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Describe the concept. If already in use here or elsewhere, please indicate this.

Could we take some of the events that are important to students of color for instance the Pow Wow that has existed for 35 years and not make them go through the ASM vetting process? Could the Chancellor make it known that she expects some things to be funded without question? I realize only the regents can make expenses non-allocable, but certainly the chancellor could have some influence?

How would this affect cultural change on campus?

How can we expect Native students who are less than 1% of the student body to succeed in a process that is majority rule? Why isn't anyone questioning that every year ASM denies long-term student organizations or events that are important to minority students crucial funding? Making this change would show Native students that we value them and their culture on campus. It would not put sacred cultural traditions in the hands of disaffected sorority girls who eat their dinner while brown and black students beg for enough money to celebrate their culture. Really if you had attended the meeting regarding this, it was horrifying the way the Caucasian (and they were all Caucasian) students on the ASM hearing panel were behaving. We are not serving them well to let this kind of disrespect to be tolerated.

For new ideas, how would you propose piloting this idea to see if it would work? If the idea is already in use at UW-Madison, how would you propose expanding or altering this program for greater impact?

It would be a fight, and require that we look at shared governance as something that is applied to ASM and not just something that they think they deserve. However, if there ever was a time for negotiation it is now with a new group coming to power in ASM. Perhaps ASM could have a staff member liaison from the Dean of Students Office who assists them in evaluating the cultural competence of their actions.

What resources would be needed to implement your suggestion?

Since it is unlikely that this proposal would be favored by the Regents, the Chancellor would have to take an active role in overseeing whether or not segregated fees were being distributed in a racist manner. The Dean of Students who oversees ASM would have to take more responsibility for their behavior. While the decisions are bad, it is the disaffected arrogance of these student "leaders" that is really offensive. If we allow student "leaders" to be racist in their lack of consideration of others doesn't it trickle down?

If this proposal was developed in partnership with any other organizations, please list them below.

Nope, just me.

Please use this space for any additional information about your proposal that you wish to share:

ASM got to question the location of the Pow Wow because no one in Athletics or Rec Sports would allow Wunk Sheek to use any of their spaces. That's also incredibly embarrassing and someone from the top should make sure it doesn't happen again. Fees to the Alliant, buses, all kinds of expenses could have been saved, someone from above needs to cut through this poo poo and make things happen for students of color.