

RSAC Annual Report 2016-17

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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
Student Staff Salaries	\$16,620	
Campus Wide Programming	\$35,972	
Student Conference Funding	\$8,200	
Marketing + Guidebook App + T Shirts	\$5,485	
Professional Development	\$3,837	
Supplies & Equipment	\$4,482.00	
MESC Mentors	\$2,735	
Student Organization Support	\$9,872	
RSAC Stipend	\$1,832	
UCOP Assessment Reserve	\$3,275	
Diversity Council	0	
Summer Training	\$1,500	
Additional Funding – Summer		\$5,490
Totals	\$93,800	\$ 5,272

Carryforward Notes or Other Budget Notes, If applicable:

Carryforward was intentionally allocated to student staff support for summer, as well as to order supplies and equipment. The unexpected summer funding, and the travel schedules of MESC student staff has resulted in an unexpected amount of carry forward funds which will also be used toward student staff and leadership training for student staff.

Overview of Programs, Services, Staffing, & Support**Budget Item: Campus Wide Programming**

Through HESSR funding, MESC has been able to launch new programs, support services, and more. Many events below were implemented for the first time thanks to HESSR funds. It's important to note, that students took an active role in implementing many events and creating the vision for many programs. Below is a snapshot of events that HESSR supported this past year:

1. 30 MESCAfe sessions
2. 30 Women's Circle discussions
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4. MESC Fall Mixer
5. MESA Meet and Sweet
6. STOMP Out Stigma (co-sponsorship: The Well)
7. ISIS & Cultural Destruction (co-sponsorship: Global Issues Forum)
8. Cook with M.E. (co-sponsorship: The Well)
9. MESC Picnic
10. Election 2016 LIVE
11. "Where Do We Go From Here" – Post Election Discussion
12. "Why Is Christianity Important Today?" (co-sponsorship: Coptic Club)
13. "Searching Identities in Modern Arab American Fiction" (co-sponsorship: Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies)
14. True Life: I'm Middle Eastern & Queen (co-sponsorship: LGBTRC)
15. MESC & Rest: MESC's Little Helpers
16. MESC Success Week: resume & cover letter, LinkedIn, Professionalism workshops
17. Unity Hour (co-sponsorship: Costo Hall)
18. MESC & Rest: Midterms Destresser
19. MESC & Rest: Picnic at the Botanical Gardens
20. MSA West Conference
21. Islam Awareness Week
22. R'Garden Planting (co-sponsorship: R'Garden)
23. Coming Out Muslim: Lecture by Wazina Zondon (co-sponsorship: WRC)
24. Lecture with Dr. Bakhteari – Nobel Peace Prize Winner (co-sponsorship: Global Brigades, WRC)

25. "In The Spirit of Syria" Week: cooking demo, film screening and lecture with producer, workshop on volunteering to support Syrian refugees, a night of music and sounds with Omar Offendum and Mariela Shaker
26. Nowruz: Persian New Year celebration (co-sponsorship: ISA/IGSA)
27. Arab American Film Festival in Los Angeles
28. Self Care Fair: calligraphy & henna (co-sponsorship: The Well)
29. Winter Leadership Retreat
30. Middle Eastern Week: performances by Samo Dabke, Freedom Dabke Group, Calligraphy workshop, Culture Show, Nooner, lecture by Najwa Zebian, Parent Panel of Immigration Stories, Sobhiye (MENA breakfast)
31. MESC Gala

Budget Item: Student Staff Salaries

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. Which also included a summer training where students learned marketing, videography & photography skills from a professional

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, Guidebook mobile app, and event flyers, and t-shirts to spread the word about MESC and featured events.

Budget Item: Student Conference Funding

MESC funded over 15 students to attend the following national conferences:

Lebanese Collegiate Network at the University of Pennsylvania
 Afghan American Conference at George Washington University
 Model League: UN, Arab League at University of La Verne
 United States Student Association Conference at the University of Commonwealth Florida

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

Through HESSR funding, MESC was able to purchase general office supplies that sustained our services, with the addition of cultural items that can be reused at many events and are also accessible for student organizations to utilize for their programs and meetings.

Budget Item: Professional Development

HESSR funds allowed our Director to attend two conferences and present at one:

Lebanese Collegiate Network Conference at the University of Pennsylvania
Arab American Leadership Conference in Washington D.C.

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

Diversity Council did not request funds this year.