

Call for Proposals

2012 Western Regional LGBTQIA College Conference

Due Date: February 25, 2011

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For detailed information about the conference, please visit: www.comeoutwest.org

IMPORTANT INTERVIEW REQUIREMENT

The organizing team members must attend this year's Western Regional Conference at UC Berkeley (March 4th-6th, 2011) in order to answer various interview questions from the selection committee and the community audience. The selection committee will include two past organizers of the conference (UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo) and the current organizing campus (UC Berkeley). The final decision for 2012's Western Regional Conference host will be announced on March 6th, at the end of the 2011's conference.

Contact Info – Who should the conference committee contact about your proposal?

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Mailing Address:

Basic Questions:

1. What is your vision for the 2012 WRCC?
2. What dates for hosting the 2012 WRCC work for your campus?
3. Who will organize and run the conference (staff, students, volunteers)?
4. What efforts will you make in order to make your conference inclusive and welcoming?

Logistics & Additional Questions:

Please include as much logistical information as possible from "Things To Consider When Planning to Host the WRCC"

Overview of the WRCC:

Learn more at <http://www.comeoutwest.org> about the history of the conference, including the websites for the 2009, 2007, 2005 and 2003. Check out the conference schedules, programs, speakers and entertainment.

Organizing the conference has the potential to develop strong student leaders, and to celebrate the LGBTQIA community on your campus.

Expect to draw at least 700 people. The 2010 conference at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo drew around 750 people, the 2009 conference at UC Santa Barbara drew around 800 people, the 2007

conference at UC Riverside drew 750 people, and the 2005 conference at UC Davis drew 780 people. Consider how many college students are in driving distance of your campus, and whether community members will attend. 88% of participants in 2009, 80% of participants in 2007, and 85% of participants in 2005 were students.

The 2009 WRCC was organized by UC Santa Barbara alone (with the support of the website from UCR). However, the 2005 WRCC was a collaborative project, with several campuses supporting the efforts of UC Davis. Stanford sponsored Deep DiCkollective. UC San Diego sponsored Lani Ka'ahumanu. UC Riverside provided the website and Registration. Consider whether other campuses in your state could collaborate.

Each year, the host campus conference budget begins from scratch with no carry-forward funds from the past year. The host campus keeps any profit from the conference, however.

Income sources include registration fees, campus departments and student government, private nonprofit foundations, advertising and business sponsorships. Sample budgets from recent conferences are available by request. In 2007, the conference budget totaled \$39,800 and 750 people attended. In 2003, the conference budget totaled \$30,000 and 715 people attended.

The conference is traditionally held in late February, often during Presidents' Day weekend. The conference opens Friday night and concludes Sunday afternoon.

Please contact Nancy Tubbs with any questions not answered above.
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Things To Consider When Planning to Host the WRCC:

The following will help campuses evaluate their ability to host the WRCC.

1. Overview of host campus and surrounding community.
2. What impact will hosting the WRCC have on your campus or region?
3. Facilities overview. How many people can gather in one space for a keynote or meal? (This is logistically the cap on attendance.) How many meeting rooms are available and what are their capacity limits? How many workshops may run concurrently?
4. Administrative support overview. Will your campus provide financial and political support?
5. Fundraising overview. Who are possible co-sponsors, both on- and off-campus? Include potential private foundation grants.
6. Collaboration overview. Will other campuses in your region co-sponsor the WRCC?
7. What are your ideas for possible speakers and entertainment?
8. What are the hotel accommodations and transportation services in your community?
9. What challenges do you foresee in hosting the WRCC?
10. What is unique about your campus hosting the WRCC?
11. Do you have a conference theme?