University of New Mexico-Gallup Campus
Staff and Faculty Mini-Grant Application Form
For 2016 - 2017 Fiscal Year

(please type or print)

Division _______Arts & Sciences ______ Project Title: Martial Arts Exchange__________

New Project: Yes _______ No _______

Have you received funding this fiscal year? Yes _______ No _________

1. Description of the project:

The UNM Gallup Asian Club would like to bring Professor William Carpenter Albuquerque BJJ (Brazilian Jiu Jitsu) for a cultural exchange focused on martial arts. Professor William Carpenter trained under the late Bill Packer, an Albuquerque martial arts legend, and traces his BJJ pedigree to grand master Alvaro Barreto (9th degree red belt), and ultimately Pedro Carvalho. Carpenter's approach is unique, as he includes both judo and Japanese jujutsu as part of the instruction.

The timing of this cultural exchange is particularly relevant as New Mexico is currently a hotbed of mixed martial arts, with many professional fighters traveling from all over the world to Albuquerque to train under Greg Jackson. Mixed martial arts began in Japan in the early 1990s and is now a global phenomenon. BJJ is one of the foundational arts of mixed martial arts. The art traces its routes to the battlefield practices of the Samurai. Early twentieth-century Japanese migrants brought the art to Brazil, home of the largest Japanese diaspora outside of Japan, with approximately 1.6 million descendants of Japanese. The Brazilians developed the art in its own manner, focusing heavily on groundfighting. The art made its way to the US with the Gracie family who founded the UFC, the organization which brought Japanese mixed martial arts to the US.

This martial arts exchange would open the Asian Club to an entirely new demographic and the club would work hard to include the students of the PENP fitness martial arts classes.

2. Rationale for how the project will benefit the faculty, staff, students, UNM-G, or the communities at large:

The project will definitely benefit faculty, staff, students and the community members who love martial arts and Asian culture. This cultural event is open to the public, so all the community members who practice or enjoy martial arts are welcome to participate.
This project aligns with UNM-G's vision by providing "culturally vibrant education" and values by "recognize[ing], accept[ing] and valu[ing] differences of culture, ethnicity... and embrac[ing] diversity as a learning opportunity."

3. Expected outcomes or products of this project:

This project will provide exposure to Asian culture in this case martial arts to our students, faculty, staff, and community members to promote the concepts of Asian culture and health awareness and values of diversity. Students, faculty, staff, community members who are interested in martial arts can also have the opportunities to engage in the event.

4. Describe the timeline for the project, resources needed, and the person responsible for each action step.

When one Saturday during the first or second week of April

Action Step reservation of hotel, flyers on campus, PR sent out
campus wide email announcements, possibly notify press for articles
before and during event

Resources Needed a room reservation for the gym, mats (Martial Arts class
equipment)

Responsible Person Yi-Wen Huang, faculty advisor of UNM-G Asian Club

5. Estimated budget with justifications:

Mileage: 276 miles (r/t) x .50 = $138.00

Per Diem: $46.00
  Breakfast $ 9.20
  Lunch  $11.50
  Dinner $25.30
Hotel $150

Honorarium $150

Total $484

6. What other funding sources have you explored? Give details.
(Note: funds for this mini-grant must be expended by June 30, 2016)

None

7. If application is approved, the applicant must electronically submit the written
final report as a pdf file to the Committee Chair, Alok Dhital,
adhital@gallup.unm.edu within two weeks upon the completion of the project.

Prepared by (please type or print): Yi-Wen Huang Date: January 22, 2017

Approval or Denial (please circle one):

[Signature] Head
Division Chair or Supervisor Date 1/30/17

[Signature] Approval or Denial (please circle one)
Chair, Mini-Grant Committee Date 2/9/2017

[Signature] Approval or Denial (please circle one)
Director of Business Operation Date 2/15/17

Reason(s) for denial. (Applicant may resubmit proposal for 2017-18):