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Dr. Pete Mehas Memorial Grant Approved

(FRESNO, Calif.)- The Dr. Pete Mehas Memorial Grant, a new student fund for technology or equipment that will help students at Fresno State, was approved by the Associated Students Inc. last week.

The ASI Senate unanimously approved \$75,000 Feb. 5 for the grant that honors the late Fresno State alumnus who was a member of the California State University Board of Trustees when he died in September from a sudden ruptured thoracic aortic aneurysm at the age of 73. He also was involved in student government as a student in the 60s.

The Dr. Pete Mehas Memorial Grant is a one-time funding opportunity that allows departments within the eight colleges or schools at Fresno State to apply for a grant worth up to \$5,000.

The grants are to be expended exclusively on technology or equipment that is necessary to help students succeed at Fresno State, said Mikey Sanchez, Senator of Arts and Humanities, who proposed the idea when he became conscious of the need for DSLR cameras in the MCJ Department for students enrolled in photography courses.

“There just wasn’t enough equipment to meet the demand,” he explained. “Some students were resorting to submitting final projects with photos taken from their phones.”

The application for the Dr. Pete Mehas Memorial Grant is now available on the ASI website at www.asi.csufresno.edu. Applications will be accepted at the ASI Business Office, USU 317 through March 7, 2014 and must be sponsored by the student Senate representative for respective colleges.

Mehas, who served as the student government’s commissioner of athletics in 1962, was known as a Central Valley education leader. In addition to the CSU board, he served as Gov. George Deukmejian's adviser on education (1987), superintendent of several Fresno County schools,

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executive director of the Fresno Business Compact at Fresno State and president of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame along with other recognitions.