



**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA MERCED
OCTOBER REPORT 2016**

HIGHLIGHTS AND MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PRESIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 2016

- Met with UC Regent Perez to discuss student issues
- Met with ICC Chair and Vice Chair to discuss the flow of meetings and how they could be more efficient
- Was a student representative for the 2020 ground breaking ceremony and got to meet with Janet Napolitano and Chancellor Leland and be interviewed by the LA Times to discuss student outlook on the 2020 Project
- Had lunch with Dr. Hong, a speaker and brought up student issues in addition to discussing the topic of data analysis and student feedback, especially how students often feel ignored when administrators make decisions without student input
- Attended the Council of Presidents meeting with Janet Napolitano

Presidential Appointments for October 2016

- *ICC Treasurer*, Roberto Lopez
- *ICC Delegate*, Diana Lara
- *ICC Delegate*, Christian Montero-Gutierrez
- *ICC Delegate*, Alejandro Nava

EXECUTIVE ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 2016:

Internal Vice President

- Met with senators to discuss how to run effective meetings
- Working with the Secretary to compile a more effective attendance record
- Had money moved into his budget under the Line Item for Student Leadership and Civic Engagement to fund two students to present research in Cuba
- Funded the first UC Merced students to go to Cuba
- Working on the retreat scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, *In progress*

External Vice President

- Organized Voter Registration Week which included events such as ‘Your choice, your vote,’ and the Debate watch party
- Tabled for voter registration, trying to get students to register to vote before the deadline and educating students on the importance of voting

- Organized, along with other External office members and ASUCM members, a Dorm Storm to get students living on campus registered to vote
- Planning the Regents Meeting trip, *In progress*
- Planning and attending the Students of Color Conference (SOCC), *In progress*
- Organizing Active Minds Policy Day, *In progress*

Treasurer

- Currently working on the budget call process
- Tabling to gather student feedback in order to bring a new service or program to UC Merced

Director of Academic Affairs

- Collaborated with another Housing and Residence Life Resident Assistant (RA) to provide scantrons for their study programs
- Met with HEORES Stress Lead Intern Nia Jones weekly and finalized the Review Week (Dead Week) interest form – will release during Fall 2016 Finals time after Thanksgiving – and have begun drafting a proposal for the Undergraduate Council (UGC) for consideration
- Hosted Fall 2016's 1st FURS Application Information Session and informed students how to apply to FURS and what the program entails. Scheduled one more for Fall 2016 and will schedule two more for Spring 2017 once booking reservations are available
- Had a one on one Steve Lerer to update him on progress being made with some projects and received advice on how to move further and strengthen some of the possible actions
- Met with the University Librarian Haipeng Li and Library staff to discuss the student concern of raising noise levels and how to engage that so the Library can be a study space for all students
- Came down to the conclusion that Library will put up signs around 2nd – 4th floors for quiet study space and the Library and ASUCM will release an announcement detailing students to check their own peers; noise levels. In addition, the library will be hiring a social media coordinator in spring (January) that will assist with this initiative. KL 355 is also being converted to a quiet study space
- Collaborating with DARTS who will be reserving quiet study spaces
- Discussed Open Education Resources with the Librarian, which would be faculty writing their own books or using free, accessible e-books online so students attain textbooks or alternatives free of cost
- Met with Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education Elizabeth Whitt to discuss Chorale Director position available that will take the place of music courses not offered anymore, Writing center, Math lab, UCOP campaign for advertising 1st generation faculty, etc.

- Met with Undergraduate Research Journal Treasurer Maril Cruz to detail URL on how to establish by-laws so that URJ could become a service under ASUCM rather than a make-shift RCO under the DoAA's line item budget
- Proceeded with many of URK purchase requests for informational events
- Met with UGC Student Representative Brenda Gutierrez to discuss individual and collective goals for UGC's platform and how to navigate space together
- Was invited to UCI's initiative of a UC-Wide collaboration
- Met with Regent Perez for both an ASUCM and LGBTQ+ student meeting times to discuss student issues and possible resolutions for our campus

Director of Student Activities

- Met with Business Society for the Haunted House to help with funding and event logistics in hosting a fair
- Met with Earth Club to attain funding
- Met with Rotoract to discuss an increased budget
- Working with the Student Activities Committee on hosting a Tailgate event for senior night basketball in February, figuring out the details but are hoping to host in front of the gym with food vendors, dancing, and smaller activities, *In Progress*

Director of Student Advocacy

- Attended the 4th Annual Central Valley Leadership Summit where he was able to be apart of a panel discussion where leaders from the UC, CSU's, Community Colleges and Private Universities in the Central Valley Coalition to solve some of the issues that affect our region (i.g. mental health and health services)
- Attended the Student Labor Organizing Conference with the EVP, where they learned about organizing and advocacy
- Collaborated with CARE and ASUCM in the CARE #HealthyRelationshipGoals Campaign to inform students about what a healthy relationship consists of through a photo campaign, *In Progress*
- Sexual Assault Prevention Training with the CARE office to educate ASUCM members about the issues in regards to sexual assault topics and resources on out campus November 5th at 12-4pm in the Bobcat Lair, *In Progress*
- Collaborated with the Native American Student Coalition to draft a resolution that calls for the opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and stands in solidarity with the water protectors defending their sacred land, *In Progress*
- Cosponsored the event where we will be welcoming the Caravan Against Repression in Mexico at UC Merced on November 6th, *In Progress*

- Collaborating with his staff to reach out to Multicultural Organizations/Clubs on campus to educate them about the resources offered by ASUCM, *In progress*
- With the help of the ASUCM staff, he will be placing info-graphics throughout the campus about the resources different ASUCM branches provide, *In progress*
- Will be hosting “Coffee with the Director of Student Advocacy” on a biweekly basis in the lantern to allow students to voice any issues or simply have a conversation with him, *In Progress*

Director of Communications

- Worked on this month’s Bulletin Board with the theme of “Fall-ow these Tips for Success”
- Received over 2,500 views after live streaming a senate meeting that had the TAPs Director as a guest speaker
- Is in the process of planning a Social Event where students can follow ASUCM on social media and they receive pizza, *In Progress*

COURT ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 2016:

- Completed the Court Bylaw revisions and had valuable discussions about the future of the branch
- Full Court was established
- Updated the Court section in the ASUCM Website with easily accessible information on case procedures
- Postponed the search for the Clerk position until late December
- Began the search for the 2017 Elections Commissioner, *In Progress*
- Planning a Judicial Branch Retreat, *In Progress*
- Finalizing the official court case procedure guideline document, *In Progress*
- Chief Justice worked on the elections section on the ASUCM Website to have it ready to go once the Elections Commissioner is appointed, *In Progress*

COMMISSIONER ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 2016:

Commissioner of Sustainability

- Hosted Ecofest, a sustainability event having many clubs participate
- In the process of planning the Green Initiative Fund, *In Progress*
- Going to host the Ecolympics, *In Progress*
- Working on UC Sprouts, *In Progress*

Commissioner of Diversity

- Working on revising an up to date contact info for clubs and organizations, *In Progress*
- Planning the Caravana Contra la Represion event happening in November, *In Progress*

SENATE ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 2016:

Senator Diep:

- Met with Dr. Lelani Kupo, Director of the Bright Success Center to facilitate a conversation about honors Programs at UC Merced and know how to retain high-achieving students need academically and holistically
- Helped VSA, Bobcat MUN, and Chess Club secure funding for the respective events
- Working on updating ICC bylaws and securing a budget increase for ICC, *In progress*

Senator Vu:

- Learning and becoming more informed on resolutions and eventually would like to start one, *In progress*

Senator Ghebresilasie:

- Wrote a bill and secured funding for AIAA
- Working with the Student Activity Committee to host a Tailgate for Men's Basketball Senior Night, *In progress*

Senator Parra:

- Participated in a meeting with some senate members to discuss what they want to do as senators, which is a step closer to working together on issues that affect students
- Working with the Student Activities Committee on a Tailgate to help bring school spirit, *In progress*

Senator Ikenador:

- Worked with Business Society and their Haunted House

Senator Suma:

- Tabled for EcoFest representing ASUCM
- Introduced and successfully passed Bill #15, funding Sigma Chi and AMSA
- Introduced and successfully passed Senate Actions #8 and #9, transferring the ASUCM Commission on Neighborhood Relation's Fund to the ASUCM General Fund, and Transfer of \$4,000 from the General Fund to the ASUCM Commission on Sustainable Funds
- Wants to be a venue to have more students get involved, so tabling was important
- Drafted the Resolution in Opposition of the Construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, *In progress*
- Collecting feedback and input for a voucher program, *In progress*
- Aligning Senate goals through a discussion, *In progress*

Senator Martin:

- Met with Brenda Maldonado-Rosas, the Manager and Lead Adviser of SSHA Advising, and discussed the common opinion SSHA students had about the services advising provided and discussed different routes that could be taken to remedy student complaints. Was able to provide ideas that will improve the relationship and overall image students have of SSHA advising
- Planning to follow up with Brenda to discuss if, how, and when such ideas and events could be implemented and also other ways the advising staff could provide better services for students

Senator Fuentes:

- Creating easy to read templates for a 4 year graduation plans for all SSHA majors, *In progress*
- Discussed with various counselors in order to understand the difficulty behind pushing the idea, and discovered that this initiative has been taken by SSHA advising who will plan to reveal these 4 year plans on their websites soon
- Currently thinking about a new initiative that ties smaller RCO's and Academic Affairs, *In progress*

Senator Martinez:

- Participated in the Voter Registration and the Dorm Storm along with other ASUCM members and the External Office
- Helped with Your Vote Your Choice
- Working on the Budget Call Bylaws, *In progress*

Senator Massey:

- Creating and Compiling a TAPS Student Survey, *In progress*

Senator Perez:

- Will work with the Court once Bylaws are complete on introducing that bill, *In progress*

INTER CLUB COUNCIL ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 2016:

- 3 new Delegates appointed
- Appointment of the ICC treasurer, who will now be able to work on the ICC budget
- Created a new duty for ICC delegates, as an ICC Delegate Auditor Position, which will allow the ICC delegates to attend events they fund in order to make sure the events run smoothly
- Reformatted ICC and now has a complete executive board

MAJOR MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES OCTOBER 2016:

Meeting/Committee:	Name of ASUCM Official:	ASUCM Position:
SFAC	Christian Rivera	Treasurer
SFAC	Deborah Ikenador	Senator
WASC	Levi Martin	Senator
CAPRA	Levi Martin	Senator
TAPS	Edmundo Martinez	Senator
TAPS	Leonard Massey	Senator
Student Sustainability Council	Adriana Gomez	Commissioner
Financial Aid Student Advisory Committee	Katelyn Fitzgerald	President

ASUCM LEGISLATION FOR OCTOBER 2016:

List of Senate Bills:

1. Senate Bill #8: Funding for AIAA Rocket Division at UC Merced (Introduced by Senator Massey)
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. Amount given: \$8,682.84

2. Senate Bill #9: Funding for Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) Good Samaritan (Introduced by Senator Diep)
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. Amount given: \$ 7,800

3. Senate Bill #10: Funding of SEEK Conference for the Catholic Newman Club (Introduced by Perez)

- a. Vote: Passed
 - b. Amount given: \$18,4800
4. Senate Bill #11: Funding for VSA UVSA Leadership Summit 2015 (Introduced by Senator Vu)
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. Amount given: \$4,306.39
 5. Senate Bill #12: Funding for AIAA Design Build Fly (Introduced by Ghebresilasie)
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. Amount given: \$5,305.35
 6. Senate Bill #13: Funding for Bobcat MUN to SBIMUN Conference (Introduced by Senator Diep)
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. Amount given: \$3,623.18
 7. Senate Bill #14: Funding for Chess Club North American Open (Introduced by Senator Diep)
 - a. Vote: 14 yes, 1 no
 - b. Amount Given: \$3,179.52
 8. Senate Bill #15: Funding for Saving Lives with Sigma Chi and the American Medical Student Association (Introduced by Senator Suma)
 - a. Vote: Passed
 - b. Amount Given: \$8,278.30
 9. Senate Bill #16: Funding for Merced Chi Alpha's World Missions Leadership Summit 2017 (Introduced by Senator Gonzalez)
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. Amount Given: \$8,278.30
 10. Senate Bill #17: Inter Club Council (ICC) Travel Bylaw Change (Introduced by Senator Diep)
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. Bylaws updated
 - c.

Total Amount Spent October: \$50,972.74

List of Senate Actions:

1. Senate Action #3:
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. Line Item Created

2. Senate Action #4:
 - a. Vote: N/a
 - b. Action Died

3. Senate Action #5:
 - a. Vote: N/a
 - b. Action Died

4. Senate Action #6: Transfer the Entirety of the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)'s "Campus Events, Programs, and Services" Line Item of 2016-2017 to ASUCM's Senate Bill Fund
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. \$7,800 was transferred from VSA's budget line item to 2016-17 ASUCM's Senate Bill Fund

5. Senate Action #7: Elimination of Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)'s "Campus Events, Program, and Services" Line Item from 2016-2017 ASUCM Budget
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. That Line was Removed

6. Senate Action #8: Transfer of ASUCM Commission on Neighborhood Relations' Funds to the ASUCM General Fund
 - a. Vote: Unanimously approved
 - b. \$4,000 was moved to the Unallocated Line

7. Senate Action #9: Transfer of \$4,000 from the ASUCM General Fund to the ASUCM Commission on Sustainability's Funds
 - a. Vote: Passed
 - b. \$4,000 from General Fund was transferred to the "ASUCM Commission on Sustainability" line.

INTER CLUB-COUNCIL PROPOSALS:

Submitted	Passed/Approved
29	25

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

October 2016	
Executives	7/8
Senators	11/16
Court Justices	6/7
ICC Execs/Delegates	5/13
ASUCM Commissioners	2/2

ASUCM OFFICE TRAFFIC for OCTOBER 2016:

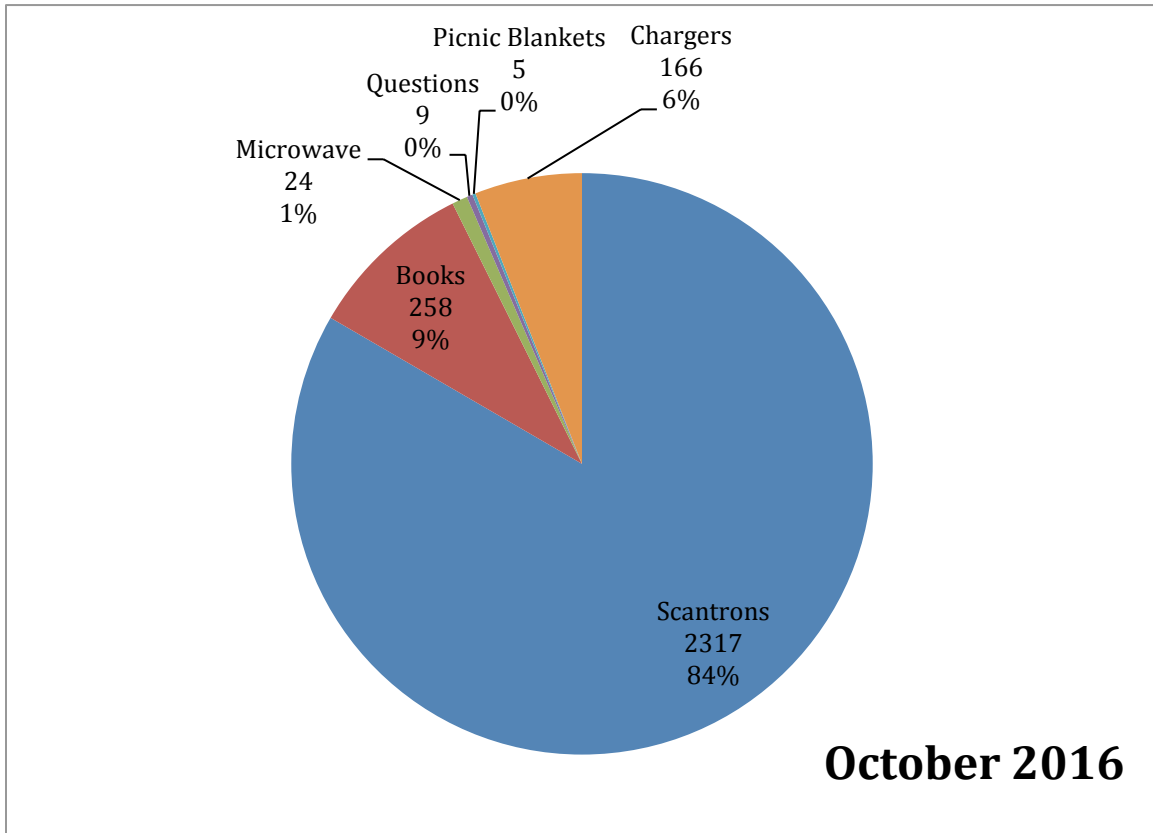


Chart 1: October Monthly Report Office Traffic

Green/Red/Blue Scantrons: 2317

Green/Blue Books: 258

Microwave: 24

Questions: 9

Picnic Blankets: 5

Chargers: 167