

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Bill #34

**Funding Hmong Student Association (HSA) for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Hmong National Development Conference (HNDC)**

*This bill will fund Hmong Student Association's registration fees, transportation, and lodgings fees to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Hmong National Development Conference (HNDC) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.*

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**Background:**

Hmong Student Association (HSA) at UC Merced is a cultural club aimed to promote and uplift its members by strengthening them with strong leadership skills and professional prowess for a bright future. HSA also aims to educate the UCM student population on the Hmong culture and history. The Hmong people are a vital and rich part of the culture of the Central Valley given that it is home to one of the largest Hmong populations in the entire United States, with over 38,000 Hmong people in Merced and Fresno County combined (US Census 2010.) The students of HSA are no less vital and important to the university. HSA at UCM has been especially stellar at promoting their goals of enriching our campus community while enriching our local community: they host an Education Conference every year aimed at promoting higher education within the local Merced County. This conference provides leadership and volunteer opportunities to our students by connecting them with local students who are interested in attaining higher education, all whilst showcasing UC Merced.

The Hmong National Development Conference's (HNDC) mission states that: the "HND empowers the Hmong community to achieve prosperity and equality through education, research, policy advocacy and leadership development. HND's vision is to create a united, thriving Hmong community." Combined with the historic presence and legacy of the Hmong people in the Central Valley, this mission statement is especially powerful. The work that they do at this conference not only strengthens them as individual leaders, but also that as UCM students, their amazing work represents and speaks of their pride as fellow UCM Bobcats.

To quote Senate Bill #44 of Senate 2014-2015: "The Hmong National Development Conference (HNDC) brings community members together to leverage their collective power through business, politics, social service and education as they create the future of our communities. Participants can connect and build relationships to further advance innovation and creativity in our community. Through interactive workshops, participants will work together to build a stronger foundation for Hmong American development and future prosperity." This year's 18<sup>th</sup> HNDC will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. This year's theme is "Power of the Past: Force of the Future." Once the conference is over, HSA will be hosting a mini-seminar to discuss the work and lessons they learned at the Conference.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this bill is to allocate \$6,294.69 to Hmong Student Association from the Senate Bill Fund to cover their registration fees, transportation costs, and lodging costs for the 18<sup>th</sup> HNDC on April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

1. **Whereas:** The Preamble of the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced states that ASUCM strives “to support, promote and celebrate the diversity of culture... to advance the development of leaders that will serve and make a difference in the present and future;” and,
2. **Whereas:** The Constitution further reiterates 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,
3. **Whereas:** This conference will explicitly support our Constitution’s goals of promoting education welfare while also celebrating the diversity of Hmong students and their contributions to our campus; and,
4. **Whereas:** Each member that attends this conference will be able to not only gain leadership skills and educate themselves, but also become educated members that can bring back what they’ve learned to benefit the UC Merced and Merced community back home; and,
5. **Whereas:** HSA is a club that has historically and continues to demonstrate community excellence both in their events (such as Hmong Culture night) and outreach to the campus community and local community; and,
6. **Whereas:** The UCM chapter of HSA has won the HNDC’s “Most Spirited” Award in 2015, given to Hmong chapters that demonstrate immense pride and passion in their work and success in their outreach to the community; and,
7. **Whereas:** The HNDC is hosted only on a bi-annual basis and thus attending this conference is vital for developing the leadership within the student leaders; and,
8. **Whereas:** Any funding not used will return to the ASUCM General Fund; and,
9. **Whereas:** See Appendix A for the budget breakdown and Supplemental Notes for additional information on the fiscal costs; and therefore,

**Be it enacted:** The ASUCM Senate will allocate \$6,294.69 to Hmong Student Association from the Senate Bill Fund to cover their registration fees, transportation costs, and lodging costs for the 18<sup>th</sup> HNDC on April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

## Appendix A- Budget Breakdown of Registration, Transportation and Lodging Fees

Item	Cost	Quantity	Tax	Final Cost
Registration Fee	\$235.00	8 (members)	n/a	\$1,880.00
Plane Tickets	\$500.00	8	n/a	\$4,000.00
Hotel Room	\$149.00	2	\$16.69	\$314.69
Buffer	\$100.00	1	n/a	\$100.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,294. 69</b>

### *Supplemental Notes:*

- The 8 members will be selected via an application and deliberation process overseen by the Executive Board of HSA
- Sales Tax in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (as of January 2017) is 5.6%
  - thus 5.6% of \$298.00 is \$16.69
- Buffer is for fluctuating plane ticket prices.
- Further information can be found on: <http://hndinc.org/hnd-conference/registration/>
  - Information and rates on the site listed above was used to calculate this bill's expenses and travel costs
  - Plane Ticket cost was estimated after consultation and a simulated "run" with Cathy Oliver of OSL (The travels staff in charge of making airfare purchases for students)
  - Registration Fee includes the Conference and the Leadership Banquet

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Submitted Senate Committee(s):

Date Settled: \_\_\_\_\_

Budget and Finance

Student Advocacy

Veto Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Activities

Academic Affairs

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Recommendations:

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Senate Action:

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Senate Chair Authorization:



Date: 1/25/2017

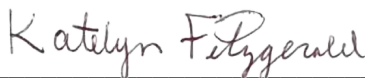
Gabriel Hulbert, Internal Vice President

President Action:

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President's Signature:



Date: 1/27/2016

Katelyn Fitzgerald, President