

Good Evening ASUCM Senate and the Public,

I hope everyone is doing well today. As you can see on the agenda I have the appointment of two new Commissioners, which I will go into detail later. The budget process is currently underway, and I hope to cap out the money given to RCO's, with respect to our budgetary constraints. I look forward to our conversations over the budget, and I don't expect for us to all agree, but I do expect to us to pass a budget that best serves the undergraduate body; that comes with disagreements and compromise. I will be meeting with Editor-in-Chief for the Prodigy Emma this upcoming Monday to discuss the space in the Tri-College center, so expect an update from me soon. It's a big pretty office, and I look forward to our discussions.

I want to give a shout out to all the Senators that were at the budget hearings, kudos to you. It was intense, and I believe we had good discussions with the RCO's. Also a shoutout to the RCO's for showing up on a Sunday.

Yesterday, I met with Angi Baxter, the LGBTQIA and Women's Program Coordinator. It was an opportunity for introductions, but we also discussed potential collaboration. I asked her about her experiences back at Oregon State University compared to her couple months here, and it was pretty cool learning about how they function up north, in regards to their AS. She has a lot of ideas, and she actually requested that we meet weekly, so I'm really excited for our meetings. She is really interested with working with ASUCM, so if you're looking to meet her let me know, or just reach out to her. She has been working closely with LAMBDA Alliance, and she has been working with them to prepare for Pride Week. Also another topic we talked about was staff and faculty recognition, and it reminded me of the comment Senator Munoz made in regards to the Campus Climate action plan and the lack of staff and faculty involvement in issues that affect undergrads. I think we have a lot of professors that are heavily invested in student issues, and I'm curious to know how it would look like if we passed resolutions in support and honor of these staff. I think that's the first step in getting faculty involved because they're so caught up in research and teaching that they don't have an incentive to get involved with undergrad life, and I believe undergrads would benefit from seeing professors and faculty supporting issues that probably affected them as undergrads.

Next Thursday I will be traveling to Oakland for a meeting with UC President Janet Napolitano. I will then be going back up north for a meeting with Northern Student Regent Selection Committee where I, along with other individuals, will be interviewing applicants for Student Regent.

Finally, last Friday I had my Coffee with the President and we had at least 20 students show up, so that was great. Many of them stayed at least for a little longer than 10 minutes, and I had some good conversations with the students. I would definitely say that it was one of my more attended Coffee with the Presidents. Also this month the Multicultural Student Council co-sponsored three events for Black History month, and from what I've heard they were all successful. Also it would be great if you can spread the word about the Town House meeting they are hosting to discuss campus climate and diversity on campus.

That is all I have to report tonight. Thank you, and let's have a good meeting.