

Diversity Learning Grant Evaluation (2013-14)

The Academic Affairs Committee has been promoting the use of the grant to various departments but so far response has been unsatisfactory as only a few departments approached the committee to apply for the money for certain courses, creating a huge surplus each year. The committee is rethinking ways to promote this availability more actively and provide departments with resources that could be useful.

The money that was spent went mainly to:

English – to enhance students’ English by engaging in dialogues on cross-cultural topics such as global and local issues with international perspectives, by immersing themselves in interactive drama, linguistics and cultural studies and writing courses.

P.E. – to give opportunities to students to further enhance their skills in sport.

Art – to provide students opportunities to polish their knowledge of Art skills such as photography and advertisement.

Music – to enhance students’ skills in singing and skills related to Music, such as a capella singing.

Other languages – to give students an opportunity to pursue interest in other languages.

A rough overview of how money was spent: (note that the list is not exhaustive)

(4th and 5th Cohorts) 2012-2014

Courses/Programmes	Amount spent
English ICE (cross-cultural course)	\$1,000
English Gifted Programme – Linguistic and Cultural Studies	\$7,000
English Drama Appreciation - ‘From Page to Stage’ Programme 2014	\$9,420
English writing course – Flash Writing	\$2,000
HKUST Business Young Stars	\$4,200
Other Languages	\$35,000
P.E. course	\$21,000
Subsidy to S5 Gifted Course	\$1,520
Art – Photography Workshop	\$7,800
Music	\$14,000