

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Bill #39

**Funding for MEChA de UC Merced Raza Youth Conference which will be held
March 18th, 2017**

*This bill will support MEChA de UC Merced's second annual Raza Youth Conference
which will be held at the UC Merced Campus.*

Introduced By:

ASUCM Senator Edmundo Martinez

Authored By:

MEChA

(Movimiento Estudiantil Chicax de Atzalan)

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Background: As Mechistas we believe that self-determination should be actualized through our culture, history, education, and political involvement. By taking our destiny back into our own hands we will rise above the oppression of classism, sexism, homophobia and racism which are tools used to divide *nuestra gente* (our people). This reclamation process will be guided by humanitarian concerns for all our brothers and sisters.

In April of 1969 students from all over California met in Santa Barbara to unify the Chicano student movement it was at this conference that they formulated El Plan De Santa Barbara. With this document they were successful in the development of two very important contributions to the Chicano Movement: Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) and Chicano Studies.

As Chicana/Chicano students of the University of California, Merced, we must take responsibility to promote the advancement of *nuestra gente* (our people) through the development of critical consciousness. Thus, through our outreach efforts we must promote not only higher education, but the liberation of our minds as well. In order to encourage Chicanismo within the community, politicize *nuestra gente* (our people), continue to struggle for self-determination of the Chicana/Chicano people. And move toward the liberation of the nation of Aztlán, we hereby propose this bill.

Purpose: The purpose of this bill is to financially support MEChA de UC Merced Raza Youth Conference. Which will be held on Saturday March 18th, 2017 at UC Merced Campus.

1. **Whereas:** MEChA de UC Merced will help generate a campus wide leadership conference open to the Central Valley youth with the objective to share our experience in higher education, financial aid resources, and college requirements; and,
2. **Whereas:** The event will promote higher education and enhance academic skills that are needed in the local community
3. **Whereas:** The event will motivate students to pursue higher education; and,
4. **Whereas:** This event is open to all of the Central Valley community; and
5. **Whereas:** This event will advance the development of leaders that will serve and make a difference in the Central Valley community

6. **Whereas:** This event will help our members develop their social and community service skills.
7. **Whereas:** The students that volunteer will benefit from gaining the experience of social skills and teamwork
8. **Whereas:** a brief budget breakdown can be found in Appendix A; and, an overview of last years agenda can be located in Appendix B;
9. **Whereas:** Any funds not used for the conference will be returned to ASUCM
10. **Whereas:** Bobby Verdugo is the speaker
11. **Whereas:** Bobby Verdugo was a leader in the walkouts that occurred in 1968
12. **Whereas:** This would be an important icon in cultural history and would add unmeasurable value to the conference
13. **Whereas:** If you wanted to be involved there are links in Appendix B

Be Enacted The ASUCM Senate will allocate \$5,390 to MEChA de UC Merced from the Senate Bill Fund in order to assist covering expenses for the Youth Conference held at UC Merced held on March 18th, 2017.

Appendix A: Budget Breakdown

Item	Quantity	Total
Shirts	150	\$1,500
Water bottles (reusable)	150	\$700
Food (tacos) for student volunteers.	30	\$240
Study aid: Pen, notepads, and totes	200 per item	\$1,300
Pamphlets	200	\$350
Custodial staff and safety		\$750
Fundraising		
Entertainment		\$250
Speaker Fees (Los Hijos Del Campo)	1	\$300
Total		\$5,390

Appendix B: Related Links

mechadeucmerced.weebly.com – Link in order to register for the Conference
ucmryc.meaha@gmail.com – Contact Info
 Raza Youth Conference 2017 (Facebook Page)

Appendix C: Overview of last years agenda



Hosted by M.E.Ch.A de U.C. Merced

08:00 AM Registration / Breakfast

08:30 AM Sunrise ceremony

09:00 AM Opening Ceremony

09:10 AM Welcoming remarks by Internal and External M.E.Ch.A.

09:20 AM Patty, Jose, and Janet will go up and introduce R.Y.C. and keynote

09:30 AM Keynote Eden Silva Jequinto (from UCLA)

11:00 AM Tatoklan – students are mixed and grouped and prompted with a specific dialogue

12:00 PM Workshop A Mandatory Financial aid every student must attend

01:00 PM Lunch and entertainment

02:10 PM Workshop B (Cultural, student panel, campus environment)

03:00 PM Workshop C (Cultural, student panel, campus environment)

04:10 PM Keynote #2

04:45 PM Closing remarks the RYC members will thank everyone and dismiss them

05:00 PM Students will be escorted to their busses and dropped off at school.

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Resolution/Bill #39 - Funding for MEChA de UC Merced Raza Youth Conference

Date Introduced: _____

Submitted Senate Committee(s):

Date Settled: _____

- Budget and Finance
- Student Advocacy
- Student Activities
- Academic Affairs
- Other _____

Veto Expires: _____


Comments/Recommendations:

Senate Action:

Approved

Not Approved

Senate Chair Authorization: _____



Date: 2/15/17

Gabriel Hulbert, Internal Vice President

President Action:

Approved

Not Approved

President's Signature: _____

automatically approved

Date: 2/15/17

Katelyn Fitzgerald, President