

Good Morning ASUCM,

Today I will be issuing Executive Order 01 to appoint Mauricio Trejo as the ASUCM Director of Student Advocacy. As stated under Article IV: Executive Powers Section 1 Subsection E. "To direct, by an Executive Order, actions which are urgent and necessary to maintain the functioning of the ASUCM until the Senate can again meet. Any such Executive Order automatically expires at the third regular Senate meeting following issuance of the order, or upon termination by the Senate by a simple majority (50% + 1) vote of Senators present." and in the vacancy of an Executive Seat Subsection F. "To appoint, in the event of vacancy of an Executive Officer or a Court Justice, a replacement with concurrent Senate approval by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of Senators present within ten (10) working days of the vacancy." Due to Senate not being in session, I have to issue this Executive Order until the Senate Convenes this Fall, and then he will go through the appropriate channels to be approved by the Senate at their first meeting.

Process: An application for the vacant position was released May 4th, 2016 via the ASUCM Facebook page, closing May 20th. During those three and a half weeks, there were several UC Merced Happenings emails sent and shares of the application to the highly utilized UC Merced Classifieds page. Fifteen applications were received, and were reviewed by an interview committee consisting of the ASUCM Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Treasurer, and I. Four of the applicants received interviews which took place via Video Call, and the interview committee discussed their thoughts on each interview in a conference call to decide the top applicant.

Reasoning: It's very crucial that ASUCM has a full executive board going into the 2016-2017 academic year. In order for ASUCM to be fully functional I believe it's pivotal that we have an Executive board on the same page by the time the Fall Semester begins. After conducting the four interviews, my committee went into a heavy discussion on each applicant and displayed reasoning behind each choice on whether a candidate should move forward in the selection process. Mauricio's application and interview stood out to us, not only because he displayed true passion and interest for the position, but because of the experience he has in advocacy work and the desire to apply his own ideas to the position while continuing the work the previous Director of Student Advocacy set in place. On the conference call with the interview committee, there was a lot of discussion between Mauricio and another applicant, however with the experience he has gained from his last year in ASUCM Senate and Chair of the Student Advocacy Committee, we decided Mauricio would be the best fit for this position.

Please welcome Mauricio Trejo as the new Director of Student Advocacy.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me.