

RSAC Annual Report 2015-16

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Department Mission:

MESC supports the intellectual and cultural exchange of students in higher education. MESC wishes to raise the community's awareness of the multiculturalism of the Middle East, while dispelling stereotypes, and providing an avenue for Middle Eastern students to access and participate in campus life and activities.

Purpose:

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

EXPENDITURES

Budget Item	Final Expenditures	Carry-forward
Campus Wide Programming	\$26,912	\$0
Furniture	\$13,627	\$0
Student Staff Salaries	\$14,400	\$0
Student Org Funding	\$5,500	\$0
Marketing	\$4,600	\$400
Conference Funding	\$1,860	\$140
S&E (For Staff and Center)	\$8,511	\$948
Professional Development	\$2,052	\$0
RSAC	\$1,600	\$0
Diversity Council	\$483	\$17
Totals	\$79,545	\$1,481

Carryforward Notes or Other Budget Notes, If applicable:

With our carryforward funds, we were able to support student salaries for two student assistants to work in MESC during the summer.

Overview of Programs, Services, Staffing, & Support

Budget Item: Campus Wide Programming

A quick snapshot of annual/quarterly/weekly MESC programs that have been implemented because of the support of the HESSR funds:

- MESC Fall Mixer
- MESC Peer Mentorship Social
- 20 MESCAfe discussions
- 3 True Life Panels
- Middle Eastern Week
- MESC Leadership Retreat
- 2 Cook With ME demonstrations
- 10 Women's Circle Discussions
- 10 Men's Circle Discussions
- Student Staff Training
- Islamophobia Teach In
- Nowruz Celebration
- M.E. So Funny Comedy Show
- 3 Film Screenings
- A Night of Talent for Syrian Refugees
- Inspiring R' Leaders Conference with Noor Tagouri
- Discussion on Media Portrayal with Dexter Thomas
- Eastern Christmas Celebration
- MESC End of the Year Gala

Budget Item: Student Staff Wages

With the HESSR funding, MESC was able to hire a total of six student assistants to work throughout the year, and also support their professional, leadership, and academic development through personal career track and academic planning.

Budget Item: Furniture

With the use of HESSR funds, MESC was able to fully furnish our new space with two couches, a conference table, 10 chairs, four desks, personal desks, and a white board to make our space a functional and multipurpose room.

Budget Item: Student Org Funding

Student organizations applied for HESSR funds by submitting proposals to MESC. We were able to support over 10 student initiated events on campus that were cultural, social, religious, outreach based, and leadership based as well.

Budget Item: Marketing

MESC used marketing methods through a Snapchat filter, Scalefunder project, Guidebook mobile app, and brochures to spread the word about our programs and services.

Budget Item: Conference Funding

MESC funded over 15 students to attend the following national conferences:
Lebanese Collegiate Network at UCLA
Afghan American Conference at UCLA
Model League: UN, Arab League at University of La Verne

Budget Item: S&E (Supplies and Equipment for Staff and Center)

Through HESSR funding, MESC was able to purchase 5 computers, a projector, printer and copier, dolly, professional camera, and many other general office supplies that sustained our services, and were also accessible for student organizations to utilize for their programs and meetings.

Budget Item: Professional Development

HESSR funds allowed our Director to attend three conferences and present at two:
NASPA Western Regional Conference (presented on supporting and serving MENA students in Higher Education)
All CAPS Conference (presented on creative programs to incorporate CAPS into Student Affairs work)
Harvard Arab Weekend

Budget Item: RSAC Stipend & Meeting Expenses

The center provided a quarterly \$500 stipend to the student representative on the Referendum Student Advisory Committee, and provides support for meeting expenses throughout the year.

Budget Item: Diversity Council

The center supported the Beyond R Margins Conference, attended by 150 people.