

**RSAC Annual Report
2019-20**

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Department Mission:

Chicano Student Programs (CSP) is a central location of resources for faculty, staff, students and community members seeking ways to better the Chicano/Latino community. The office provides leadership and organizational development through various clubs and activities along with a bridge of communication among students, faculty and staff. Annual events offered by the program promote enrichment, awareness, and pride in Chicano/Latino culture.

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: **\$104,918**

STIP Income: **\$1,291**

Carry Forward Funds from last year for department: **\$497**

Total Available Funds = \$106,706

EXPENDITURES

Budget Item	Final Expenditures	Carry-forward
Carryforward	\$497	\$0
Student Life Dev. Specialist 2	\$10,240	\$0
Campus Wide Programming	\$37,448	\$-11,676
Research and Grad School Prep	\$0	\$10,000
Loan Programs	\$409.81	\$2,090
Student Development and Programming	\$3,639	\$11,361
General Operating Costs	\$10,790	\$-1,790
Marketing	\$3,779	\$1,221
Staff Professional Development	\$8,355	\$1645

RSAC Support	\$1, 576	\$624
Diversity Council Support and Development	\$500	\$0
CSS Fees	0	\$15,997
Totals	\$77,234	\$29, 472

Carryforward Notes or Other Budget Notes, If applicable:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we had to pivot and migrate our events to an on-line platform and also cancel large scale programs that allowed us cost savings. In addition, we utilized the temporary Chancellor’s funding to cover our Citrus Shared Services fees. Therefore, we have a carryforward of \$29,472.

Overview of Programs, Services, Staffing, & Support

Budget Item: Student Life Dev. Specialist 2

With the growing trend of student enrollment, high impact, and high level of programming the need to increase the office staff was crucial therefore the majority of our funds are allocated towards our Std Life Dev. Specialist 2 position. The additional staff member has expanded our ability to implement a comprehensive set of social, cultural, educational development programs for the UC Riverside community, especially as related to our Peer Mentor Program, annual programs (Semana de la Mujer, Raza Grad, Youth Conference) and MUNDO. Provide a liaison with Chicano/Latino student organizations. In addition to programming this allowed, us to help ameliorate the workload of our current staff and provide full time front desk coverage and office management. The temporary position ended in August 2019.

Budget Item: Campus Wide Programming

Enhance and create cultural, educational, social programming including:

- ¡ADELANTE! Academic Success Series – quarterly workshop series
The program is a series of workshops to promote academic success, persistence, retention, and building comunidad at UC Riverside. Workshops provided students with tools, opportunities, and experiences to be successful at UCR and beyond.
 - Goal Setting and Motivation
 - Desarrolla tu Fortaleza (CAPS)
 - Ways of Knowing
 - Financial Wellness and Budgeting
 - Time Management
 - Nuts & Bolts of the Graduate Application Process
 - How to Write a Great Statement of Purpose
 - Undergraduate Research in Graduate Admissions
 - Graduate Student Panel – Demystifying Graduate School
 - Closing Keynote Speaker: Dr. Cati de los Rios
 - Resilience in the Academic Setting

- Chicano Link Peer Mentor Program
Our Chicano Link Peer Mentor Program extends a bienvenida into the UCR familia to new freshman, transfer, and graduate students. One-on-one meetings, study sessions and academic workshops all support a positive transition to UCR and promote new students’ academic, cultural and social success. In 2019-20, we had 175 Mentors & 230 Mentees participate in the program.

- Zero Week Training
- Mid Term Study Break
- Movie Night with Chicano Link Peer Mentor Program
- Mentor Appreciation Dinner
- T-shirts for participants
- Graduation Stoles

- Cinco De Mayo
- Dia De Los Muertos
- Networking Event
- Bienvenida
- Poesía Peligrosa: Quarterly spoken word event. This is an opportunity for students to artistically express themselves during open mic and enjoy an art exhibition.
 - Fall quarter featured Yosimar Reyes, queerundocu writer.
 - Winter quarter featured writer Gabby Rivera.
 - Spring quarter featured music and student poets.
- MC Magic and Lil Rob Virtual Concert
- Raza Grad
- Semana De La Mujer
- Semana De La Raza
- General Programming

Alumni Engagement:

- Chicano Latino Alumni Homecoming Dinner

Community Events:

- Singing Our Way to Freedom

Co-Sponsorships & Collaborations:

- Common Ground
- QTPOC Conference Presente Conference ¡Presente! Conference –This conference was organized with La Familia de UCR and LGBTRC, to create “Un Espacio For Our QT Community
- Fall, Winter and Spring Midterms Study Break in partnership with the Ethnic and Gender programs. We provided snacks, blue books, scantrons, and a massage therapist in our respective offices during mid-terms.
- Unity Hour at CSP Presented by the Ethnic & Gender Offices. This weekly series of discussion and engagement took place in our office.
- MUNDO LLC

Outreach:

- 48th Annual Community College Day: Transfer Conference Annual conference in partnership with NASP and Undergraduate Admissions provides workshops, resources, support, and network opportunities to current community college students.
- MEChA Summer Leadership
- MEChA Winter Conference

Budget Item: Research and Grad School Prep

We redirected funds to Student Development and Programming and Campus wide programming which included post grad preparation.

Budget Item: Loan Programs

For students facing financial hardship, we offer a helpful loan program through our lending library. The cost of textbooks and clickers are often high, and can add a financial burden for students. Our loan program alleviates that stress by allowing students to check out and return textbooks and clickers, as they need them. We purchased additional clickers and books that we added to our lending library. In addition, we housed 20 clickers in the MUNDO LLC for residents.

Budget Item: Student Development and Programming

Through the funds we were able to provide comprehensive programs and services that support and promote student academic, interpersonal, and career development. This allows to empower students to thrive and grow academically, intellectually, emotionally, physical, and socially. In addition to programs we were able to fund student travel and programs such as the UC Davis Thailand Internship, Hip Hop Youth Research & Advocacy Conference, SACNAS National Conference, WERC Environmental Design Contest, International Conference on Robotics & Automation, Hispanic Studies Spain Internship, American Annual Meeting Division of Fluid Dynamics, USI conference, UC Irvine Leadership Conference and the Mujer Conference. In addition, we supported student organization efforts such as Raza Assembly, Mujeres Unidas, Underground Scholar Initiatives and R'Kids.

Budget Item: General Operating Costs

We purchased general office supplies, computer software (MCAA renewal & Adobe), parking permits (TAPS), facilities, and helped support recurring monthly charges such as the copier lease.

Budget Item: Marketing

In addition to increase visibility and branding our office purchased insignia items such as staff polos, shirts, a canopy and new trifold brochures.

Budget Item: Staff Professional Development

Currently, money allocated for professional development is highly limited; thus, restricting opportunities for staff and student development. Through this fund, we are able to attend meetings, conferences, etc. The Director and Assistant Director attended the Chicana Latinx Leadership Conference. The assistant director attending the NASPA Conference and AAHHE Conference. We also funded our membership for the California Council of Cultural Centers in Higher Education.

Budget Item: RSAC Support

The center provided a \$500 stipend per quarter plus benefits to the student representative on the Referendum Student Advisory Committee. In addition, we supported copy and meal costs for RSAC meetings.

Budget Item: Diversity Council Support and Development

Funds were used to support basic needs.

Budget Item: CSS Fees

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