articulated in the University's vision statement. We also support civic engagement, one of the University's core values articulated in *Educating Illinois*. We also support the University's goal of offering "rigorous, innovative, and high-impact undergraduate and graduate programs that prepare students to excel in a globally competitive, culturally diverse, and changing environment".

The American Democracy Project's Budget Planning Document for FY 2017 includes the objectives listed below.

I. MAJOR OBJECTIVES FOR FY17

The goals for the ADP for FY 2017 will be to:

- A. Maintain and strengthen existing successful programs: The ADP leadership team is committed to maintaining and strengthening programs and initiatives that have been successful and effective in promoting civic engagement, including Community Engaged Campus, the Political Engagement Project, the Civic and Engagement and Responsibility Minor, and MASAI. These programs have had a strong track record, and they have the potential to continue to grow and reach more students.
- B. Expand ADP programming: We hope to expand ADP-sponsored programs to include a greater variety and a broader range of programs, experiences and opportunities that can engage a larger number of students.
- C. Support ISU's efforts to implement the International Strategic Plan: We hope to continue to support the initiatives currently underway to internationalize the curriculum and co-curriculum, and to promote global engagement and global citizenship.

It should be noted that, for this budget request, the ADP leadership team has decided to sunset funding for two initiatives (CONNECT and Fell Hall Call to Action). This has allowed us to focus intently on the initiatives we seek to develop further at ISU.

All told, the FY16 combined Academic and Student Affairs budget allocation was \$54,967. The current budget request total for FY17 is **\$51,080**.

II. PERMANENT FUNDING REQUESTS

Not applicable.

III. STRATEGIC BUDGETED CARRYOVER

Not applicable.

IV. ADP BUDGET REQUESTS

- A. Shared Graduate Assistant with Leadership and Community Connections (a unit of the Dean of Students Office): In previous years, ADP programs and initiatives were given administrative support on a part-time basis by an NTT faculty member or an administrative professional. While this support has been invaluable to making ADP a success, we propose such support to come from a shared Graduate Assistant with Leadership and Community Connections (LCC). LCC is already steeped in many civic

engagement initiatives (e.g. alternative breaks, community service, ISU Leads, Leaders of Social Change). This shared position would assist in collaboration, provide a stellar learning opportunity for a Graduate Assistant and provide more weekly working hours for less funding. The ADP cost for this shared Graduate Assistant is **\$6,530** per academic year.

- B. RSO Civic Engagement Grant Program – This is a grant program to provide financial support for civic engagement projects on and off-campus. Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and in-course projects aimed at promoting civic engagement can apply for and receive up to \$1,000 in funding through this grant program. RSOs awarded a grant will be required to present at the end of the year Civic Engagement Day. We are seeking to expand these opportunities for RSOs and are requesting **\$6,000**.
- C. Faculty Co-Leader Course Releases: One of the two co-leaders receives one course release per semester, and her department, Politics and Government, receives **\$10,000** per academic year to cover the replacement costs.
- D. Constitution Day: The ADP leadership team plans an annual event on the ISU campus every September in observance of Constitution Day. This year we have plans for a larger event than in past years. We are seeking to host a Naturalization Ceremony on-campus. We request **\$2,000**.
- E. Political Engagement Project (PEP): The Political Engagement Project's primary vision is to promote increased student awareness of and engagement with political systems and processes and to encourage political activism among undergraduate students that leads to an increase in political leadership and participation on and off campus. PEP also seeks to develop students' understanding of political and social engagement as a life-long responsibility of all citizens. We request **\$3,000**.
- F. TurboVote: For the past two years we have been in partnership with [TurboVote](#) to assist in registering ISU students to vote. This online application is exceedingly easy to use and allows us to auto-populate address information for residence halls, thereby eliminating any application mistakes that could preclude a student from voting. Furthermore, this application also gives us data to track the number of students who have registered. The total cost for TurboVote is \$2,000. SGA, as the primary partner who utilizes TurboVote in voter registration efforts, has agreed to contribute \$1,000. We request **\$1,000** for fund ADP's portion.
- G. Civic Engagement Study Tour: The ADP leadership team would like to continue offering a civic engagement study tour to ISU students. The civic engagement study tour is a 7-10-day long program that takes place in Washington, DC, during the summer. The program encompasses a variety of activities that can include museum visits as well as meetings with lawmakers representing Illinois, legislative aides, civil society groups, and other stakeholders. The civic engagement study tour can foster a sense of political engagement and efficacy among student participants, and this can be key to active and engaged citizenship. We request **\$5,000** in funding for this program.
- H. Mentoring, Academics, Scholarships & Achievement Initiative (MASAI): MASAI is an existing mentoring program that is being expanded under the leadership of the Dean of Students. This peer mentoring program serves students of color, first generation students, and students who are economically disadvantaged. As part of the effort to expand the program, MASAI will include a civic engagement component as a partnership with ADP. This can be an important step towards integrating civic engagement and diversity

programs at ISU. We request **\$1,500** in funding to partner with the civic engagement component of MASAI.

- I. Civic Engagement Awards and Civic Engagement Day: A specially appointed committee addressed civic engagement at ISU in 2013-2014 and seven civic engagement awards were proposed (Outstanding Community-Engaged Teacher Award; RSO Award; Unit Award; Faculty Citizenship Award; Student Citizenship Award; Staff Citizenship Award; Alumni Citizenship Award). These are awarded at the Civic Engagement Day celebration held Spring semester. We request **\$2,000** in funding the plaques for the awards and the Civic Engagement Day event.
- J. Community Engaged Campus: The Community Engaged Campus initiative helps faculty incorporate civic engagement and service learning projects into their classes by helping them establish partnerships with community-based organizations. We request **\$1,500** in funding to cover the expenses of hosting CEC events. These events may include outreach to new faculty at New Faculty Orientation, a presentation to LinC instructors, and a bus tour of community agencies.
- K. ADP Conference for students: Every year, a number of ISU students attend the ADP National Conference. We request **\$4,800** to help cover registration, travel, and hotel expenses for ISU students.
- L. ADP Conference for faculty/staff: Along with students attending the ADP conference each year, faculty and staff have also attended to assist in engaging the students involved and for their own professional development. We request **\$3,000** to help cover registration, travel, and hotel expenses for two ISU faculty/staff to attend the conference.
- M. Global Engagement: We request **\$2,000** to fund programs and events throughout the year that educate students about pressing global issues and help foster a culture of global citizenship on the ISU campus.
- N. Social Issues Fair – The Social Issues Fair allows ISU students to engage with one another and the community about current political and social issues. This fair is done in collaboration with the School of Communication. We are requesting **\$750.00**
- O. Marketing/Publicity: We request **\$2,000** to cover the costs of marketing and publicizing ADP-sponsored events through posters, brochures, postcards, and other materials.

V. PERSONNEL REQUESTS—NEW TENURE TRACK FACULTY

Not applicable

VI. PERSONNEL REQUESTS—TENURE TRACK FACULTY, NON-REAPPOINTMENT or TENURE-DENIAL/DEATH

Not applicable

VII. FACILITIES REQUESTS

Not Applicable