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From: Phoenix Lundstrom and Phillip Akiu
Co-Chairs, President's Commission on the Status of LGBTI Equality

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Re: Funding Request

On behalf of the University of Hawai'i Commission on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Intersex Equality, we would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as UH President and thank you for your support of this Commission.

This year we have been working on re-evaluating our mission to the LGBTI community at the University of Hawaii, updating the commission by-laws, and bringing new individuals onto the commission. We wrote a SEED Diversity and Equity Grant that was funded, to develop a system-wide model of Safe Zone Training to train two individuals from each of the eleven campuses this spring. Their charge, then, will be to take this model back to their campuses and train their own faculty, staff, and student leaders to be authentic allies to the gay, lesbian, transgender and intersex students and colleagues at their institutions.

For the past several years, the SEED Office has generously funded the travel of our Commission members to Oahu for the Commission meetings with the travel arrangements made by the UHM LGBTI Coordinator, Camaron Miyamoto (who has been a rock in maintaining the continuity of this Commission).

However, we increasingly feel that since we report directly to the Office of the President, it would be appropriate as the new Biennium approaches, to request that your office fund travel for Commissioners to attend our meetings.

The bylaws call for two commissioners from each of the 11 UH system campuses. Currently we have 18 commissioners, 6 of them from the outer islands. Our meeting schedule is four times each academic year, one of those meetings to be held at an outer island campus. In addition, we generally have one meeting each summer of the core planning group (5-6 members). We are presenting this estimate the transportation cost per academic year:

Oahu meetings (3)	6 x \$150.00 x 3	=	\$2700.00
Outer island meeting	11 x \$150.00 x 1	=	1650.00
Summer planning meeting	<u>2 x \$150.00</u>	=	<u>300.00</u>

Total travel funds requested for 2006-2007 **\$4650.00**

We appreciate your consideration of our request and your continued support. We are looking forward to increased activity and advocacy on the part of the Commission in making the UH system a safe and welcoming educational environment for all our students.

Mahalo.