

RSAC Annual Report 2020-21

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Department Mission:

The Middle Eastern Student Center works to educate, support, and build community for the Middle Eastern, Southwest Asian North African (SWANA) and Muslim populations at UC Riverside.

Purpose:

- 1) Summarize information for the new RSAC in Fall.
- 2) Present information for the HESSR web site.

Projected Referendum Fees Income in original Budget Plan: **\$100,000**

Actual Referendum Fees Income: **\$108, 731**

STIP Income: **\$1,098**

Carry Forward Funds from last year for department: **\$53,313**

Total Available Funds = \$163,142

EXPENDITURES

Budget Item	Final Expenditures	Carry-forward
Student Staff Salaries & Benefits	19,895.80	
Impact Internship	1,745.73	
Cultural & Educational Programming	30,755.74	
Supplies & Expenses	5,829.27	
Markaz Programming	493.91	
Staff Professional Development	32.63	
RSAC Rep Stipend	2,000	
VCSA Assessment	0	
Totals	\$60,753.08	\$102,388.92

Carryforward Notes or Other Budget Notes, If applicable:

Due to the COVID-19, we continued many of our events using online platforms. We were able to find multiple sources and partners of funding to help offset the costs of large scale programs that allowed in additional cost savings (cosponsoring with ASPB for Hasan Minhaj; Cultural Funds from HUB for Ramy event, Chancellors Temp Funds for grad celebration). Large carryforward balances have also been building since we have been saving to purchase furniture in the new office.

Most of this carryforward will be used towards purchasing furniture and technology, along with a grand opening welcome event to celebrate the new office space.

Overview of Programs, Services, Staffing, & Support

Budget Item: Cultural and Educational Programs

Funds to support programs, events, workshops, related to building community and increasing education around the Middle Eastern communities. This amount was decreased because of the budget cuts that impacted student staff salaries. Events included:

Student Org Spotlight
New Student Welcome And Q&A Panel
Alumni Check-In
The Gig Economy
Props put Plainly
Winter Quarter
Chai Chat w/Hasan Minhaj
ASUCR Elections and Legislation Workshop collab with MSA
9/11 Generation: A Discussion with Sunaina Maira
Spring
Return of the Mecca
Get Ready with ME
Paint with ME
Arab American Feminism
Spring Nooner
Poesia Peligrosa

Budget Item: Student Staff Salaries

6 MESC Office interns working 10 hours per week in roles of marketing, community outreach, data and research.

Budget Item: IMPACT Internship

1 IMPACT (Initiating Meaningful Partnerships & Community Transformation) Intern who worked 10 hours per week with the Arab American Civic Council non-profit.

Budget Item: Supplies and Expenses

To continue to support our resources and functionality of the virtual workspace with equipment, subscriptions and services to increase functionality. Examples include online/digital subscriptions (slack, google drive), mailing costs (graduation celebration, books). Facemasks and swag for students were also included in this category.

Budget Item: Markaz

Purchasing books for Markaz residents event

Budget Item: Onboarding/Citrus Shared Services Fees

Due to a one-time funding allocation from SSFAC we did not have to use our HESSR funds to cover these fees. We redirected these funds to our Campus wide programming.

Budget Item: VCSA

Annual fee paid to VCSA

Budget Item: RSAC Stipend

\$500 per quarter to our student rep. (Summer 2020-Spring 2021)