

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Bill #1

**Funding for Bobcat Model United Nations for the University of Southern California  
Intercollegiate Model United Nations Conference**

*This bill will fund Bobcat Model United Nation's travel and conference registration expenses to participate in the annual, 4-day Trojan Model United Nations Conference on October 19th-22nd, 2017.*

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**Background:**

Bobcat Model United Nations (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.

During Trojan MUN, delegates will be able to demonstrate speaking abilities, teamwork, and leadership. Specifically, Trojan MUN features a wide variety of committees that focus on relevant and historical drama, ranging from the Special Political and Decolonization Committee to the crisis simulation of Gorge Orwell's 1984. Trojan MUN brings in some of the best delegates from across the country to continue its traditional world class debate.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this bill is to allocate \$6,290.00 from ASUCM's 2017-2018 General Fund, for Bobcat MUN to fund the travel-expenses to attend and participate in the 2017-2018 Trojan Model United Nations Conference from October 19th – 22nd.

**1. Whereas:** The Preamble of the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, Merced communicates that ASUCM is dedicated to promoting 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 public speaking skills, become educated in international affairs, explore peace maintenance options and conflict resolution on a world scale, and represent UC Merced at a national tournament; and,

**3. 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,

**4. Whereas:** 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,

**5. Whereas:** Each member that attends this conference will be able to not only gain the skills listed above but also become educated members who will bring back what they've learned to benefit the UC Merced and Merced community; and,

**6. 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,

**7. Whereas:** Bobcat MUN has won 1 "Outstanding Delegate" Award at the University of California, Santa Barbara Intercollegiate Model United Nations competition of 2016-2017; and,

**8. Whereas:** Bobcat MUN has won 7 "Distinguished Delegate" awards along with 1 "Distinguished Delegation" award from the National Council on U.S. – Arab Relations in the NorCal Model Arab League Competition of 2016-2017; and,

**9. Whereas:** Bobcat MUN has won 1 "Honorable Mention" award at the University of California, Los Angeles Model United Nations conference of 2016-2017; and,

**10. Whereas:** Any funding received from ASUCM that is not used will return to ASUCM; and,

**11. Whereas:** The budget breakdown of all costs can be found in Appendix A; and,

**12. Whereas:** Further information about conference fees can be found in Appendix B; and,

**Be it enacted:** That ASUCM allocate \$6,290.00 from the 2016-2017 ASUCM General Fund to Bobcats MUN at UC Merced to attend and participate in the 2017-2018 USC Trojan Intercollegiate Model United Nations Conference.

**Appendix A: Budget Breakdown**

ITEMS	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
DELEGATION FEE	\$90.00	1	\$90.00
DELEGATE FEE	\$85.00	16 delegates	\$1,360.00
HOTEL ROOM (4 individuals)	\$891/ for 3. Night	4 rooms	\$3,564.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$0.575 per mile	560 miles (roundtrip) x3 cars	\$966.00
PARKING	\$12/ per week day every 12 hrs \$6.00 per weekend	2 nights x 3 cars	\$150.00
BUFFER	\$10 (late fee)	16 delegates	\$160.00

*Supplemental Notes*

- Note that “Delegate Fee” is different from Delegation Fee. The club must pay a fee for the team as well as a separate fee per member attending
- Buffer: is in place to cover the cost of the possibility of a late delegation fee (see Appendix B)

**Appendix B:** Screenshot from the Conference’s official website



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Date Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted Senate Committee(s):

Date Settled: \_\_\_\_\_  Budget and

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Veto Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  Student Activities

Academic Affairs

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Recommendations:**

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Senate Action: Approved Not Approved

Senate Chair Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_,

Benjamin Juarez, Internal Vice President

President Action: Approved Not Approved

President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_,

Salma Memon, President