Associated Students of the University of California, Merced Bill #36

Funding Circle K International to attend a District Convention

The bill will sponsor members of Circle K to participate in a weekend long convention in Riverside, CA.

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Background:

Founded in 1936 by the Kiwanis International, Circle K International throughout numerous decades of service, leadership and fellowship has imprinted themselves as a defining symbol of unquestionable generosity. The spirited youth that guides this organization strive to help and strengthen local communities and fundraised for the betterment of humanity. Fighting for a cure for cancer or the safety of children all over the world is just the beginning of the many noble ideals and kindness that Circle K betokens to. Circle K shines over multiples countries and all 50 states in the United States of America and for where there is Circle K there is a promise for indomitable spirit. And as expected from UC Merced's Circle K, we are no exception of these merits.

UC Merced Circle K has and always done best to follow these merits and the throughout the years grown bigger and stronger, slowly but loudly are beginning to recognized UC Merced thought the California. We have stood and raised money for PTP (Pediatric Trauma Program) that aided in the prevention of preadolescence deaths, supported local schools in hope to persuade other to act without reward, and the homeless in their time of need. UC Merced presence in the Kiwanis community has grown exponentially as this year with our presence at multiple district wide events, most notability our massive attendance at the annual Fall Training Conference where we had the opportunity to interact with all the Circle K from all over California, Hawaii, and Nevada.

Our next mission to certify and fortify our presence in the California area with the biggest Kiwanis event of the year, DCON. DCON is a collection of all of Kiwanis and is a great opportunity to expose UC Merced to the rest of Kiwanis because UC Merced has never attended this massive collection of diverse individual. Providing the ability for UCM Circle K to attend DCON would be the biggest step for Circle K and show to the all other UC and college Circle K that we have the ability to compete and represent our college proudly and passionately. From our attendance at DCON our member will learn fundamental skills in leadership and fellowship and be able to bring it back to the diverse community in Merced. We would gain valuable knowledge to better our community even more and refine our power to help and support others.

<u>Purpose</u>: The purpose of this bill is to allocate \$4,671.84 from the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced to send fifteen members of Circle K International to participate in the three-day long District Convention held in Riverside, California from March 17th through the 19th.

- 1. <u>Whereas:</u> The Preamble of the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced insists that ASUCM try to "promote the general educational welfare and enhancement of the academic benefits and opportunities offered for the continued success of the University of California, Merced"; and,
- 2. <u>Whereas:</u> As stated in the ASUCM Constitution, we will seek "to advance the development of leaders that will serve and make a difference in the present and future"; and,
- 3. Whereas: Considering that UC Merced was widely recognized as one of the most active campuses at the Fall Training conference, it would be beneficial to the club to send as many members possible so it can accurately represent how dedicated these UC Merced students are at a regional Circle K event; and,
- 4. **Whereas:** Students attending will attend various workshops and seminars which will encourage the individuals to help the community in order to help it thrive now as well as in the future; and,
- 5. <u>Whereas:</u> This convention embodies many goals of the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced which will greatly improve their outreach in the community; and,
- 6. Whereas: The registration fee includes attendance and three meals a day, except Sunday in which case they will only receive breakfast.
- 7. Whereas: All the money not utilized on the trip will be returned to ASUCM; and,
- 8. Whereas: The budget breakdown can be found in Appendix A; and,

<u>Be it Enacted:</u> The ASUCM Senate will allocate \$4,671.84 from the Senate Bills portion of the 2016-2017 ASUCM budget in support of Circle K attending their District Convention from March 17th - 19th.

Appendix A: Budget Breakdown

Item	Info.	Cost per Item	Total
Registration	Circle K international is	\$190 x 15 people =	\$2850.00
fees	seeking funding for 15		
	people.		
Lodging	Marriott Riverside at the	\$151.82 x 4 rooms x 3 nights =	\$1821.84

Convention Center	

Total Funding Request: \$4,671.84

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