



## STUDENT FEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE FY25 ADDITIONAL ONE TIME REQUEST (A)

The WGRC is seeking a FY25 Additional One Time Request in the amount of \$10,000 for The Vagina Monologues.

The Vagina Monologues is a powerful and nationally acclaimed performance that highlights a wide range of lived experiences and identities, shining a spotlight on critical issues like identity, sexual violence, and healing. This thought-provoking production raises awareness about these vital topics and creates a space for dialogue and reflection, encouraging students to engage in personal reflection and meaningful conversation.

Bringing The Vagina Monologues back to the University of Houston will serve as a catalyst for raising awareness of the resources and services available on campus, such as Sexual Misconduct Support Services, that are designed to support students affected by these issues. By connecting the performance to the services offered by the WGRC and other campus partners, we aim to empower students to seek support, advocate for change, and become active participants in creating a safer campus community centered on respect and consent.

Previously hosted at UH with great success, the WGRC is eager to reintroduce this impactful program to the current generation of students. In doing so, we hope to foster a deeper understanding of relationship and sexual violence and inspire students to become allies and advocates in addressing these pressing issues. The return of The Vagina Monologues will honor the legacy of past performances while adapting to reflect the evolving experiences and voices of our diverse student body, making it relevant for today's campus community.

By engaging students in discussions that deepen their connection to campus life and encourage critical thinking, The Vagina Monologues can play a role in increasing retention of First Time in College (FTIC) students by creating a sense of belonging and community. Increased student engagement with programs like this also lays the groundwork for future alumni engagement and giving to the Division of Student Affairs, as students who feel supported and inspired during their time at UH are more likely to remain connected to the institution after graduation.

We believe that investing in programs like The Vagina Monologues is an investment in our students co-curricular learning, their academic and personal success, and the long-term growth of a vibrant and supportive UH community.

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Project: The Vagina Monologues

Investment: \$10,600 (Asking amount plus 6% admin fee)

Itemized breakdown estimate: \$1,000 for marketing, \$3,000 for promotional items, \$6,000 for event costs