



**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CALIFORNIA MERCED  
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER REPORT 2016**

**HIGHLIGHTS AND MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**PRESIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016**

- Met over the summer with executives to interview students for the Director of Student Advocacy position
- Attended the UCLA vigil service over the summer with the EVP and IVP to speak a few words in order to provide solidarity and show UC Merced support
- Held 1:1 meetings with any incoming new senator or executive available during the summer to discuss their positions and goals for the year
- Created, along with other executives, an ASUCM Interest Form in order to reach out to students both incoming and returning to get involved with ASUCM and received over 100 applicants
- Met with the Executives to discuss goals for the year, which are transparency, mental health awareness, sexual assault awareness, food and housing insecurity, voter registration, and multicultural representation
- Met with Martin Reed, Director of Housing to address how they can ensure housing for students
- Conducted a poll on UC Merced Classifieds and concluded that 130 students did not have housing
- Met with Miguel Lopez to set up a meeting with the Director of Economic Development for the City of Merced
- Met with the Frank Quintero, the Economic Developer of Merced City and discussed ways students can get involved with the Merced community and talked about planning or creating a map of things to do in Merced, as well as setting up city tours
- Met with Bobcat Radio to discuss their goals for the year, and develop their presence at UC Merced
- Held office hours for students to come in and talk about any issues or concerns or just do homework
- Met with the Council of Presidents in August to discuss and set up quarterly meetings with Janet Napolitano
- Represented the Council of Presidents at the UCSA Board meeting
- Appointment interviews for Associate Justices and ICC positions
- Met with her Chief of Staff and the Swipe Hunger Initiative Program and talked to the Dining Director about how they can help students and split up donations, for a voucher program and funding the food pantry
- Attended the Town Hall meeting for off campus residents living at the Heritage Apartments

## Presidential Appointments for August and September 2016

- *Director of Student Advocacy*, Mauricio Trejo
- *Associate Justice*, Brandon Jones
- *Associate Justice*, Maria Talania
- *Associate Justice*, Isa Bey
- *Commissioner for Sustainability*, Adriana Gomez
- *Commissioner for Diversity*, Jovita Angel
- *ICC Chair*, Brian Hom
- *ICC Vice Chair*, Kathleen Cha
- *ICC Secretary*, Cecilia Hernandez
- *ICC Delegate*, Hunter Drobenaire
- *ICC Delegate*, Kimberly Rodriguez
- *ICC Delegate*, Jesse Chen
- *ICC Delegate*, Caryl Trisha Catacutan
- *ICC Delegate*, Nonzenzele Aldonza
- *ICC Delegate*, Erik Flores
- *President's Chief of Staff*, Shayna Lavi

## **EXECUTIVE ITEMS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016:**

### Internal Vice President

- Hosted the first In Service, bringing together all three branches of ASUCM in order to plan goals for the year
- Established mandatory 1:1 meetings to meet with senators to provide any feedback or assistance they may need
- Working with the Director of Communications to find ways for senate bills to be advertised effectively to the public, *In progress*
- Working with staff to plan a retreat, *In progress*

### External Vice President

- Planned the UCSA Board Meeting which was held at UC Merced
- Planning Dorm Storm, *In progress*
- Planning Regents meeting visit, *In progress*
- Began planning for the Student's of Color Conference (SOCC), *In progress*
- Staff Orientation, *In progress*

### Treasurer

- Completed a Treasury staff and set goals for the year
- Creating a financial database, *In progress*

### Director of Academic Affairs

- Collaborated and helped the Academic Affairs senators with their goals
- Met with numerous students with initiatives pertaining to academic affairs

- Built relationships with key administrators such as the Campus store and Vice Provost and Dean Elizabeth Whitt
- Met with Vice Chancellor Charles Nies and Vice Provost Gregg Camfield (in collaboration with the EVP) to resolve the issue of professors creating systems of extra credit or marking down grades for students who attend classes late due to the busses being full or traffic being delayed due to our campus' one entrance
- Met with Kevin Storms, Director of the Campus Store to involve ASUCM in conversations about new and absolute scantrons to prepare the office for the purchasing of those materials
- Collaborated with an RA to distribute 100 of each scantron and 50 of each book for a the Tenaya Resident Hall
- Met with HEROES Lead Intern of stress, Nia Jones, weekly to navigate communication with faculty, staff, and students about implementing and proposing a Review Week for our campus (similar to Dead Week at other UCs) and communicated with UCB's Dining, Residence Hall, and AS to receive data and information to assist for a proposal
- Met and discussed with Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education Elizabeth Whitt about meeting with the Commencement team to being discussion of Winter Commencement, starting in 2017 as well as solidified a conversation about a message to campus community about professors and TAPS, students who made Dean's Honor list receiving gifts as do Chancellor's Honor list, WASC representation, and defining student success
- Met with a student who wanted to spearhead an initiative to introduce a Central American minor to compliment intersectional and genuine study of Latinx identities in addition to our Chicano/a minor

#### Director of Student Activities

- Utilized all of the RCO Early Events Fund including the 20% budget increase
- Planning to utilize the Student Activities funds to plan a training/informational session for student organizations and presidents, which will include lessons about purchase, orders on CatLife, OSL event timelines, items to reserve, etc., *In progress*
- Leading CAB and CAB events, *In progress*

#### Director of Student Advocacy

- Met with the 2020 project committee to discuss how students will be engaged in the campus expansion
- CARE Photo Campaign: Working collaboratively with the CARE office to design a Sexual Assault Prevention Photo Campaign to educate UCM population about different topics, the theme is Healthy Relationships, *In progress*

- Self-Care Event: Working collaboratively with the CARE office to host a self-care event using mason jars and decorating them into super heroes, *In progress*
- Sexual Assault Prevention Training: Working with the CARE office to develop training for all ASUCM members, *In progress*
- Student Survey Feedback: Collaborating with the Student Advocacy committee to design a survey to understand the needs of the student body, *In progress*

#### Director of Communications

- Acquired business cards for all executives
- Acquired a white board for ASUCM tabling/related events for more student input
- Implemented a more efficient social media presence
- Working with her staff to create a social event, *In progress*
- Working on a ASUCM video introduction, *In progress*

#### **COURT ITEMS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016:**

- 3 Justice nominations approved for a full court
- Court Bylaw Revisions, *In progress*
- Planning an off campus retreat, *In progress*
- Interviewing Court Clerks, *In progress*

#### **COMMISSIONER ITEMS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016:**

##### Commissioner of Sustainability

- Created UC Sprouts, a program that will provide supplemental STEM education for youth in disadvantaged communities
- Waste Management Debrief
- EcoFest, *In progress*
- Green Initiative Fund, *In progress*

#### **SENATE ITEMS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016:**

- Confirmation of 3 new Associate Justices
- Confirmation of the 3 members of the ICC Executive Board and 6 ICC Delegates
- 7 Senate Bills passed
- 1 Resolution passed
- 2 Senate Actions created
- Tabled for Food Insecurity Awareness and provided free food to students
- Shared information gathered from ASUCM guest speakers back to students
- Financial Bylaws, *In progress*
- Collaborating with CARE on Healthy Relationship posters, *In progress*

- Collaborating with the Law Clinic to bring more events to share on campus and inform students about the resources they provide such as helping with any landlord/tenant issues, *In progress*
- Collaborating with EVP Carlos Guadarrama to discuss issues/concerns with TAPS, *In progress*
- Working with the Academic Affairs committee to discuss ways ASUCM can have a voice in the changes occurring with the School of Social Science, Humanities, and Arts advising department, *In progress*
- Working with developing the Prodigy as ASUCM representatives, *In progress*
- Working on a project with Bobcat Radio to help them become more established, *In progress*
- Proposing a project to form an Advocacy Council for UC Merced where all RCOs who partake in advocacy goals can come together to provide additional resources and numbers for certain events and causes, *In progress*
- Collaborating with the DC to implement Cooking class workshops, *In progress*
- Compiling a list of RCOs applicable to transfer students, *In progress*
- Working on a TAPs resolution, *In progress*

MAJOR MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016:

Meeting/Committee:	Name of ASUCM Official:	ASUCM Position:
Basic Needs Committee	Carlos Guadarrama Mauricio Trejo	External Vice President Director of Student Advocacy
Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion	Carlos Guadarrama Clara Medina Maya	External Vice President Senator
Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC)	Christian Rivera	Treasurer
Student Sustainability Council	Adriana Gomez	Commissioner of Sustainability
2020 Steering Committee	Edmundo Martinez	Senator
CREST	Edmundo Martinez	Senator

ASUCM LEGISLATION FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016:

List of Resolutions:

- Resolution #1: Resolution in Support of Graduate Women of Color at UC Merced (Introduced by Senator Medina)
  - Vote: Unanimously approved

List of Senate Bills:

1. Senate Bill #1: Funding AMSA for a Hospital Medicine Program Abroad (Introduced by Senator Gonzalez)
  - a. Vote: 12 approve, 4 deny
  - b. Amount given: \$9,720.00
2. Senate Bill #2: Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (Introduced by Senator Massey)
  - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
  - b. Amount given: \$4,608.00
3. Senate Bill #3: Funding Circle K International to attend a Fall Training Conference (Introduced by Senator Gonzalez)
  - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
  - b. Amount given: \$3,344.38
4. Senate Bill #4: Alpha Kappa Psi (Introduced by Senator Ghebresilasie)
  - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
  - b. Amount given: \$669.00
5. Senate Bill #5: Funding Bobcat United Nations for USC Trojan Model United Nations Conference (Introduced by Senator Diep and Senator Parra)
  - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
  - b. Amount given: \$4,984.16
6. Senate Bill #6: Funding Global Medical Training Chapter at UC Merced (Introduced by Senator Martin)
  - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
  - b. Amount given: \$10,000.00
7. Senate Bill #7: Funding Delta Sigma Pi to go to Leadership and Excellence Academies for Delta Sigs (LEAD) (Introduced by Senator Perez)
  - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
  - b. Amount Given: \$5,212.31

**Total Amount Spent Aug/Sept: \$38,537.85**

List of Senate Actions:

1. Senate Action #1: Creation of Line Item for the Undergraduate Research Symposium (Introduced by Senator Diep)
  - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
  - b. Line Item Created
2. Senate Action #2: Allocation of \$1,000 from Unallocated Funds into the Undergraduate Research Symposium Line Item (Introduced by Senator Diep)
  - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
  - b. \$1,000 moved to that Line Item

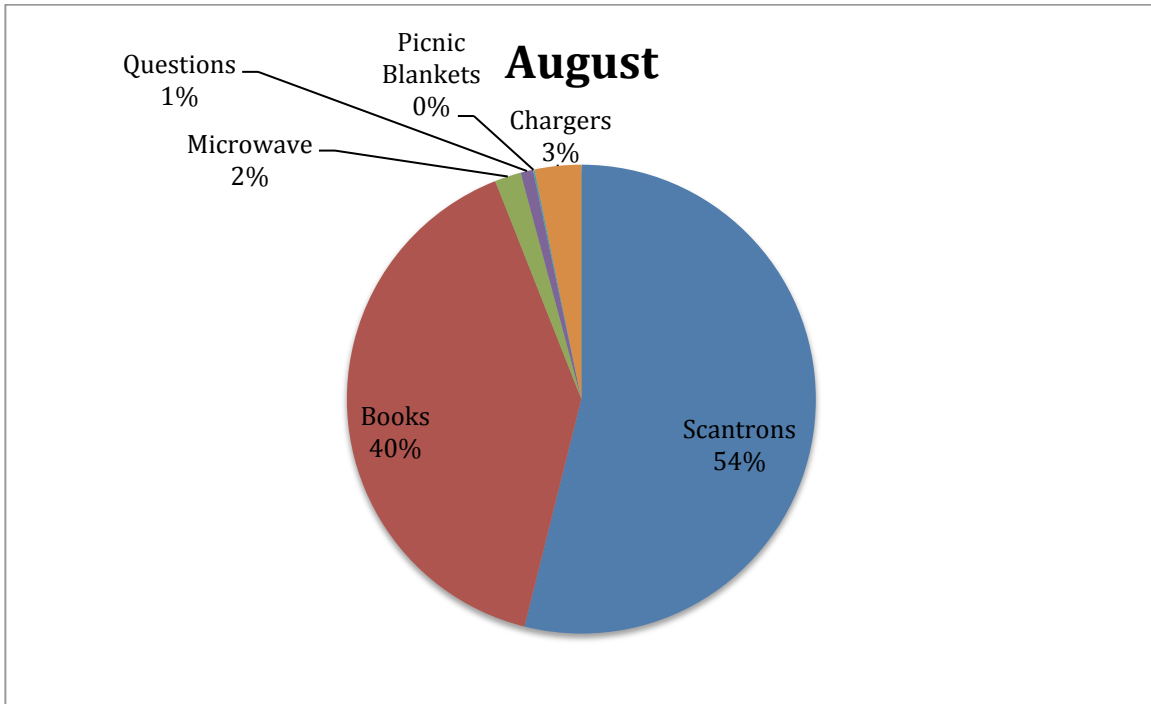
INTER CLUB-COUNCIL PROPOSALS (Starts in October):

Submitted	Passed/Approved
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Table 1: Official, or Representative who submitted an August/September report for the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

August/September 2016	
Executives	7/8
Senators	13/16
Court Justices	7/7
ASUCM Commissioners	1/1

ASUCM OFFICE TRAFFIC for AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016:



**Chart 1: August Monthly Report Office Traffic**

Green/Red/Blue Scantrons: 504

Green/Blue Books: 375

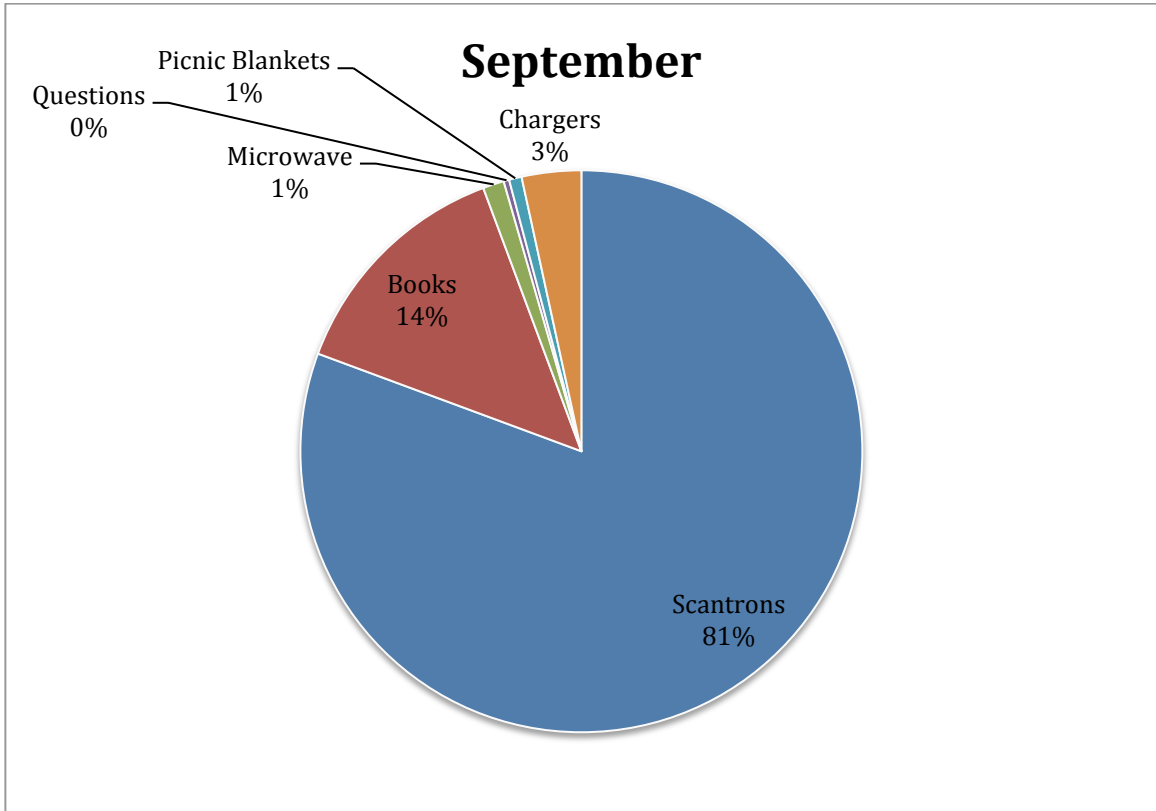
Microwave: 17

Questions: 8

Picnic Blankets: 1

Chargers: 30





**Chart 2: September Monthly Report Office Traffic**

Green/Red/Blue Scantrons: 2,784

Green/Blue Books: 472

Microwave: 42

Questions: 11

Picnic Blankets: 25

Chargers: 118