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International Bazaar

Diversity Mini-Grants for Student Led Collaboration with Faculty

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Amount Awarded \$1300

### Final Report

#### 1. Project Goals & Objectives:

- Enhance cultural awareness
- Educate others about different cultures and customs and ways of life
- Promote fellowship with all people
- Discern Stereotypes

2. The project goals remained the same throughout the project.

3. Project Goals Being Met: The above mentioned goals were successfully accomplished through the International Bazaar. Cultural Awareness was heightened and much was learned about the customs of others. Through Italian, Mexican, Indian, and Lebanese etc food, participants were able to sample a wide array of delectable choices. Much of the food was highly-regarded by attendees, and several compliments were given. Also, participants were able to buy Middle-Eastern apparel and learn about other countries through displays and cultural items. Additionally, they were able to engage in entertainment through Latin dancing and Zumba dance, which combines fast-paced

African and Latin music. Instructors were lively and gave some background information about the dance as well as answered any questions. A great time was had by all who danced, and it gave individuals a chance to try something they normally might not have during their lunch hour. Belly-dancing, African tribal dance, and Irish bagpipes were other entertainment that people had the leisure of viewing. People enjoyed seeing these performances as they are unique. Participators just did not know what to expect next. The diversity of food and entertainment made the event so wonderful and attractive that some students who did not attend wished they had made it and expressed intentions to attend next year.

4. Shortly after the event, we, as an organization, sat down and discussed how the event went. This was a brief meeting for general comments. Later, we came together and had a more in depth discussion of the specifics and what could be improved upon and what worked well. Then, members filled out the evaluation form to inform us of anything that they may not have mentioned during the meetings.

5. The International Bazaar gets better and better every year. We have worked through many of the problems in the past so we can deliver the event without much complication. However, we need to continue to work on time management so we are able to get things done even sooner than we do to alleviate some of the last-minute stress. Otherwise, the program itself is a great idea, which can be implemented. We are going to try to add a display about a new country each year, and it is our hope that one day all the countries will be represented in this way. As long as we keep the entertainment and food new and

different, as well as retaining some of the favorites, the event will continue to speak for itself. Nevertheless, it was because of the grant that we were able to get excellent entertainment and better food.

6. The summary of the event can be published in the ACS magazine and on the website. Also, we are currently in the process of informing other groups such as the National Multicultural Institute and the Southern Association for Student Affairs of our event and its results.

7. Since the International Bazaar is an annual event, the process starts over again each year, and we make modifications based on our feedback. Thus, next year, we will be more effective as far as time management, add a new country to our list, and continue to house great food and entertainment.

8. Original Budget

Actual Budget (All money was spent accordingly.)

|         |   |         |  |
|---------|---|---------|--|
| \$700   | Entertainment expenses:<br>Mariachi band<br>Russian dancers<br>Latin dancers<br>Irish Bag piper<br>Belly dancers                            | \$700   | Entertainment expenses:<br>Umbadu (African tribal dance)<br>Belly Dancers<br>Zumba Instructor<br>Latin Dance Instructor  |
| \$550   | Food:<br>Main-course dishes<br>Desserts<br>Ingredients<br>Condiments<br>Soda<br>Cutlery, napkins, plates<br>Food warmers                    | \$550   | Food:<br>Main-course dishes<br>Desserts<br>Ingredients<br>Condiments<br>Soda<br>Cutlery, napkins, plates<br>Food warmers |
| \$500   | To utilize lighting and sound equipment needed for performances;<br>create flooring   | \$500   | To utilize lighting and sound equipment needed for performances;<br>create flooring                                      |
| \$50    | To advertise the bazaar on campus through the newspaper, flyers, posters and throughout the community such as in the Black & White Magazine | \$50    | To advertise the bazaar on campus through the newspaper, laminated and colored flyers, posters                           |
| \$1,800 |   | \$1,800 |  |
| (\$500) | Grant from Multicultural Affairs  | (\$500) | Grant from Multicultural Affairs   |
| \$1,300 | Total   | \$1,300 | Total  |

9. The International Bazaar is a yearly event that takes place at Birmingham Southern College. It occurs during lunchtime and showcases diversity through food and entertainment. Attendees can sample a variety of ethnic foods such as Italian, Mexican, Indian, and Lebanese just to name a few. Also, they are able to view informational posters about countries around the world and purchase cultural goods. Furthermore, participants last year were able to view cultural performances such as African tribal dance, Irish bag pipes, and belly-dancing and partake in Latin and Zumba dance. A good time is had by all, and it definitely provides an exciting, cultural, lunch experience.