**Merrill Student Government March 6, 2014**

**Meeting called to order by Justin McClendon 7:04**

**Roll Call**

* **Justin McClendon (Chair)**
* **Patricia Gonzalez (Secretary)**
* **Alexandra Kasper (SUA rep)**
* **Kinley Brust( member at large)**
* **Victor Garcia Zepeda (SCOC)**
* **Margret Esguerra (Public Relations)**
* **Marin Gamboa (treasurer)**
* **Maria Garcia (SUA rep)**
* **Hannah Tunog (academic senate rep)**
* **Michelle Ngo (KASA)**
* **Emma (KASA PR)**
* **Annie (fund raising chair of KASA)**
* **Priscila Rodriguez (SUA rep) 7:20**
* **Gillian Rooker (member at large) 7:47**
* **Michael Liber 8:19**

**Funding request Presentations**

**Annie**: Korean American Student association. We are having a culture banquet. Porter dining hall from 4-9pm. A lot of food etc. Try to spread Korean Culture awareness**.**

**Emma:** Promote Korean culture awareness. Important to spread awareness. The cultural identities we have its good to spread. Bringing few performers from San Jose.

**Victor:** Open to all students**?**

**Emma:** Yes.

**Annie:** 412 because the food is from Monterey and the performers from San Jose.

**Hannah**: Profit?

**Annie**: Goes to the banquet. Mostly to the food and performers.

**Justin:** Other funding from other colleges?

**Annie**: CP soar and other councils

**Justin:** Any other questions?

**Justin:** Okay Marin will email you with our response. Thank you.

**KASA Whether or not to fund**

**Hannah**: How much?

**Justin: $**200

**Victor**: It seems like it is a nice event for Koreans to outreach and it is a cultural event and goes with our ethos. It goes with our ethos.

**Alexandra:** I motion to fund KASA.

**Hannah:** I second.

**Justin:** Motion approved.

**Victor:** It is a good event but mostly for fun so I think somewhere under $100?

**Marin:** I motion to fund them $60.

**Victor:** I second.

**Justin:** All those it favor of funding them $60?

**6(YES) 0(no) 4(abstain)**

**Motion passes to fund KASA $60**

**Justin:** So Hermanos Unidos is actually tonight. It was the 5th. Never mind..

**Gaia Magazine**

**Justin:** The green magazine.

**Marin**: Aid in printing and distribution of Gaia magazine issue 6. Asking for $200.

**Justin:** Any motions? Discussions?

**Victor**: I think that we should hear them if they said that a lot of people from Merrill will be attending.

**Justin:** It’s not anevent it’s just looking at the magazine.

**Victor:** Our name everywhere is something good. I motion to hear Gaia Magazine.

**Hannah**: I second.

**MSG Consideration of SUA Amendment Presentation (8:30)**

**Justin**: I had them down at 7:30 but they are at a meeting at that time. So we’ll keep going until they show up. So we had a Merrill Spirit week so we are going to talk about it and fill in a feedback sheet.

**Merrill College Spirit Review**

**Victor**: I think that we, at least to the extent of week of events, did a good job. There just wasn’t enough participation of the students. Maybeas the years go by more participation.

**Hannah:** Did we do the scavenger?

**Victor:** Yes but no one showed up

**Hannah:** People said that it got canceled.

**Justin:** Other conversations?

**Marin:** Carnival was good but the hours not so good. Also did people know about the Spirit week besides us?

**Alexandra:** NO. Next time plan in advanced. And we should have a banner hanging somewhere. Something that is perpetually there…

**Justin:** We do have a MSG banner but it hasn’t been presented to us.

**Victor:** Is it far far away?

**Justin**: Probably.

**Victor**: Kinley mentioned how Crown’s Social conference Tabling was awesome. Something like that would attract more people.

**Justin**: It’s been around for 5 years and they do get key note speakers so. Crown funds it because they have a line item.

**Marin:** It was a good example they were handing out cards**.** Something comparable to that**.**

**Justin**: so we should put some funds aside to something like that?

**Marin:** yes

**Priscilla**: I wasn’t an active member of MSG. But I was here the last two meetings and the Budget presentation was like a recommendation so I would encourage the folks to be critical of that budget and see how we would like to see it change. Last year it was not contentious.

**Justin:** So I’m going to pass out these Feedback sheets. They are anonymous. If you want to have a one on one feedback let me know.

**Officer Reports**

**Academic Senate**

**Justin:** So CAA does have an Academic Senate but Hannah is the academic Senate for the whole school. They only meet once a quarter.

**Public Relations**

**Margret:** New likes, Hannah, Gillian. Victor’s friends. Sign up for relay for life.

**Victor**: Do we put in money yet?

**Everyone:** No

**Justin:** When?

**Margret:** May 31st to June 1st

**Gillian:** When do we do the bake sale or whatever? What is it called?

**Justin:** Fundraise. People fundraise in the quarry**.**

**Priscilla**: Or we could sell In and Out.

**Hannah:** Trucks?

**Justin:** They are very expensive. The problem with buyingthings is that we need to have money upfront.

**Priscilla:** Do we all have to do it?

**Justin:** We will do a team sign up typically for the space but we can open it for everyone in Merrill. Remember there are other two major events Kresge presents…So it’s a lot of fun. And getting into June its Slug Pride.

**Victor**: Is this LGQ pride?

**Justin**: NO all. If you want to fundraise talk to Margret. I don’t know if we are allowed to make donations out of our account.

**Victor**: Individually?

**Justin:** You can pay for anyone you want to.

**Margret:** Tent?

**Justin:** We had one last year.

**Priscilla**: Opers rents tents and stuff.

**Justin:** It’s also a great bonding time for the organization. Opened to any Merrill students.

**Victor:** The group that I signed up for said MSG…

**Justin**: So just say MSG. Once they decide the theme then we decide the name. You don’t have to run you can skip, walk whatever.

**Student Committee on Committees**

**Victor:** We got new person to square committee her name is Janet Perez and she is from Merrill. Oh it’s weird because we aren’t a funding body but we got a funding request to fund Holy festival.

**Student Union Assembly**

**Priscilla**: No meeting this week. The week before we just voted on what we talked about 2 weeks ago in the space. I know that we didn’t fund the Slug shuttle but changed vote if the language changes. If the author gets 7/10 colleges to sponsor then its stipulation free. If SUA sponsors then it’s the stipulation that we voted. No new business just moved money around**.**

**Marin:** What about the fee increase?

**Priscilla:** That didn’t pass.

**Maria:** That’s why they are gathering the signatures**.**

**Marin:** So in my congress class SUA body came to class and said this is a fee increase and said Merced…you (Santa Cruz) don’t have to pay and then people signed.

**Justin:** They need like 1600 signatures due by 6pm. It has to be someone that lived in the dorms etc.

**Hannah:** What if I stuck in a lecture**?**

**Marin**: You would need the instructor’s approval.

**Justin:** Contentious issue is the bi law change.

**Maria:** The problem was there was no timeline.

**Victor:** What happened to measure 16?

**Priscilla**: It passed.

**Justin:** Sexual assault is huge issue at UC campuses. Berkeley 31 …survivors’ administration did not deal with the suspects thus they were not found and were repeat offenders. Learning more about mental health another big issue. So there are things in the works. There is going to be the student lobbying the first week of April our chance as students to get more funding to the UC Systems. Basically EVC office no feedbacks just important to know what is happening UC wide.

**Secretary**

**Patricia:** No reports.

**Treasure**

**Marin:** 1000 left in budget and don’t know anything about the budget next year.

**Justin**: Every year we get a lot of requests to fund commencements. You graduate through your college but resource centers do special ceremonies. Last year we decided not to hear any of them because we are funding our own Merrill commencement ceremonies**.**

**Chair**

**Justin:** Thank you for your feedback on Merrill Spirit Week, I will get them back definitely by next quarter. Next week is our final meeting of the quarter. A survey ... Crown does a 360 to evaluate each person but I think we are going to do a general to see what structural or simple changes we can make to make the space more interesting. That will take up about 15 or 20 minutes of our meeting next time.

**Victor:** Time? Like what time we are starting the meeting?

**Justin:** How many people signed up for classes during the space next quarter? (Two people) Academics come first**.**

**Michael:** Moat Day!

**Justin:** Merrill affiliated students vote to take 7 paintings down. And then people submit their artwork and students vote to put their art work up. Given the day to start and the day to finish. But we have to pay to stop construction that day.

**Alexandra:** 5 people and then other people can help the artist paint?

**Justin:** As the author can chose who helps.

**Michael:** But I feel like there are people who haven’t gotten a chance to see some of them I feel like we should do something cool but not the standard take some down put some up.

**Justin:** MSG doesn’t run it but we can suggest things to the advisors. I want to put up flags in the grass it would be cool.

**Hannah:** Instead of flags in the grass they should be hanging.

**Michael:** Get something large and have a bunch of people paint on it.

**Gillian:** Kristen said the problem with that would be that we have to make sure nothing offensive is painted.

**Michael:** We make a temporary wall that goes up in the side of B dorm or A.

**Margret:** Seth said that next quarter if we wanted to have a movie night the Programs office would fund it. Like a sequel.

**Michael:** Could it be something that hasn’t come out in the DVD but after it has been screened already?

**Justin:** Sometimes that is like $600.

**Michael:** People would be more likely to come when it is something that hasn’t come out in DVD yet.

**Justin:** How many interested in doing a performance in MO Show?

**Everyone:** Yes!

**Justin:** We need people ushering and performing. It is so much fun. And then I think this year they are turning it into MO show and glitter night. It is towards the end of May**.**

**The constitutional amendments**

**Max**: So the SUA constitutional amendments.. background to change it has to be on the student ballot on the spring 20% of student body to vote. For this amendment SUA spent a lot of time..fall quarter discussing the amendment. People wanted SUA to change as the University changed. Unfortunately 17% of student body voted and only 1 percent said yes. SO it was brought back last year and sponsored by College governments. So it met threshold but unfortunately there was a mistake on the ballot. It said that it was represented by SUA but really College Governments. So another failed piece of referendum. First change is the change to current voting membership. So this change allows different organizations to apply in the seat allows Indian Student organization etc. to apply at spring to apply for a spot next year. Second position titles, Listed as Vice president of … Union titled name. SUA not union Internal Vice chair..Since then a lot of the position descriptions..different titles reflect descriptions. Are there any questions?

**Marin:** What was the new Vice president position?

**Max:** IVC from that the IVC become the president of chair. Standard government position.

**Priscilla:** What are the four student organizations that will have votes?

**Max:** Any that apply. Also up to SUA to consider what is good criteria.

**Priscilla:** So why is the number lowered from 6 to 4?

**Max:** It is not. It is added.

**Justin:** Is the organizer still appointed?

**Max:** Yes. It is the same job description.

**Priscilla:** Part of this says that there is just title changes. The position of the chair changes. How else do these positions change?

**Max:** The Positions don’t change just the added position do**.**

**Priscilla:** Would it be possible to get the language?

**Max:** You can get it in the elections archive under the 2012.

**Justin:** Any other questions? Okay I will email you with the response tonight. Discussion?

**Priscilla:** So I don’t know if you remember but it was presented to us in the fall? We didn’t sponsor because of the language. I don’t see the purpose in discussing it if it is the same language.

**Justin:** It hasn’t changes just asking for more votes.

**Priscilla:** It created a power hierarchy. I remember…

**Marin:** It sounds good right here.

**Michael:** Are we voting for sponsorship? Or going in the ballot?

**Priscilla:** Ballot.

**Michael**: I think we should just let it go on the ballot instead of holding it back from the students.

**Priscilla:** We had this conversation in the fall so I think we should consider it again. We voted the way we voted last time because of the language**.**

**Michael:** It should go on the ballot but say it is not supported by MSG. We could do a toss-up..

**Priscilla**: Not even 80 percent of our constituents but I’m still sticking to what I think. That we wouldn’t sponsor.

**Maria**: I personally would not feel comfortable having it on the ballot. Because How many actually know of its existence? And a lot of students once they started to vote had questions on the measure and people couldn’t help and they voted randomly. How many of those students actually were for it instead of just voting yes.

**Marin:** I like to yield floor time to Alexandra.

**Alexandra**: I would like to look at the language.

**Justin:** The language…When you put an amendment on the ballot it shows the changes to the amendments. What it was and what it is changed to.

**Marin:** Did they request to present this prior to the meeting?

**Justin:** No. it came here the 6th. Motion?

**Marin:** Since there isn’t any veto then this summaryis what they are presenting**.**

**Hannah:** I motion to let Priscilla finish reading it.

**Justin:** Regardless of positions taken out that is the language that we are voting on.

**Victor:** What did Max say about the position?

**Justin:** Umm I don’t know

**Margret:** I motion to not put it in the ballot.

**Hannah:** I second.

**Priscilla**: If any position is vacant then the president has to occupy that position.

**Alexandra:** The way that the material is presented to us is the way that it is going to be presented in the discussions.

**Justin:** Usually positive campaigning.

**Priscilla:** Also the outline …never mind…

**Hannah:** Can I start cleaning up?

**Alexandra**: But essentially I feel like students are going to hear what this amendment does like how we hear it. It seems shady**.**

**Michael**: I think that we do have somewhat shady but no direct violation. And I feel like we aren’t doing our job if we don’t get it to the students. Students will vote what they hear from us. I just don’t think that it is our right to say that this shouldn’t be voted on…

**Justin:** Those in favor of not putting it on the ballot raise your hand?

**5(YES) 4(No) 3 (abstain)**

**Motion does not pass.**

**Hannah:** Not presented just there on the ballot?

**Justin:** Yes just there on the ballot.

**Gillian**: I motion to put it on the ballot.

**Victor**: I second.

**Justin:** Objection? Speak? (NO) Those in favor of putting it on the ballot?

**5(yes) 3(NO) 4(abstain)**

**The Motion does not pass**

**Victor:** We are putting it out there for students to vote on. It is up to the people behind the measure to communicate what they have to for students to put on the ballot. Allow for Merrill student body to see it.

**Hannah:** Special election?

**Justin:** Not special election.

**Marin:** I suggest we educate the Merrill student body. I motion to sponsor onto the ballot.

**Victor:** I second

**Justin:** Those in favor of it going to the ballot?

**8(YES)-2(NO)-2(ABSTAIN)**

**Motion to put the Constitutional Amendment on the ballot passes**

**Marin:** IMotion to adjourn meeting.

**Victor**: I second.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm**