



**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CALIFORNIA MERCED  
FEBRUARY 2017  
MONTHLY REPORT**

**HIGHLIGHTS AND MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**PRESIDENTIAL ITEMS:**

President – Katelyn Fitzgerald

- Met with administration in regards to the 2020 project and advocated for more space for off campus students, ultimately a quiet space for students to go study, rest, and refuel for their days on campus.
- Met with Congressman Jim Costa and ASUCM Officials to discuss President Trump's recent Executive Orders and what he is doing to ensure the safety of students.
- Spoke at the UC Women's conference at UC Irvine and spoke to a room of 60 women about leadership and my position.
- Discussed undocumented student protection with the chancellor and discussed the efforts the university has made to further inform students of their rights in recent ICE raids across the state.
- Met with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and discussed creating more study spaces for students and how to expand mental health resources in addition to discussing resources for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and how to protect students who are or have experienced those traumas.
- Held a Food awareness event, Taco Thursday, and fed over 100 undergrad students and shared with them the resources the campus offers to fight food insecurity.

**PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS:**

Jacob Totter to ASUCM Associate Justice – Approved

Yuliza Parra to Director of Communications – Approved

Andre Frise to Undergraduate Council Lecturer Awarded for Distinguished for Undergrad Teaching – Approved

Anh Diep to Undergraduate Council Lecturer Awarded for Distinguished for Undergrad Teaching – Approved

Andre Frise to Undergraduate Council – Approved

**EXECUTIVE ITEMS:**

Treasurer – Christian Rivera

- Scheduled all RCOs who submitted a budget call proposal and will begin the budget call hearings soon.

- Working with his treasury staff and the Director of Academic Affairs to finalize logistics on funding a Vending Machine outside the ASUCM office for students to have access to testing materials, nonperishable foods, basic necessities, etc. *In progress*

#### Director of Academic Affairs – Andre Frise

- Working with the Undergraduate Research Journal and providing them with some resources they need
- Worked with OSL and the new Choir department
- Showcased some of the resources ASUCM provides in a Library Exhibit
- Participating in Research Week Fair and Symposium
- Reviewing applications for the Fellowships and Undergraduate Symposium (FURS)
- Collaborating with the Treasurer and an ICC delegate to discuss logistics about funding a scantron vending machine, along with other resources for students such as health products, *In progress*
- Discussion about review week, similar to dead week, *In progress*
- Discussion and planning for winter commencement and General Education, *In progress*

#### Director of Communications – Yuliza Parra

- Has been collaborating with the President in order to publicize ASUCM events such as Food Fridays
- Met with the Elections Commissioner in order to see how she can best help their team in spreading the word about the ASUCM elections, trying to motivate students to run for positions

#### Director of Student Advocacy – Mauricio Trejo

- Hosted a photo campaign in collaboration with the CARE office called #HealthyRelationshipsGoals to educate students about healthy relationships and communication.
- Partnered up with the CARE office to host a Healthy Communication Workshop February 9<sup>th</sup> in the Bobcat Lair to teach and discuss with folks some of the best ways to give better feedback in a relationship or in general.
- Collaborated with Senator Suma to host a “Call to Action” workshop on February 1<sup>st</sup> to teach folks how to call their representatives about issues that matter to them.
- Has been focusing on programming with the CARE Office and with other folks who would like to host student advocacy related events.
- Made himself a resource to different communities on campus and will provide support as those communities best see fit.
- Planning on partnering up with high schools throughout Orange County to host a workshop and discussion about the barriers that they may encounter to pursue higher education, *In progress*

#### **COURT ITEMS:**

- Clerk position has been filled
- Working on court bylaws, *In progress*
- Discussion about court case procedures, *In progress*
- Working on creating a mock case to ensure court cases run smoothly, *In progress*

- Planning a debate between the Democrats at UC Merced and the College Republicans, *In progress*
- Still working on the drafting the new ethics code, *In progress*
- Have received court petitions and are discussing the possibility of hearing these cases, *In progress*

#### **COMMISSIONER ITEMS:**

Commissioner for Diversity – Jovita Angel

- Meetings with the Multicultural Student Council
- Opening of the Intercultural Hub, *In progress*

#### **SENATE ITEMS:**

Senator – Anh Diep

- Is working on getting Defibs/AED units installed in each building on campus, *In progress*

Senator – Leonard Massey

- Working on the first steps to see if there is a viable new engineering major that can be introduced at UC Merced, *In progress*

Senator –Yosief Ghebresilasie

- Began discussion at the Student activities committee about providing an art piece to display at Cowchella
- Has received a variety of responses from his post on classifieds about any questions or concerns about engineering

Senator – Levi Martin

- Scheduled meeting with Pre-Health Adviser Erica Robbins and Brenda Maldonado, Manager of Student Services and Leader Adviser to SSHA advising, and was able to get approval to bring pre-health resource materials to the SHHA advising office, and hung up a poster with Erica Robbins' info in their office and on the TV monitor in COB 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Discussing the process of hiring a 5<sup>th</sup> adviser to replace one that left but have not heard of any potential of hiring more staff or getting a new building
- Began the discussion of the 4 year plans for pre-health business management majors
- Got into contact with Richard Cummings to keep advisers in the loop in regards to the 2020 plans and buildings
- Followed up with Charles Nies in regards to workforce plan for SSHA Advising, and discovered that none was submitted because of miscommunication

Senator – Jonathan Fuentes

- Representing various bills for multiple RCOs on campus
- Currently in the process of researching, reviewing, and writing resolutions pertaining to the lack of resources pertaining to SSHA advising and staffing with the increasing student population in 2020, *In progress*

#### **INTER CLUB COUNCIL ITEMS:**

- Reached out to more RCOs to submit proposals and be considered to be funded by ICC

**CAB ITEMS:**

- Currently planning Chill of Chancellor, an opportunity for students to communicate and socialize with the chancellor about their concerns as well as learn more about her duties as a chancellor, happening March 3rd
- Planning Dance Off 2017, happening April 15th

**EXTERNAL OFFICE ITEMS:**

- N/a

**MAJOR MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES FOR FEBRUARY:**

Meeting/Committee:	Name of ASUCM Official:	ASUCM Position:
SFAC	Christian Rivera	Treasurer
Undergraduate Council (UGC)	Andre Frise	Director of Academic Affairs

**ASUCM LEGISLATION FOR FEBRUARY 2017:**

SENATE BILLS:

Senate Bill #36: Funding for Circle K to Attend a District Convention (Introduced by Senator Gonzalez)

Vote: Unanimously approved  
Amount given: \$4,671.84

Senate Bill #37: Funding for the DJ Branch of the Hip Hop Movement at UC Merced (Introduced by Senator Gomez)

Vote: 12 For, 1 Opposed  
Amount given: \$2,700.00

Senate Bill #38: Funding for the First Annual SPLASH Conference (Introduced by Senator Martinez)

Vote: Unanimously approved  
Amount given: \$6,700.00

Senate Bill # 39: Funding for MEChA de UC Merced Youth Conference (Introduced by Senator Martinez)

Vote: Unanimously approved  
Amount given: \$5,390.00

Senate Bill #40: Funding Delta Sigma Pi to Host Time Augustine (Introduced by Senator Perez)

Vote: Unanimously approved  
Amount given: \$5,000.00

Senate Bill #41: Funding Public Health Society for the Spring Session of Project Amazonas (Introduced by Senator Martin)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Amount given: \$11,500.00

Senate Bill #42: Funding for the Phi Alpha Delta, Pre-Law Chapter at UC Merced (Introduced by Senator Fuentes)

Vote: 7 for, 2 abstentions, 0 opposed

Amount given: \$7,000.00

Senate Bill #43: 2017 UCSF National Open Chess Tournament (Introduced by Senator Fuentes)

Vote: Unanimously approved

Amount Given: \$4,526.40

Senate Bill #44: Funding for Bobcat Model United Nations to attend the Model Arab League (Introduced by Senator Perez)

Vote: 9 for, 1 opposed

Amount given: \$2,291.00

Senate Bill #45: ASUCM Code of Ethics and Values to be deemed as unbinding (Introduced by Senator Perez)

Vote: Tabled

**Total Amount Spent in February: \$49,779.24**

SENATE ACTIONS:

Senate Action #14: Moving \$35,000 from unallocated to Senate Bill Fund

Vote: Unanimously approved

Action: Funds Moved

RESOLUTIONS:

N/a

**INTER CLUB-COUNCIL PROPOSALS for FEBRUARY:**

Submitted	Passed/Approved
21	17

**Total Amount Spent in February: \$18,019.49**

Table 1: Official, or Representative who submitted a February report for the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

February 2017	
Executives	4/8

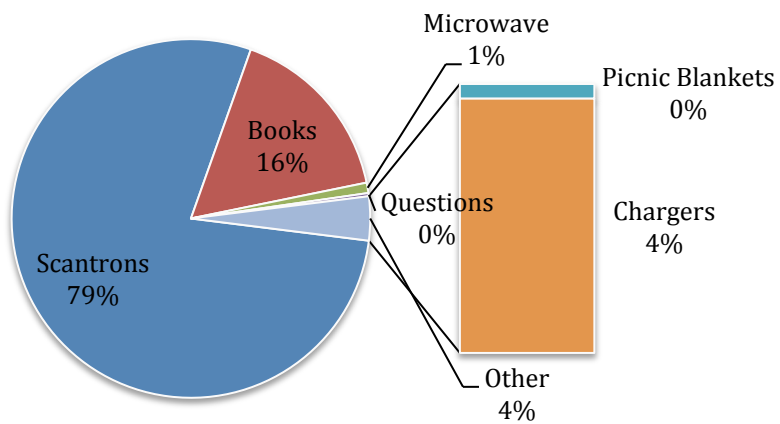
Senators	5/14
Court Justices	4/7
ASUCM Commissioners	1/3
ICC Execs/Delegates	3/12
CAB Members/Chairs	1/4

### **ASUCM OFFICE STATS/TRAFFIC:**

#### **ASUCM OFFICE PROJECTS:**

- Compiled a list of the percentages that each RCO spent out of the amount given to them for the past three years from their budget call line items so the Treasurer can have this data in preparation for this year's budget call hearings.
- Assisted the President with ASUCM's food events purchase orders.
- Helped Senator Fuentes print out and cut flyers for the Immigration Law Clinic.
- Aided the Elections Commissioner with the reservation of rooms, putting together elections packets, etc.
- Began the budget call hearings, Interns are taking minutes.
- ASUCM Media Specialist has began working on promotional videos for ASUCM and ASUCM Elections, *In progress*
- Working with the Director of Student Advocacy and updating ASUCM flyers to illustrate what each branch of ASUCM does, *In progress*

## February 2017



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

Green/Red/Blue Scantrons: 2180

Green/Blue Books: 455

Microwave: 26

Questions: 8

Picnic Blankets: 6

Chargers: 104