**Merrill Student Government April 17, 2014**

**Meeting called to order by Justin McClendon at 7:05pm**

**Roll Call**

* Justin McClendon (Chair)
* Katie Roth (Member at large)
* Victor Garcia (SCOC rep)
* Margret Esguerra (Public relations)
* Marin Gamboa (Treasurer)
* Patricia Gonzalez (Secretary)
* Kinley (Member at large)
* Jessica (Coach air at Kresge Multi- cultural educational committee center)
* Erick (Kresge)
* Chris Coon (Vice chair)
* Alexandra (SUA reps)
* Priscilla (SUA rep)
* Gillian 7:41pm

**Funding Requests**

1. **Kresge Pride Presentation**

**Erick:** We are asking for $300. The event is Saturday from 12-5pm. There is a march that goes around campus and there is a stop with food at every college.

**Jessica**: This is the first year that every living community is going to be represented in the march. After the march that circulates the whole campus there will be the Kresge festival and food, entertainment by the cheerleaders and key note speaker. Many organizations will be present and we are expecting 500 or more students to attend the event. The committee consists of students from all over campus like college 9 and 10. Kresge Pride encourages community and involvement. We are advertising all over campus. We have so much advertisement at the bus stops and the residential colleges and we are going to have a pride barn sign. We are planning on tabling at QFS and Faux Shaux and Glitter ball. We are posting final banners at every dining hall. Speaking of T-shirts we can’t share the design until the day of the event but what we can say is that we have a long list of our sponsors in back of the t-shirt. We are seeking funds from Kresge, Cowell senate, SUA and QSU.

**Chris**: What will you be buying at Woodworm?

**Jessica:** The decorations since there is a helium shortage they will be making us a balloon structure.

**Chris:** You are asking for a lot of money.

**Jessica:** We don’t always get the full funding so we overestimate.

**Chris:** What happens to the extra funds?

**Jessica:** I am not sure but I can back to you.

**Justin:** Our funding is limited to $200.

**Jessica:** oh okay.

**Discussion on Kresge Pride**

**Marin:** I motion to fund Kresge Pride Event.

**Alexandra:** I second.

**Marin:** I motion to fund Kresge Pride $150.

**Hannah:** I second.

**Motion approved by Consensus**

1. **Deciding to hear**
2. **American Indian Resource Center**

**Justin:** They are asking for $200. There are 8 Merrill students in the organization. This center promotes the sharing and learning of the Native American Indians traditions. It is not a ticketed event. They are planning to advertise through Facebook and expect 50-75 people from Merrill.

**Alexandra:** I motion to hear the American Indian Resource Center.

**Marin:** I second.

1. **Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center**

**Justin:** They are asking for $200. This is the opportunity for staff to learn about the AAPI culture. Welcomes the whole community. Not ticketed event and the estimate cost per person is $12. It carries Merrill theme because it allows students to learn about diversity. Fifty Merrill students are expected to attend.

**Marin:** I motion to hear Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center because it carries out Merrill’s ethos.

**Kinley:** I second.

1. **UCSC Tohafaani Raas**

**Justin:** There are two Merrill students involved. They performed at Merrill college night. This is not a ticketed event. The estimated cost per person is $10. The Indian cultural identity show will bring awareness about the culture. Wait we can’t fund them because their performance is this weekend.

**Marin:** I motion not to fund UCSC Tohafaani Raas based on their performance being this weekend.

**Victor**: I second.

1. **UCSC Medical Global Brigade**

**Justin:** Three Merrill students are involved. They are trying to raise money for medication to bring the Honduras? Third world country. Not for groups only. Not ticketed event. We can’t not fund them because our student funds can’t go to non-students and that is against the University’s policy. Their budget is about medication going to people of Honduras.

**Victor:** I motion to not fund UCSC Medical Global Brigade because it goes against the University’s policy.

**Marin:** I second.

**Officer Reports**

**Academic Senate**

**Hannah:** Meeting next week.

**Core Council**

**Chris:** Nothing to report.

**Student Committee on Committees**

**Victor:** We did a recap of the Porter/ Kresge event. Crown is having their game day on Sunday at the Crown/ Merrill dining hall. On April 27th at college 9 and 10 there is an event at 5pm at NPR showing Frozen. Oaks and college 8 are having casino night March 23rd. There was a new representative for one of the colleges and then we talked about the IVC pay. It was brought up that we should fund this year the 1/3 but we said that we aren’t going to make this a consecutive/yearly thing. Now that we want to fund how much do we want to fund them? Are we still in agreement to fund the IVC’s pay.

**Alexandra:** I think 1/3 is good.

**Public Relations**

**Margret:** Relay for Life! I had a meeting with Kristen and we talked to Seth and decided that it would be too much work to raise beforehand so we are going to ask the people that are signed up to try to raise $100 each. The $100 is a voluntary goal that you set for yourself to get food and a T-shirt. But if you can’t you can still do it with $10. We have a goal of $1000. We are trying to fund raise at the event. We are going to sell hot chocolate. May 31st 10am-June 1st 10am. We are thinking of advertising it to Merrill students too.

**Katie:** Have we come up with a name yet?

**Margret:** We are unable to change our names.

**Gillian:** Merrill madness?

**Chris:** How many people are registered to Merrill student government?

**Margret:** There are only 5 people from here. Also there is no theme and from what I’ve heard you make your own theme. And the event has no theme at all.

**Student Union Assembly**

**Alexandra:** We had a long presentation addressing who is the President; Janet Napolitano. We did the vote for the Cal purge resolution. We got Cal purges resolution passed making them renew their contract.

**Secretary**

**Patricia:** I took minutes about what we have discussed in the space.

**Treasurer**

**Marin:** We funded Kresge pride $150.

**Vice Chair**

**Chris:** I brought recess pieces. I encourage you to bring extra food.

**Chair**

**Justin:** I set up an email for constitutional committee time but didn’t sent it out. Most of the feedback forms talked about cutting back the time, food, etc. Next week we will have community reviews. If you want to read all of them I have them electronically. First recommendation is to send the agenda beforehand.

**Alexandra:** I feel like we should allow people to come in as late as they can in terms of funding requests.

**Justin:** The other thing is to put time blocks to make sure that we are on time. How do folks feel about this? Pros we will get out on time. Cons is that if you don’t finish your report you can be cut off.

**Katie:** I think that if people run out of time they can request more time?

**Marin:** I don’t think that we should have limits. But have them be straight forward.

**Hannah:** I think that we know when to respect our time.

**Justin:** Our goal for the meeting is 2 hours. Kristen and I are working on elections. If you are interested in working in the programs office contact her. If you don’t have Merrill wear for the Moat day contact Kristen. For Faux Shaux MSG will be ushers. A couple of people wanted to perform anyone still interested? (SOME) I will sent out a poll for that. And after is glitter ball so we will need help to usher May 2nd between 5-7pm at the Merrill cultural center. Next week we will talk about community guidelines.

**Announcements**

**Katie:** I have a phycology assignment. You have to go into a lab. We are putting you into a virtual environment and observing what you do. Does anyone want to sign up to volunteer for it? (YES)

**Hannah:** I motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Victor**: I second.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm