

2009-2010 Student Organization Student Services Fees Request

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Fees Request for 2009-2010 Academic Year

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Preparer’s Name Here

Co-Preparer’s Name Here

Is your organization an IRS 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, please provide proof of your organization’s 501(c)(3) status.

Funds are being requested for (check all that apply):

General Operating Support Start-Up Costs _____ Capital _____
Project / Program Support Technical Assistance _____ Other (List) _____

Budget

Dollar Amount Requested \$42,000
Total Annual Organization Budget \$43,470
Total Project Budget (Apart from General Operating) \$24,175

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Narrative

History

La Raza Student Cultural Center's history at the University of Minnesota goes back more than 30 years. In 1969, a group of Chicano, Mexican and Puerto Rican students founded the "Latin Liberation Front." Within a few years, this seminal group became La Raza Student Cultural Center. La Raza has maintained a non-partisan stance and open membership for all students on campus. We consider ourselves an icon and proud member of both the University and the Twin-Cities Latino/a Communities.

Mission

Our mission at La Raza is to assist, work, and advocate for the Chicano/a and Latino/a community at the University of Minnesota. Specifically, we hope to achieve a greater historical, political and cultural awareness concerning the Latina/o communities on campus through cultural programs and events. We advocate for the representation of Chicanos/as and Latinas/os within the University community and administrative structures, as well as within the community at large. We inform Latina/o students about all the issues that effect our education and the general wellbeing of our communities, as well as assisting the University of Minnesota to recruit, retain, and graduate Latino/a students. Furthermore, we aim to work closely with the university community, especially academic departments, and other external community agencies to achieve our mission.

Collaboration

La Raza works with many other student cultural centers at the University of Minnesota. We help support each other with collaborative events and pertinent issues throughout the year and will continue to do so in the future. La Raza has worked closely with a number of student unions and centers: Black Student Union, American Indian Student Cultural Center, Queer Student Cultural Center, Disabled Student Cultural Center, Women's Student Activist Collective, Minnesota International Students Association, Al-Madinah Student Cultural Center, and Asian-American Student Union. For example, in the fall of '08, La Raza collaborated with the Black Student Union during International Politics week. We hosted a presentation/discussion about the politics of Latin America. Students from different cultures gathered and shared their political histories, discussing revolutions and the creation of democracies all over the world. We have also worked in cooperation with other student organizations like Sigma Lambda Gamma and Sigma Lambda Beta in organizing events like dancing, ladies' night and our main event of the year, El Grito, held in September in honor of Latin American independence.

Furthermore, La Raza collaborates with other university departments and organizations, e.g. Chicano Studies Department, the Theater Arts and Dance Department, Multicultural Center for Academic Excellence (MCAE), the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies, the Department of Sociology, Students for a More Democratic Society at the University of Minnesota (SDS), the Aurora Center and the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students.

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La Raza also supports the off-campus Latino/a community through strong partnerships with organizations that share our missions and goals. Our community partners include La Escuelita, Academia Cesar Chavez, Miguel Austrias Academy (in Guatemala), Edison High School, Quetzal Coatlicue (a traditional Aztec Dancers circle), the Minnesota Cuba Committee, Minnesota Network of Latinos in Higher Education, Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network, and Chicana/o-Latina/o university student groups at Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC), Macalester College, St. John's, St. Kate's, St. Olaf College, Carleton College, Southwest State University, and Mankato State University. Our relationships with all these organizations vary depending on the events or the goals we hold. Past collaborations include sponsoring and organizing events and writing letters of support.

Demand for La Raza Services and Programming

Because of multiple social and historical factors, Latinas/os and Chicanas/os have been historically underrepresented within U.S. institutions of higher education. Latina/o and Chicano/a students make up about 2% of the Twin Cities campus population. La Raza exists to ensure that this 2% of students does not experience isolation on campus and to raise campus and broader awareness of issues affecting the Chicana/o and the Latina/o community. Furthermore, La Raza also recognizes the need to increase Chicana/o, Latina/o enrollment and retention at the University of Minnesota. To meet these needs, La Raza provides a space for Chicana/o and Latina/o students to develop a supportive social niche, while providing a welcoming atmosphere to all students. We also coordinate cultural, educational, and political events that promote awareness of and advocacy for issues relevant to our communities. A brief list of services we provide include outreach programs, study time, computers, support for community campaigns, and working to connect with new students.

Student Benefits

By fostering cultural diversity and promoting a free exchange of ideas, cultural centers such as La Raza help to create a culturally sensitive and tolerant environment on campus. Although the number of ways in which La Raza benefits the campus community are infinite, we believe our contribution can be summarized in the following points:

- La Raza fosters a campus atmosphere of tolerance for cultural difference. Even if students do not participate in our organization or events, our presence and the opportunities we offer inform students that the University of Minnesota is a place that encourages and supports the diverse pursuits of its diverse students. La Raza achieves this by promoting and creating academic, educational and cultural activities that reflect Latina/o and Chicano/a culture, as well as by promoting respect and understanding of the Latina/o and Chicano/a culture on campus.
- La Raza also gives interested students the opportunity to develop leadership skills by participating in the development of our policies, programs, budget and growth.

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All members and participants are encouraged to engage in any and all facets of La Raza's programming and operation.

- La Raza provides opportunities for Latina/o and Chicano/a middle and high school students to visit the University of Minnesota. We also help students by providing free computer and printing services, as well as study hours in order to ensure that we not only recruit more Latinos/as and Chicanas/os to the university, but also that they excel academically while here.
- Furthermore, La Raza fosters a sense of community by providing a safe and welcoming space for all students to engage in dialogue, social interaction and studies. La Raza is a conduit for dialogue for students and the community at large.
- By hosting renowned speakers and dynamic community members from the Latino/a and Chicano/a community in the metro area, La Raza encourages academics, complements curriculum, and creates networks for future funding and collaboration within the University of Minnesota.
- We foster a comfortable and diverse environment for students of all backgrounds to attend our events and study and visit in our environments.
- We help student members develop leadership skills by participating and planning events.
- We work with other universities and colleges to promote an active, broader community concerned with Latino/a issues and to improve retention and graduation rates.
- A safe place to practice formally and informally the languages of Latin America.
- Opportunities for students to develop and share their own identities.
- Access to resources on Latino/as and Chicana/o history books, computers, films and printing services.
- Opportunities to learn about volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved in the broader Latino/a and Chicano/a community.
- Opportunity to go to NACCS and other national and state conferences.

Student Involvement

La Raza's board is made up of 10 board members and 2 part-time staff members, who are all full-time University of Minnesota students. Our staff is generally responsible for day-to-day operations of our organization, e.g. checking e-mail, paying bills, cleaning, etc. Our board is

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involved in developing policies, budgets, and programming, e.g. planning events, keeping our budget, sending newsletters, etc. Our general membership elects board members and provides input, as well as utilizes our resources. By utilizing the resources of La Raza, our members have created sub-organizations in the past within the center such as Ceviche, LUNA, Solo Para Mujeres, NACCS committee, and Chicano Studies Support Group.

Student Services Fees Request

LRSCC is requesting that we be granted \$42,000 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Because of our fragile economy and the increase in the number of events we hold during the school year, we want to assure that we have sufficient funds in order to continue offering events to all the students at the University of Minnesota. The money will also be used, in part, to jumpstart a new subgroup within LRSCC.

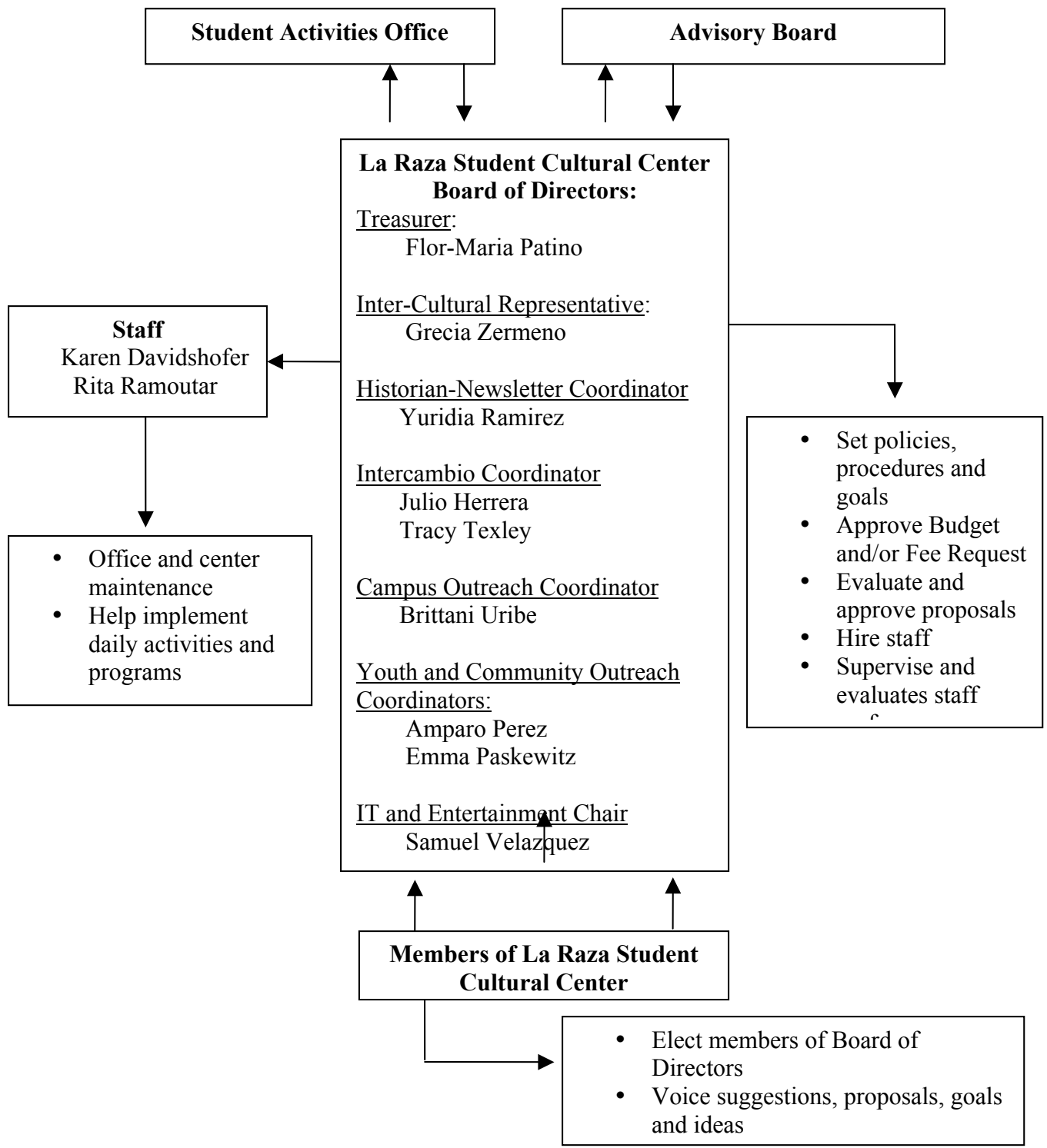
Summer Operation

Due to the shortage of board members and staff during summer break and amount of time required for planning fall events, LRSCC will decrease its regular Fall/Spring hours by 50 percent. Financially, we will operate with four percent of the budget for summer. The center will be open for general maintenance as well as continual meetings to prepare for the September events such as El Grito and Open House/General Assembly. Throughout summer break, we will continue to update our members about different university and community events through our newsletter.

Organizational Chart

Provide a block diagram that details more clearly your organization structure. The organizational chart should provide a clear picture of the reporting structure and student involvement.

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Performance Report

	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Total number of events	52	56	60
Total number of attendees	2350	2400	2450

The way we evaluate our events and organization is primarily through our members and program attendees. Members and event attendees are permitted to voice their comments, questions and concerns in a variety of ways, such as approaching board members or staff through e-mail, direct contact, etc. A method that has proven to be effective to get feedback about our events and organization has been holding General Assemblies. Aside from getting responses about our events, General Assemblies are also a means through which our members and event attendees can express their questions, comments or concerns about our organization. The General Assemblies are held in a manner that treat all questions, comments and/or concerns with respect and importance. The method we use to keep record of the number of event attendees is through a sign-in sheet. Event attendees are asked to sign in whenever they attend an event. This method is strictly enforced because it allows us to accurately keep record of the number of event attendees. Thus, through this process, we are able to evaluate the success of our events.

Describe your criteria for success.

La Raza's criteria for success are as follows:

- Listening to and obeying our members.
- Providing a large amount of quality programming.
- Attracting and involving many students and academic departments to our events and room.
- Having participants learn and get involved in issues related to the Latina/o community.
- Accurately recording and documenting all revenues and expenses.
- Maintaining an operative reserve of ten percent.

What does your organization hope to accomplish as a result of its activities?

Through the activities and events held or co-sponsored by La Raza we hope to create a safe space where the Latino/a and Chicana/o community and all students can come together and create an open dialogue about issues concerning our community. Our short-term goals include diversifying the University of Minnesota through our regular events and diversifying our members by focusing on the diverse cultural makeup of the Latino community. We also want to keep establishing new relationships with the community through event collaboration.

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La Raza will continue to offer guidance to prospective and current students throughout their college career at the University of Minnesota. Our long-term goals include developing and maintaining relationships we have with other university entities and community groups. These groups allow us to create well-rounded programming and also reach a greater audience, therefore executing our mission more effectively. We have developed and/or co-sponsored programs with the following University of Minnesota departments and organizations: Chicano Studies Department, MCAE (Multicultural Academic Excellence), Chicano/Latino Learning Resource Center, Women Studies Department, Institute for Global Studies, Department of Sociology, Students for a more Democratic Society at the University of Minnesota (SDS), Department of Spanish and Portuguese, AWOL (Anti-War Organizing League), all the Cultural Centers on the second floor of Coffman Memorial Union, etc. Our goal is to continue and extend the work we have been doing with these organizations to benefit our center and the greater University of Minnesota community through more comprehensive programming.

How will your organization determine whether or not its goals have been met?

In order to ensure that our organization meets its goals and its members' expectations, we plan on holding at least two General Assemblies per semester. We will hold General Assemblies at the beginning of each semester thus to allow for our members to voice out their expectations and needs from our organization for the coming semester. We will consequently hold General Assemblies at the end of each semester. This will allow our members to evaluate our events and overall performance for that semester. We will take written notes on all the verbal evaluations that are presented to us during the General Assembly, such that it allow us to keep records of the questions, comments and concerns of our members.

During General Assemblies we will discuss in detail with our members the progress of La Raza and ways to improve such progress. For those members that perhaps do not feel comfortable voicing their opinions out loud, we will also provide a comment box for written anonymous evaluations. By doing this, we hope to gather a concrete evaluation of our organization and events. Therefore, we will be able to make the necessary changes to enhance our events and better serve our members. Furthermore, we always encourage members to contact staff or board members directly about any concerns, comments, questions, etc. Internally, the board and staff will discuss past events at the next board meeting and evaluate its success, which will be included in the event write up. We will also discuss event attendance to determine whether there has been an increase or decrease and its subsequent reasons and factors. Last, we aim to respond to the recommendation of the management audits and adhere to the accounting and audit/agreed upon procedures. We at La Raza feel that these steps will help determine whether or not our goals have been met and thus ensure that our organization provides its members and university community with the political and cultural awareness it promises.

Who will be involved in evaluating your organization?

La Raza is evaluated periodically through an audit process performed by a firm designated by the

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Student Fees Committee. We also seek guidance from various advisors in the Cultural Center Advising Office. Moreover, our financial records are public, thus any member of the University of Minnesota community may evaluate our organization's financial status at any time. In fulfilling our mission in terms of programming and events, La Raza looks to our members, faculty/staff, students, advisory board, and members of the Latina/o community for feedback, suggestions, and support. At La Raza an Advisory Group for the board has been created to ensure that La Raza is meeting all of their goals and expectations. The Advisory Group began Spring 2005 and consists of one of the following: former La Raza board members, University of Minnesota graduate students, local community activists, and University of Minnesota faculty and staff. This group was established to bring different perspectives in order for all parts of La Raza to be evaluated. The Advisory board investigates all aspects of our operation from finance to quality of service and programs, to outreach with Latina/o youth and University of Minnesota collaboration.

What will be done with any collected evaluation results?

We take all evaluations seriously and thus carefully analyze the necessary steps toward implementing changes in order to fulfill recommendations. In regards to financial evaluation, we are aware that the auditing firm had issued a set of recommendations to which our center must respond and comply. For instance, the auditing firm had recommended we purchase software for purposes of recording and accumulating financial data. Thus, in turn we have now implemented the use of Quicken in order to keep track of our financial transactions. Using computer software has allowed us to organize our financial transactions in accordance to the Fees Committee categories. By working closely with and listening to audit recommendations, Advisory Group, the Cultural Center Advising Office, and our constituency, La Raza has been able to develop ways of improving our financial operations.

Additionally, we have taken into account comments from our members and are offering a larger variety of events focusing on political, cultural and educational events. We have also taken steps to increase the comfort and usability of our space, as members have recommended in the past. To guarantee that our members are able to fully take advantage of our computers and printers, we have specifically created the board position of IT chair to help ensure that everything is working properly. We believe that these steps represent our commitment and response to our members and their concerns.

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Description of Impact at a 10 Percent Reduction in Fees Request

A ten percent decrease in our fees request would greatly cause a negative impact on the performance and function of our organization. By implementing a ten percent decrease, our organization will suffer a \$4,200 budget cut. Through its events and activities, La Raza has been serving the University of Minnesota community for 36 years. We would like to be able to continue to provide quality events and activities that raise cultural, political and social awareness within the University of Minnesota community. A budget reduction of ten percent would greatly affect the quality and quantity of our events and thus this would deprive the University of Minnesota community of fully taking advantage of our organization.

As part of our effort to encourage Latino and minority students to pursue higher education, every year we hold events that allow high school students as well as elementary students to visit the university. We provide these students with lunches, activities and tours of the University. If our budget is reduced, we would have to decrease the number of students who we allow to participate in these events. With the number of minority students, specifically Latino/a students, declining here at the University we believe that it is of particular importance that we allow as many students as it is possible to visit and tour the University.

Since most of our operational expenses are fixed, including telephone and fax, supplies, equipment, etc, our programming budget would have to bear most of the costs of a reduction. More specifically this would mean that we would have to reduce our food budget by \$1000.00. From comments we have received from our members, the most anticipated part of the events is the opportunity to try the food from different Latin American countries. Our events would be greatly affected and not complete without being able to provide authentic ethnic foods that allow the University community to fully enjoy our cultural events. Aside from our food budget, we would also have to cut back on our entertainment budget. This is also an important part of our events because for the most part, our cultural, political and social events require some type of traditional performances and entertainment. Our entertainment budget would suffer a cut of \$1000.00 and thus this would affect the quality of our events. We would also be forced make a cut of \$500.00 on our honorariums. We strive to provide the University community with a variety of events from which they can gather cultural, political and social consciousness. Therefore, sometimes it is necessary for us to bring special speakers and compensate them. By reducing our honorariums, we would have to decrease the speakers and special guests that might have otherwise made considerable intellectual contributions to the University community. We would also have to make a \$500.00 decrease in our room rental budget. The number of attendees for our events have been increasing and our room is not big enough to accommodate people for our big events. In turn we have to rent out bigger rooms to hold these type of events. Therefore, if we cut back on our room rental budget we would not be able to accommodate all the people that want to attend our events. This is problematic because not everyone from the University community would be able to part take in our more popular events. This would therefore be a loss for the University community.

Finally, a reduction of ten percent would force us to reduce the amount of money La Raza can

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spend on our employees and thus deter our ability to function smoothly as we have in the past. We would be forced to reduce our salaries by an amazing almost \$1,200.00. La Raza prides itself in being able to serve its members all day and during the summer, but a reduction in our fees would force us to restrict the hours La Raza is open. Although board members put in a number of hours a week, we rely heavily on our staff to fill in the times when board members cannot supervise La Raza. Historically, La Raza is open part-time during the summer in order to accommodate to members taking summer classes as well as to recruit new members. This year, La Raza aims to be open during freshman orientation as a way to accommodate the hundreds of new Chicano/a and Latino/a students coming to the university for the first time. We aim to have staff work the freshman orientation involvement fair, along with available board members, in order

to recruit students and introduce all freshman to La Raza's space. However, if we are forced to cut our employment salaries, we will not be able to recruit members during summer orientation, which would greatly hurt La Raza's membership and the university's presence of diversity during freshman orientation.

A ten percent decrease in our budget would greatly affect our performance and functioning. More specifically, our programming expenses would suffer the biggest budget cuts. We would have to make a programming budget cut of \$3000.00. La Raza's ability to provide its members and the University of Minnesota as a whole with authentic, ethnic, and traditional entertainment and food would be irreparably hindered. Also, La Raza's privilege to give back to people who help make La Raza's events intimate and profound by talking and performing at events would also be damaged. Last, this possible cut in funding would irreparably change our ability to accommodate our members and attract new ones. A ten percent cut in funding, roughly \$4200, would hinder our overall ability to contribute to the rapidly declining diversity of this campus and to continue our long and influential tradition as an icon of this university.

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BUDGET			
Complete the sections below, as it applies to your organization Shaded sections are formulas and should not be changed			
Student Organization Name: <i>Group Name</i>			
INCOME	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	REQUEST
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Student Services Fees	\$ 35,787.83	\$35,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
Foundations			
Corporations			
Individual Contributions			
Fundraising Measures	\$ 3,582.97	\$ 6,000.00	
In-Kind Support			
Investment Income			
Grants Internal to UM (i.e. Administrative, Coke)			\$ 2,000.00
Grants External to UM			
Carry-Over from Previous Year	\$ 3,977.31	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,200.00
Total Income	\$ 43,348.11	\$43,600.00	\$ 47,200.00
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	REQUEST
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Salaries, Wages, and Stipends	\$8,491.75	\$8,800	\$12,600
Insurance, Benefits, Taxes			
Consultants / Professional Fees	\$630	\$800	\$1,400
Travel			
Food	\$76.05	\$75	\$100
Equipment	\$303.70	\$250	\$2,352
Supplies	\$2,244.23	\$2,500	\$2,058
Printing and Copying			\$185
Telephone and Fax	\$2,147.09	\$2,200	\$3,700
Postage and Delivery	\$8.20	\$20	\$50
Rent and Utilities	\$345.37	\$650	\$700
In-Kind Expenses			
Other (Specify)	\$3,348.98	\$4,000	\$4,250
Total Operational Expenses	\$ 17,595.37	\$19,295.00	\$ 27,395.00
PROGRAMMING EXPENSES*	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	REQUEST
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Food	\$8,823.24	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 5,500.00
Room Rental	\$2,946.08	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,900.00
Advertising	\$301.45	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Entertainment	\$2,592.23	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 5,300.00
Travel	\$170	\$ 200.00	\$ 270.00
Other	\$8,307.28	\$ 7,775.00	\$ 5,200.00
Total Programming Expenses	\$ 23,140.28	\$24,175.00	\$ 19,670.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 40,735.65	\$43,470.00	\$ 47,065.00
Difference (Income Less Expenses)	\$ 2,612.46	\$ 130.00	\$ 135.00
<p>* For the Programming/Project expenses, organizations must provide a breakdown of the programming/projects that comprise the total costs listed above. In turn, the sum of each programming/project's costs should add up to the totals listed for each item. The Programming/Project breakdown sheet is provided on the next page and should be duplicated for each individual program/project. Breaking down your organization's projects and supplementing with narrative pages could alleviate the need to compile this information for the fees committee at a later date.</p>			

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Frida Kahlo					
Attendees	15					
Food						
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	30.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	30.00				
Narrative:	Frida Kahlo is recognized as a very influential Mexican artist. Since we chose to build our yearly ofrenda (altar) for our "Día de los Muertos" celebration in memory of Frida Kahlo, we thought that exposing our members to her art work would inspire them in the creation of the altar.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Dinner with a Legend					
Attendees	7					
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	200.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	200.00				
Narrative:	The Black Student Union brought the co-founder of the Black Panthers to speak at the University. We decided to purchase a table's worth of tickets (8) and bring interested members to the dinner. We had the opportunity to listen to him talk about how he founded the Black Panthers and the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Che/Cuba Event					
Attendees	70					
Food	\$	167.80				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	167.80				
Narrative:	Ernesto "Che" Guevara was perhaps one of the most well-known Latinos in history, and Cuba one of the most discussed. We collaborated on this event with The Minnesota Cuba Committee. During this event we watched a documentary about Che and Cuba, heard a presentation by professor August Nymphs, and discussed Che and Cuba's role in society today. We also enjoyed food from a local Mexican restaurant.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Cultural Celebration					
Attendees	500					
Food	\$ -					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ 150.00					
Program Total:	\$ 150.00					
Narrative:	La Raza Student Cultural Center (LRSCC) donated money and contributed our members as volunteers. They assisted in the planning and advertising for the event. In addition to that, a large portion of the attendees for the event were members of LRSCC. This event was made bigger by the fact that we collaborated with the Sigma Lambda Beta.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Día de los Muertos					
Attendees	60					
Food	\$ 45.05					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel						
Other (Specify)	\$ 234.56					
Program Total:	\$ 279.61					
Narrative:	Supplies and decorations needed for creating the annual Día de los Muertos ofrenda (altar) and decorating the center. A stipend of \$50 was paid to the person we hired to specially prepare the food, but this amount is reflected under "operational expenses/salaries, wages, and stipends." We collaborated with MCAE and Chicano Studies.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Finals Feed					
Attendees	500					
Food	\$1,678.45					
Room Rental						
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ 76.65			Utensils, plates, napkins, cups for the entire week for food.		
Program Total:	\$1,755.10					
Narrative:	Last year it was obvious to us that our members were stressed out about their final exams. We decided to host a series of events, one each day to relieve the stress of our members. Monday we provided Peruvian Food, Tuesday - Mexican food, Wednesday - Ethiopian Food, Thursday - Italian food, and Friday - Guyanese food. The events were well received and members have continued to ask for them to be reported.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Ladies Night					
Attendees	50					
Food	\$ 157.10					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising	\$ 49.73					
Entertainment	\$ 100.00					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ 188.21					Nailpolish, manicure kits, lotion, utensils, plates, napkins, cups, and table cloths used to for "appreciation" duties.
Program Total:	\$ 495.04					Photographer fee for "photoshoot" activity.
Narrative:	In traditional society as well as in Latino society women have largely been unappreciated. The women on board decided that we would host an event for our lady members. They received manicures, massages, and food from male members, and the men of the Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity. We also had one of the fraternity brothers, who is also a member, do a "modeling" photo shoot for the ladies.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Fall Open House					
Attendees	40					
Food	\$ 222.50					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ 203.61					T-shirts, t-shirt paint, LRSCC t-shirt stencil, and airbrush gun.
Program Total:	\$ 426.11					
Narrative:	Open house is an event that lets us advertise our center to students on campus. We tell the students what our center offers and the diversity of the members. We decided that it would be fun, and great advertising for us to let the members paint t-shirts with the color of their choosing, with a La Raza stencil.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Logo Unveiling					
Attendees	75					
Food	\$ 300.00					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising						
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ -					
Program Total:	\$ 300.00					
Narrative:	La Raza SCC recently had a new logo designed by once board member Deborah Ramos. We love our new logo and everything that represents. It seemed that we should celebrate it with all members. During the event Deborah explained the different meanings of the logo and showed us many indegiounes symbols and inspirations. We enjoyed food from La Poblanita Restaurant. The event was video taped to share with future La Raza generations.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Girl Scouts Cookies Sale					
Attendees	30					
Food	\$	50.00				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	50.00				
Narrative:	La Raza has a long history of being involved in the community. One of our Intercambio coordinators is a girl scout troop leader of a Latina troop. They wanted to sell their Christmas cookies and we had many members, staff, and faculty that wanted to buy them. We put together an event in which members, staff, and faculty could sign up for cookies earlier and pick them up at the event. We provided food from La Poblanita, music, and time for the girls to tour the center and learn about higher education.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Jena 6 Discussion					
Attendees	21					
Food	\$	39.66				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	19.82				
Entertainment	\$	30.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	89.48				
Narrative:	The events of the Jena high school affected everyone at La Raza and many other student organizations. In order to allow members to have a safe and respectful conversation about the events we collaborated with to host a discussion. We contributed money to purchase food and flyers. Professor Rose Brewer facilitated the discussion and added her expertise.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Puerto Rico Day					
Attendees	42					
Food	\$	284.31				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	310.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	19.21			Supplies for eating utensils, cups, plates, and serving utensils.	
Program Total:	\$	613.52				
Narrative:	As a way of celebrating the diversity of our student center we decided to hold monthly cultural events. For Puerto Rico day Bomba and Plena dancers came, we ate traditional Puerto Rican food, and Lourdes Cancel Rodriguez came to enlighten us about the natives of the island, the music, the culture, and the language.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	SPACO/LRSCC Dance					
Attendees	45					
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	50.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	50.00				
Narrative:	La Raza collaborated with the Spanish and Portuguese Across Cultures Organization to organize dance lessons and a dance for students from the University. We together taught students to dance while our member Shakti dj'ed for the event. We taught merengue, bachata, cumbia, salsa, duranguense, punta, and banda,					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	A Day Without A Mexican					
Attendees	15					
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	-				
Narrative:	A Day Without a Mexican event was an event to discuss what would happen if all of the Latinos went on strike. We collaborated with the Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network, they educated members about the MN DREAM Act. We also collaborated with the Community Raid Response Team. We discussed raids by ICE and how to get involved with the community. After the discussions we watched the movie A Day Without A Mexican, and contemplated the effects if the Latino population in the U.S. were to disappear.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Sex, Power, and Gender in Media					
Attendees	10					
Food	\$	59.22				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	60.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	119.22				
Narrative:	We collaborated with the Aurora Center in discussions of how the media influences women and men. We watched video clips, and looked at pictures. After the event we enjoyed pizza and had more discussions.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Día de los Niños					
Attendees						
Food	\$	770.53				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	549.49				Utensils, cups, napkins, and plates for food
						for students. Drawstring bags and painting
Program Total:	\$	1,320.02				supplies to decorate bags.
Narrative:	La Raza brings a lot of middle school and high school age students to visit our college. We give them a tour and plan activities. We planned a soccer tournament and ordered food for the kids. We also had a scavenger hunt.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Name of Program	Indigenous Resistance Day					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	282.20				
Advertising	\$	21.97				
Entertainment	\$	250.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	504.17				
Narrative:	Instead of celebrating Colombus Day we celebrate Indigenous Resistance Day. We had performers come to share their musical talent with us. This event educated the students and the public about another point of view for indigenous people.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Support La Raza/AISCC event					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	-				
Narrative:	La Raza collaborated with the American Indian Cultural Center to attend the fees hearing with the Vice Provost. We went to support each other and learn about the appeal process. This event brought our centers closer together along with the Black Student Union.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Name of Organization	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Network of Latinos in Higher Education Conference/Dance					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	300.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	188.49		Supplies.		
Program Total:	\$	488.49				
Narrative:	La Raza's mission includes a commitment to getting more Latinos into higher education. We collaborated with the Network of Latinos in Higher Education to host the 1st annual conference. Our members attended the conference. We also provided money for a dj for the dance.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Name of Organization	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Cinco De Mayo Week					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	150.00	(Speaker)			
Travel	\$	160.00				
Other (Specify)	\$	714.77		Fee for participation in Cinco de Mayo parade. Supplies used for parade preparation. Fee for room cancelation.		
Program Total:	\$	1,024.77				
Narrative:	Cinco de Mayo week was big for us, we had a week of events. We built piñatas and broke them, played Loteria, ate pan dulce, learned about the real meaning of Cinco de Mayo, farm workers, and attended events on the Westside of St. Paul including the parade. We worked hard to draw in students from all over the campus as well as the St. Paul campus.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Name of Organization	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Spring Open House					
Attendees						
Food	\$	300.00				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	300.00				
Narrative:	This past spring we held an open house to let all University students know our center and all we offer. We did arts and crafts like painting cloth and eating food from Boca Chica.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Name of Organization	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	La Raza Final Party					
Attendees						
Food	\$	400.00				
Room Rental	\$	688.34				
Advertising	\$	17.10				
Entertainment	\$	250.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	1,355.44				
Narrative:	La Raza celebrated the end of the semester. We provided food, bowling, pool, dancing, and arcade games. We held this event in the Whole.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Name of Organization	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Guatemala Day					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	78.75				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	130.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	208.75				
Narrative:	Guatemala Day was the third installment in our monthly cultural days. A speaker came to show us video and tell us about the culture, language, and demographics. We enjoyed Guatemalan food, and the Mujeres de Quetzal came and showed us traditional dances.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
#REF!	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	MN Dream Act Information Sessions					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:	\$	-				
Narrative:	The MN Dream Act is important for Latino students who do not possess Social Security numbers. La Raza wants everyone to be informed and feels its important to let everyone have the chance to participate. We collaborated with the Minnesota Immigrant Freedom Network.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
#REF!	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	May 1st Shutdown					
Attendees						
Food	\$ -					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ -					
Program Total:	\$ -					
Narrative:	May 1st is International Worker's Day. In order to get more participation on the day La Raza wrote a proposal for the student centers. We asked them close down on May 1st in support of those workers not attending their job. We received a lot of support and almost the entire 2nd floor shut down.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
#REF!	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Bridge Dinner					
Attendees						
Food	\$2,025.79					
Room Rental	\$ 150.00					
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ 360.00					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ 94.93					
Program Total:	\$2,630.72					
Narrative:	Often the members of the Bridge program become members of La Raza. For this reason La Raza decided to hold a dinner for all members of Bridge. We had a magician come and entertain, as well as prizes, dancing, and a slideshow.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
#REF!	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Brunch with Board					
Attendees						
Food	\$ -					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ -					
Program Total:	\$ -					
Narrative:	Every Spring we elect a new board. Last year we decided to introduce those who were running board and give the members a chance to ask them questions. We cooked breakfast for the members and discussed La Raza politics.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
#REF!	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Gophers After Dark Events					
Attendees						
Food	\$ -					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ -					
Program Total:	\$ -					
Narrative:	La Raza enjoys participating in University events. We decided that Gophers After Dark would be a great place to teach people about our culture. We played Loteria one night, and a second night we taught dance and played card games.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
#REF!	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Alma Latina Revealing Party					
Attendees						
Food	\$ 189.09					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)	\$ 200.00			Supplies: Plates, cups, forks, napkins.		
Program Total:	\$ 389.09					
Narrative:	La Raza has been involved with the Alma Latina magazine put out on campus. We hosted an event to reveal this years issue. The writers or artists were able to explain about their piece and everyone enjoyed great food.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Name of Organizatio	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Latin Dance Nights					
Attendees						
Food	\$ -					
Room Rental	\$ -					
Advertising	\$ -					
Entertainment	\$ -					
Travel	\$ -					
Other (Specify)						
Program Total:	\$ -					
Narrative:	Dance is very important to Latino culture. For that reason twice a month La Raza hosted dance lessons. We taught University students merengue, bachata, cumbia, salsa, reggaeton, duranguense and more.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Latino Graduation					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$3,248.10	Co-sponsorship of program				
Program Total:						
Narrative:	We collaborated with the Chicano Studies Department to celebrate the achievement of the Latino student graduate class of 2008. Together we put together a program, dinner, and celebration to commemorate the great accomplishment of graduation with Latino students, families, and friends.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	CASA SOL BBQ					
Attendees						
Food	\$	145.12				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)						
Program Total:	\$	145.12				
Narrative:	Casa Sol is a learning and living community for incoming freshmen at the University of MN who seeks to bring a broader understanding of the Latino community to the participating students. We cosponsored a BBQ with the students from CASA SOL in order to celebrate their success during their first year at the University of MN.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Cherrie Morraga					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	100.00	Co-sponsorship			
Program Total:	\$	100.00				
Narrative:	La Raza cosponsored this event with Chicano Studies to give students the opportunity to hear and meet the Chicana author Cherrie Morraga.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Diaspora					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	200.00				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	200.00	(Co-sponsorship)			
Program Total:	\$	400.00				
Narrative:	This event was for students and public. It was intended to educate everyone on the common origins and immigration of the people of the world, originating from Africa.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Latino Dance Lessons					
Attendees						
Food						
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)						
Program Total:						
Narrative:	Dancing is important for the body and mind. Latino dance lessons will not only be a form of exercise, it will also serve to help students express their feelings through dance, while learning about the Latino culture.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Open House					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental						
Advertising						
Entertainment						
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:						
Narrative:	The open house will allow La Raza to inform students about the resources and services we offer. We will hopefully recruit new members to build our membership and make our organization stronger.					

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Cinco de Mayo Week					
Attendees						
Food	\$	-				
Room Rental						
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)	\$	-				
Program Total:						
Narrative:	Every year during the week of the Mexican celebration of Cinco de Mayo we attempt to participate with the Latino community of the Twin Citites to commemorate this celebration. We also take the opportunity to inform the University community about this celebration by educating students on the history and the importance of this event to the Latino, specifically the Mexican community, of the state of Minnesota.					
PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2008-2009						
Student Org Name	La Raza Student Cultural Center					
Name of Program	Movie Nights					
Attendees						
Food						
Room Rental	\$	-				
Advertising	\$	-				
Entertainment	\$	-				
Travel	\$	-				
Other (Specify)						
Program Total:						
Narrative:	Movies specific to the Latino community allow students to learn about the issues that affect the Latino community. Many times they help break down negative stereotypes by educating students and creating a stronger social, and cultural awareness of our people.					