

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Bill #11

Funding for Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) UVSA Leadership Summit 2016

The bill will sponsor members of the Vietnamese Student Association to attend the Leadership Conference Summit hosted by UVSA of Northern California

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Background: The Vietnamese Student Association is a student oriented organization that focuses on broadening the understanding and appreciation of the Vietnamese culture, language and history. In order to bring the cultural awareness to campus, VSA hosts various club-sponsored activities including, but not limited to, social events, guest speakers and festivals that showcase the Vietnamese tradition. VSA also works to encourage its members to take on leadership roles and give back to the Vietnamese community. This year, the organization is participating in the 10th Annual UVSA Leadership Conference.

The Unified Vietnamese Student Association (UVSA) Leadership Summit is an annual leadership conference held by UVSA of Northern California. This year will be UVSA's 10th Annual Summit. It will take place at the University of the Pacific. The conference itself lasts for 3 days and 2 nights, November 18th to 20th. At Summit, there will be various leadership workshops, as well as team building activities to develop a stronger character. The goal of Summit is to inspire young individuals to take on leadership roles in their communities, while instilling pride and knowledge in the Vietnamese heritage and culture. There are also opportunities to network and branch out to other Vietnamese Student Associations at other universities. There is a \$75 registration fee for those who are attending and VSA has approximately 45 members who are interested in attending Summit this year.

1. **Whereas:** The Preamble of the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced states that “ASUCM promotes the general educational welfare and enhancement of the academic benefits and opportunities offered for the continued success of the students of the University of California, Merced”; and,
2. **Whereas:** A focus of the Vietnamese Student Association is building leaders, in hopes that those individuals will be able to give back to the community; and,
3. **Whereas:** The conference offers opportunities for these students to gain invaluable skills, as well as leadership, knowledge, and inspiration; and,
4. **Whereas:** Students will be able to expand networking with other UC's, Cal States and private schools that are also attending; and,
5. **Whereas:** The conference helps improve and expand event programming; and,
6. **Whereas:** The Vietnamese Student Association is currently holding fundraising efforts to cover the registration fees; and,
7. **Whereas:** ASUCM has funded this annual conference in the past; therefore,

Be it Enacted: That ASUCM Senate will allocate the total amount of \$4,366.76 to the Vietnamese Student Association of UC Merced in support of VSA's UVSA Summit.

Appendix A: Budget Breakdown

	Cost	People	Total
Registration Fee	\$75	45	3,375

	Cost per Mile	Miles	# of Cars	Total
Gas	0.54	156.8	11	931.31

Total: 4306.39

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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: _____

Gabriel Hulbert, Internal Vice President

President Action:

Approved

Not Approved

President's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Timeline Passed

Katelyn Fitzgerald

Katelyn Fitzgerald, President