

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Bill #35

Funding Student Nutrition Association (SNA) to attend the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (CAND) Annual Conference 2017

This bill aims to cover the registration, transportation, and lodging costs of SNA to attend the CAND Conference on April 27th-29th, 2017.

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Background:

The Student Nutrition Association (SNA) at UC Merced was founded to provide a networking organization for students interested in pursuing the nutrition and dietician health field. It means to educate the student community of what proper nutrition is while also providing professional opportunity and insight into the dietician health profession. Despite being a young club, SNA is pursuing big and bold goals. Pursuing the funding to send 13 members to this conference is evidence of such a stride.

The California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Conference of 2017 (CAND) is dedicated to showcasing some of the top nutrition and food sciences in the country. The conference includes not only networking opportunities but countless lectures of all aspects of food (for example but not limited to): how social media affects public perception of food health and nutrition myths overall, supplements and their studied effects on health, optimizing diets in hospital and medical care, and the future of alternative protein sources. The CAND is a non-profit organization dedicated to champion policies and regulations in order to protect consumers of nutrition services, endorse a strong scope of practice of Registered Dietary Nutritionists (RDNs) and Dietetic Technicians (DTRs) in California, support the roles of RDNs and DTRs in the delivery of healthcare in California, and ensure and promote informed food decisions by the public.

Supporting SNA's endeavors to attend this conference provides a valuable learning opportunity in a field that is still largely undiscussed by UCM's current pre-health resources. By sending these 13 members to this conference, SNA can bring back stronger leaders and an enriched student population that in turn can share their knowledge with the UCM student community. SNA is a brand new club this year and thus funding would require them to get sponsoring from SACNAS. This entails that SACNAS will be listed as the receiver of the funds.

Purpose: The purpose of this bill is to allocate \$8,814.05 from ASUCM's Senate Bill Fund to support Student Nutrition Association to attend the CAND Conference of 2017.

1. **Whereas:** The Preamble to the ASUCM Constitution states that one of the purposes of ASUCM is to promote 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:** Funding this club to attend this conference will promote the diversity in culture, lifestyle, and beliefs of students at UC Merced as stated in the Preamble of our constitution; and,
3. **Whereas:** Such learning opportunities in the health and dietitian field are limited here on campus are limited; and,
4. **Whereas:** the only opportunities currently present are not in depth enough for students pursuing the nutrition and dietitian field of health; and,
5. **Whereas:** Our students lack the opportunity to explore and experience such fields and health initiatives; and,
6. **Whereas:** Funding this bill will aid and assist these students in pursuing an education opportunity that is difficult to pursue at UC Merced; and,
7. **Whereas:** This conference is a collection of professionals in the nutrition and diet field and is a huge learning opportunities with expositions and workshops of cutting edge food science and studies; and,
8. **Whereas:** The budget breakdown of funding request will be found in Appendix A and any funding not used will be returned to ASUCM's General Fund; therefore,

Be it enacted: The ASUCM Senate allocate \$8,814.05 from ASUCM's Senate Bill Fund to SACNAS (the sponsoring club) to aid Student Nutrition Association to cover the registration fees, transportation costs, and lodging costs of the CAND Conference of 2017 from April 26th-29th, 2017 at the McClellan Conference Center in McClellan California.

Appendix A

Item	Cost	Quantity	
Registration Fee	\$225.00	13 (members)	\$2,925.00
Hotel	\$350.00	4 (rooms) x 4 (nights)	\$5,600.00
TAPS Vehicle Rental (Van) Ford Transit Van	\$18.05/day	1 vehicle x 5 (days)	\$90.25
TAPS Vehicle Rental (Car) Honda Civic	\$19.76/day	1 vehicle x 5 (days)	\$98.80
Parking Pass Fee	\$10.00	32 (cars) x 5 days (of parking)	\$150.00

		Total:	\$8,814.05
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Supplemental Notes:

-Miles was calculated for distance between UC Merced and McClellan Conference Center (260 miles roundtrip)

-Though the conference is from April 26th-29th: the parking pass fees includes the fees when SNA arrives the day of and leaves the morning after the conference AND the hotel rooms includes the night of arrival the evening before the conference

-A complete itinerary of the conference can be found at:

<http://dietitian.org/pdfs/am2017/2017-cand-annual-meeting-program-sessions-only.pdf>

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Submitted Senate Committee(s):

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- Academic Affairs
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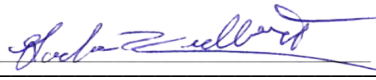
Veto Expires: _____

Comments/Recommendations:

Senate Action:

Approved

Not Approved

Senate Chair Authorization: 

Date: 1/25/2017

Gabriel Hulbert, Internal Vice President

President Action:

Approved

Not Approved

President's Signature: 

Date: 1/27/2016

Katelyn Fitzgerald, President