

# 2011 Guild Campus Gift Grant Choices



Valparaiso  
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## Category – Travel

University Guild

### **Proposal 1: SALT Alternative Spring Break Trip**

Department: Social Action Leadership Team (SALT)

Requested: \$3,000

*The Social Action Leadership Team (SALT) is the spirit-led social justice ministry of the Chapel of the Resurrection. Every year, SALT facilitates week-long alternative spring break trips that provide affordable, unique and enriching service opportunities to the student body in both rural and urban locations. In the past, due to limited funding, SALT has had to reduce the number of students that can attend the trips. Guild support would allow more students to take part in this service opportunity. Funds would be used to pay for van rental, gas, registration fees, lodging, food and a faculty honorarium.*

### **Proposal 2: Engineers Without Borders – Valparaiso University Chapter**

Department: Engineering

Requested: \$4,000

*A team of student engineers will be traveling to the village of Masaera in northern Tanzania to continue repairs to a canal that was installed 75 years ago. Many leaks and breaches have formed in the canal walls and are now resulting in significant water loss to the village. Valparaiso University students have been traveling to Tanzania during their spring breaks in 2010 and 2011 and will continue repairs and education with the village. If selected, the Guild grant will defray student expenses for the 2012 trip.*

### **Proposal 3: Nursing Medical Mission Trip**

Department: College of Nursing

Requested: \$4,800

*The College of Nursing strives to enhance international experiences through short-term study abroad programs. Currently, three programs exist for nursing students: Medical Mission Trip to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, Healthcare Project in Chile and Healthcare in Thailand Project. These trips provide students a "life-changing" experience that contributes to the knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and skills of future nurses in a global society. Funds awarded by the Guild would serve to defray student expenses for these study abroad service-oriented experiences.*

## Category - Furnishings

### **Proposal 4: Refinish Recital Hall Piano**

Department: Music

Requested: \$5,000

*Over the course of 50 years, the exterior of the concert grand piano in Duesenberg Recital Hall has been subjected to normal wear and tear. The sound of the instrument is still excellent and it is the centerpiece of the musical performance space. The music department would like to refinish the exterior wood so that the visual impact of the instrument would again be in keeping with the*

*high standards of the department. A new instrument would cost \$100,000. If selected, the Guild grant will cover approximately 80% of the refinishing costs with the remainder of the funding already in place.*

### **Proposal 5: Counter for Registrar**

Department: Office of the Registrar

Requested: \$5,000

*In order to maintain a positive student environment, the office of the Registrar would like to reorganize the office to accommodate a modernized curved counter, a wheelchair access point, and possibly partitions. The reorganization will allow the office to accommodate more students and provide them with more room. It will help students feel welcome and comfortable when visiting the office, and will provide ease of access for students with disabilities and comply with the ADA. The Guild grant would cover the cost of purchasing materials and installation for this improvement.*

### **Proposal 6: Furniture for VUCA Greenroom**

Department: Theatre

Requested: \$5,000

*The VUCA Greenroom serves as a theatre student lounge, a meeting area for student theatre organizations and production meetings, and a project/study area. Currently, the room's furnishings are quite old, unattractive, uncomfortable, and in disrepair. Purchasing new couches, tables, a computer station or two, and some student lockers would make the room more functional and inviting. The Guild grant would support the many student activities that use this space, encourage more use of it, and enhance the department's ability to recruit more student participants.*

## Category - Small Technology Equipment

### **Proposal 7: Classroom Clickers**

Department: Sociology and Criminology

Requested: \$1000

*The department of Sociology and Criminology is requesting funds to purchase a set of "clickers" for classroom use. These "clickers" allow students to respond anonymously and therefore more honestly to some of the controversial topics (related to social categories such as race, class, sexuality, gender, age). The clickers allow "on the spot" responses regarding any topic currently under discussion. They can also be used to test students' knowledge of material quickly to help the professor to gauge the effectiveness of his/her teaching and/or the degree to which students understood an assigned reading. The Guild grant would cover 90% of the cost of the "clickers." The remaining 10% will be funded through department budget dollars.*

**Proposal 8: Mimeo Capture System**

Department: Information Technology

Requested: \$1100

*The Mimeo Capture system allows any white board to be quickly converted into a smart board. Having this capability would allow professors to utilize white boards during class and then save the contents to a file so that it can be shared with the students electronically. This allows students to concentrate on what the professor is saying rather than trying to copy down what is being written on the board, thus leading to more critical thinking and more in-depth and meaningful class discussions. The Guild grant would fully cover the cost of this system.*

**Proposal 9: Netbook, iPod, and Roku Player**

Department: Foreign Languages and Literature

Requested: \$900

*The Language Resource Center is requesting funds to purchase a netbook, an iPod, and a Roku player. These would be used to support both the students learning foreign languages as well as international students. To encourage and support authentic language use, the delivery of certain media – global music and international television – is key to establishing a welcoming, vibrant, and internationally focused setting. The iPod and netbook would be used to manage this media and the Roku player would expand access to international TV and films by easily streaming internet content to a TV.*

**Category - Large Technology Equipment****Proposal 10: Campus Entertainment Package**

Department: University Programming Council, Harre Union

Requested: \$2600

*The University Programming Council (UPC) plans almost 100 events that reach over 20,000 participants each year. A digital camcorder, two Xbox Kinect gaming systems, and a portable popcorn machine would enhance current programming and provide new equipment requested by students. The digital camcorder would allow the UPC to advertise events using the students' preferred methods of communication such as YouTube and Facebook. Potentially, these videos could also be used to show prospective students the amazing programming at VU. The Xbox Kinect system would provide user-friendly active games that focus on team events which help students connect with each other. Making popcorn in house for film nights not only saves money over purchasing from the local theater, but also since the machine is portable, it can be used for a multitude of events. The addition of this equipment would improve the students' extra-curricular experience at Valpo.*

**Proposal 11: ARC Video Board Message System**

Department: Athletics

Requested: \$3000

*A video board message system is requested for the lobby of the Athletic Recreation Center. The board will provide students information on various campus events. In addition the board would serve as an important message system for emergency situations should the need arise.*

**Proposal 12: PreSonus Digital Mixer and iMac**

Department: Music Enterprise Student Association (MESA)

Requested: \$4000

*In order to prepare students for work in the field of music production and technology, MESA would like to expose students to the latest in recording technology. The acquisition of a PreSonus digital mixer to control audio levels and record sound and an iMac with audio editing software would allow students to mix recorded sound into professional quality tracks. These tracks can be produced onto compact discs and distributed to students, alumni, and the general public showcasing student talent and giving Valpo positive publicity.*

**Category – Miscellaneous****Proposal 13: Mueller Hall Technology Upgrade**

Department: Christ College

Requested: \$5000

*Christ College requests funding for a technology upgrade that would allow professors to utilize interactive, web-based, and multi-media teaching tools on a regular basis necessary for today's learning. Mueller Hall classrooms are used for a wide variety of courses by students from all colleges. Despite these rooms' desirable location, size and layout, these classrooms are under-utilized because of their lack of interactive technology. This tech upgrade could range from a full tech cart to a modified upgrade which would consist of installing a projector and cables so that a laptop or DVD player can be hooked up when necessary.*

**Proposal 14: Books for Graduates**

Department: Office of Alumni Relations

Requested: \$2900

*The Office of Alumni Relations would like to give the book, *Life After School, Explained*, to all 2012 graduates. The questions the book humorously addresses are ones that will have immediate impact for the graduates as they begin to navigate their way in the "real" world, such as renting an apartment, taxes, deciphering benefits packages, buying vs. leasing a car, and others. By easing some of the students' anxiety by providing much-needed information, the Guild can help the graduates realize that Valpo is invested in their futures and wants to help them on their way. This feeling will help form positive attitudes on the part of young alumni toward the University. The grant from the Guild would cover over half the cost of the books.*

**Proposal 15: Influenza Vaccines**

Department: Student Health Center

Requested: \$5000

*Influenza illness in college students is associated with significant effects on health, school, and work performance. Vaccination can prevent and control the disease. Cost has been cited as a barrier to student vaccination. By eliminating this barrier, more students will be vaccinated resulting in a healthier campus. In the 2010-2011 school year, a total of 381 influenza vaccines were given and the Health Center reported only 35 cases of influenza. The Guild grant would cover approximately 500 doses of the vaccine.*



**Members will rank order the choices from 1 (highest) to 3 (lowest) for each category on the ballot located in the BALLOTS envelope.**