

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Bill #5

Funding Bobcat Model United Nations for the USC Trojan Model United Nations Conference

This bill will fund Bobcat Model United Nations's travel and conference registration expenses to participate in the annual, 4-day Trojan MUN Conference on October 27-30th, 2016.

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Background:

Bobcat MUN is an organization dedicated to furthering students' understanding of international affairs and skills in public speaking through the modeling of UN sessions and participation in intercollegiate MUN conferences. The club provides the necessary resources and training to compete in these conferences. Through Bobcat MUN, students gain a deeper understanding of the principles of international relations and the roles of various actors in the global political arena as well as those of the United Nations in maintaining peace and conducting conflict resolution. Students also explore the context in which global issues transpire through the research and study of assigned countries' histories, policies, and past involvement with other countries and entities.

During Model United Nations conferences, delegates emulate an assigned country and gather to discuss issues of international diplomacy. Topics discussed in each competition include (but are not limited to) concerns relating to world health, social and humanitarian issues, international criminal tribunals, and conflict resolution for peace. Delegates in every room compete for a "Best Delegate" award, which is bestowed based on speaking ability, teamwork, and leadership exhibited during session. Trojan MUN is one such academic competition.

Purpose: The purpose of this bill is to allocate \$4,984.16 from ASUCM's Senate Bill funds to Bobcat MUN to fund the travel-expenses to attend and participate in the USC Trojan MUN Conference of 2016-2017.

1. **Whereas:** The Preamble of the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced communicates that ASUCM 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:** This event is will provide the opportunity for students to exercise and gain speaking skills, be educated in international affairs, explore peace maintenance and conflict resolution on a world scale, and represent UC Merced at a national tournament; and,
3. **Whereas:** Each member that attends this conference will be able to not only gain skills listed above but also become educated members that can bring back what they've learned to benefit the UC Merced and Merced community back home; and,
4. **Whereas:** Bobcat MUN has won 2 "Best Delegates" Award at the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' in the NorCal Model Arab League competition of 2015-2016; and,
5. **Whereas:** Bobcat MUN is fundraising to contribute to the funding needed to participate in this conference; and,

6. **Whereas:** Any funding requested from ASUCM not used will return to ASUCM; and,
7. **Whereas:** The budget breakdown of all costs can be found in appendix A; and,
8. **Whereas:** Bobcat MUN is a club on campus that is dedicated to furthering students' understanding of world politics and diplomacy and furthering students' professionalism and speaking skills; and,
9. **Whereas:** Thus, ASUCM funding the expenses for the travel and participation in this conference upholds our preamble in that it 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; therefore,

Be it enacted: That ASUCM allocate \$4,984.16 from the Senate Bill funds to Bobcats MUN at UC Merced to attend and participate in the Trojan MUN 2016-2017 Conference at USC.

Appendix A

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Delegation Fee	\$90.00	1	\$90.00
Delegate Fee (per Individual)	\$85.00	16 (delegates)	\$1,408.00
Hotel Room (for 4 individuals)	\$645.55/for 3 nights	4 (rooms)	\$2,582.20
Transportation (Gas)	\$0.54/per mile	558 miles (roundtrip) x 3 cars	\$903.96
Overnight Parking Fee	\$35.00/per car, per day	3 cars x 3 days/nights of parking	\$315.00

Total cost: \$5,299.16

Requested from ASUCM: \$4,984.16

Note: Overnight Parking Fees will be covered by Bobcat MUN via fundraising.

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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:

Gabriel Hulbert

Date:

9/22/16

Gabriel Hulbert, Internal Vice President

President Action:

Approved

Not Approved

President's Signature:

Katelyn Fitzgerald

Date:

9/22/16

Katelyn Fitzgerald, President