

**RSAC Annual Report
2021-2022**

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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: **\$107,953**

STIP Income: **\$384**

Carry Forward Funds from last year for department: **\$102,389**

Total Available Funds = \$210,726

EXPENDITURES

Budget Item	Final Expenditures	Carry-forward
Cultural & Educational Programming	\$45,000	
Student Staff Salaries	\$22,820	
IMPACT Internship Program Salary	\$11,240	
Supplies & Expenses	\$4,767	
Onboarding Fees	0	
Student Conference Attendance	0	
Marketing	\$3,000	
Student Org Support	\$2,000	
VCSA Assessment fee	\$3,959	
Markaz Programming	\$800	

Staff Training	\$2,000	
RSAC Stipend	\$1,500	
Diversity Council Support	\$0	
RSAC Support	\$0	
Furniture (carryover funds)	\$36,660	
Office Tech (carryover funds)	\$10,358	
Totals	\$144,104	\$66,622

Carryforward Notes or Other Budget Notes, If applicable:

Note: The high carryover from previous year was due to years of saving for furnishing Costo Hall move, savings from virtual programming of COVID over the years, and finding additional sources of funding outside of HESSR to cover large programs.

Overview of Programs, Services, Staffing, & Support

Budget Item: Cultural and Educational Programming

Lectures, guest speakers, and events around topics of culture, history, current affairs, etc. that are relevant and timely to the Middle Eastern/North African community. Events included:

1. Fall Mixer
2. Pumpkin Carving De-stressor
3. Fright Night
4. Transfers Game Night
5. Calligraphy with ME – with Faran Kharal
6. Markaz Karaoke Night
7. Winter Quarter
8. Transfers Ping Pong Night
9. First Years Workshop: Goal Setting & Time Management with UCR Career Center
10. Valentine's Movies & Cookie Decorating
11. MESC Service Day: ICR Parking Lot Clean up
12. Spring Quarter
13. Afghan Refugee Event with Office of the Chancellor and Glocally Connected, and Afghan Refugee Relief
14. MESC First Years Lunch
15. Dine with ME
16. Live with Mai Maxwell
17. Paint with ME with Mary Dao
18. Sobhiyeh
19. Diasporic Cinema – with Dr. Irum Sheikh
20. Fly with ME with Basir Beria
21. MESC Nooner with Clarissa Bitar
22. Dabke Workshop with Salaam Dabke

23. Culture Show

Budget Item: Student Staff Salaries

5 Student Assistant I positions working as MESC interns working the office front desk, supporting programs, and events.

2 interns focused on Community Outreach, 2 Marketing/Social Media interns, and 1 front desk/programming intern

Budget Item: IMPACT Internship Salaries

Paid internships with local/national organizations focused on issues of social justice. Coordinated in collaboration with the Office of Student Life. This year's IMPACT Interns were assigned to the Arab American Civic Council and America Indivisible where they worked on advocacy and support for the designation of Little Arabia and Arab American Heritage Month.

Budget Item: Supplies & Expenses

Printing, SWAG items such as t-shirts pens, giveaways, office equipment, technology subscriptions and fees. We also purchased new canopies and equipment for tabling.

Budget Item: Onboarding Fees

Onboarding fees were covered by VCSA and were not taken out of our budget.

Budget Item: Student Conference Attendance

Students did not request funding for conference attendance

Budget Item: Marketing

Hiring a photographer and videographer for ME Week, Gala and other events.

Budget Item: Student Organization Support

Funding for programs with the Muslim Student Association, Students for Justice in Palestine, and Middle Eastern Student Assembly.

Budget Item: VCSA Assessment Fee

A required fee assessed based on 3.75% of HESSR income from the previous fiscal year.

Budget Item: Markaz Living Learning Community Programming

Markaz giveaways, items, food for programs specifically for Markaz residents. Events included movie nights, time management workshop, and a karaoke night.

Budget Item: Staff Training

Guest speakers, assessment tools, welcome packages and other needs to support staff training.

Budget Item: RSAC Stipend

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Budget Item: Diversity Council Support

Diversity Council did not request funds this year.

Budget Item: RSAC Support

RSAC did not request support since meetings were moved online.

Budget Item: Furniture

Furnishing new office (lounge, 3 offices, and conference room) with couches, tables, desks, and chairs.

Budget Item: Office Tech

2 new computers, monitors, and iPads for students and staff