

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Bill #4

Alpha Kappa Psi

This Bill will sponsor the Alpha Kappa Psi – Psi Upsilon chapter of UC Merced to attend a recruitment and company tour at Blackrock in San Francisco on Monday, October 17th.

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Bill #4 –Funding for Alpha Kappa Psi company tour at Blackrock in San Francisco

Background: Alpha Kappa Psi is one of the largest professional fraternities on campus, which provides networking opportunities, professional development, and service to UC Merced students. Alpha Kappa Psi is much more than just another organization or a club- it is a unique, prestigious association of students, professors, graduates and professionals with common interests and goals. Students join Alpha Kappa Psi to take advantage of valuable education, friendship, and networking opportunities. Alpha Kappa Psi seeks to create an opportunity for our members that will enable us to gain real life networking, job, and internship opportunities in one of San Francisco’s elite investment management firms.

The Center for Career and Professional Advancement of UC Merced has reached out to Alpha Kappa Psi to help arrange a company tour in Blackrock, an investment management firm in San Francisco. Alpha Kappa Psi and The Center for Career and Professional Advancement will make this event inclusive to all UC Merced students.

Blackrock is an American global investment management corporation based in New York City and is by far the world’s largest asset manager with \$4.89 trillion in assets under their management. Blackrock representatives are inviting Alpha Kappa Psi members at UC Merced to give us the opportunity to learn about the business, network, and possibly land internship/job opportunities for our members. Ultimately, this will not only benefit Alpha Kappa Psi members but also the university as a whole. The knowledge, experience, and networks that we gain with this trip will be brought back to share to ASUCM and the students of UC Merced

Purpose: To allocate \$669.00 from ASUCM to Alpha Kappa Psi at the University of California, Merced to ensure the attendance of twenty-eight members to Blackrock’s company tour and a recruitment opportunity.

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 will allow UC Merced to build a connection with Blackrock, to justify that UC Merced has great potential in having top candidates for internship and job positions; and,

3. **Whereas:** This event will offer unique opportunities for the students attending to gain invaluable skills, networking opportunities, and an inspiration to pursue their ideal careers; and,
4. **Whereas:** Alpha Kappa Psi is an on-campus organization that is seeking to further develop the professionalism and knowledge of our members as well as the students of this university; and,
5. **Whereas:** This trip can lead to potential internships and full-time career positions; and,
6. **Whereas:** Alpha Kappa Psi will return to senate a week after our event to give an event update; and,
7. **Whereas:** This opportunity was provided to us by The Center for Career and Professional Advancement of UC Merced; and,
8. **Whereas:** The Center for Career and Professional Advancement will assist in funding this event; and,
9. **Whereas:** This will be a feasible investment of student fees; and,
10. **Whereas:** Alpha Kappa Psi continues to give UC Merced students the opportunity for professional advancement and brotherhood; and,
11. **Whereas:** This will motivate and encourage our members as well as the student body to keep pursuing their ideal career and internship; and,
12. **Whereas:** This opportunity will be primarily for Alpha Kappa Psi members, but if outstanding interest from other students is shown this opportunity can be extended to all UC Merced students; and,
13. **Whereas:** As of data collected from 2015-2016, 36.9% of undergraduates are SSHA majors and this will target a great portion of the student population; and,
14. **Whereas:** A detailed budget breakdown can be found be in Appendix A
15. **Whereas:** Twenty spots will be reserved for Alpha Kappa Psi members, eight will be for the general public, but if not filled, Alpha Kappa Psi members will fill those spots.

Senate Action:

Approved

Not Approved

Senate Chair Authorization:

Gabriel Hulbert

Date:

9/15/16

Gabriel Hulbert, Internal Vice President

President Action:

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Not Approved

President's Signature:

Katelyn Fitzgerald

Date:

9/16/16

Katelyn Fitzgerald, President