**Merrill Student Government Meeting May 1, 2014**

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

**Roll Call**

* Margret Esguerra (PR)
* Maria Garcia (SUA rep)
* Hannah Tuong (Academic senate)
* Marin Gamboa (Treasurer)
* Patricia Gonzalez (Secretary)
* Kenley Brust (member at large)
* Alexandra Kasper (SUA rep)
* Victor Garcia (SCOC)
* Chris Coon (Vice Chair)
* Justin McClendon (Chair)

**Funding Request Presentation**

**Queer Fashion show**

**Jamie:** I am the director of CQFS. These are the last two weeks until the show. We are doing our last bits of fund raising. We went to Stevenson to ask for funds.

**Trio:** Every year in Porter College the Queer community is brought together. The purpose of the show is to rethink fashion and identities. There will be performances and dances. This year we are giving money to two orgs SCAB and university center…

**Jamie:** This will be 30 years now of having the Queer Fashion Show. It takes a lot of resources to put it together. The biggest expense is tech crew. And it’s price is not negotiable. The Queer Fashion Show originally started at Merrill also known as the “Alternative Fashion show”. The Slugs efficient are doing a piece, step team among others. A student from Cowell is doing a balloon piece. Students bring in their vision it is a good outlet for students to show their voice. We are asking for $200. This week we sent the order for flyers and t-shirts. The printing for the tickets and the flyers is expensive. Depending on how much money is made through tickets depends on how much money we can donate etc.

**Victor:** When?

**Trio:** May 14th is the dress rehearsal. Then the 15th is when the actual show begins.

**Jamie:** On May 14th it is cheaper because it is the dress rehearsal. We are offering our sponsors two free tickets to see our show to offer our gratitude.

**Justin:** Queer Fashion show Discussion

**Victor:** I motion to fund the queer fashion show.

**Hannah:** I second.

**Alexandra:** Something that came to my mind… so the money they get from us is essentially going to charity? It goes to putting up the show but also to the charity?

**Justin:** They pay for the event so that all the proceeds go to recuperate.

**Alexandra:** I just realize that our student’s fees aren’t going to events for us.

**Justin:** Any other motions?

**Victor:** I motion to fund the Queer fashion show $100.

**Kinley:** I second.

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**Motion approved by consensus**

**Funding requests to hear**

**The Film Production Coalition**

**Justin:** They have 6 people from Merrill. Large festival held on Campus. It is opened to all people not estimated cost. Facebook. 70+ members. Filmic message aims to present an array of student voices through the films. 20 to 25 students expected. They are asking for $150. The event will be held on June 7th.

**Marin:** I motion to hear The Film Production Coalition out because it fits Merrill’s ethos.

**Victor:** I second.

**Officer Reports**

**Academic Senate**

**Hannah:** I have nothing until May 27th at 3pm.

**Public relations**

**Margret:** I only have relay for life. So there is no more team limit. We were planning on selling hot chocolate but there are only a few hours during the day when we can sell stuff and it is only during the day so we should think of something else to sell.

**Justin:** At the quarry?

**Margret:** we would have to fill in a funding request form.

**Marin:** Why are we fund raising? How many people?

**Justin:** For cancer awareness.

**Margret**: Only 6 people are signed up.

**Marin:** How do people donate through you?

**Margret:** Once you sign up online they send you a link and you can tell the people who want to donate through you of that. We have last pick to pick what we want to sell since there was a meeting today right now at 7pm and none of us could go.

**Alexandra:** snow cones?

**Victor:** protein bars?

**Margret:** That is all I have.

**MSG Snack proposal**

**Michael:** I am presenting on behalf of Merrill student government for MSG. MSG allocated a small portion of our funding available for the enjoyment of our consumption. Tuffs University did a study that people who had a snack did not have a drop in attention and because MSG meeting discuss selective concepts that require a lot of attention I think that having snacks will benefit our ability to improve memory. I am requesting $50 dollars.

**Marin:** How will the snacks be determined?

**Michael**: maybe Kristen?

**Justin:** It would have to be vegan, vegetarian and gluten free.

**Michael:** I suggest we spend $50 on a lot of snacks but to have different options every week and a surplus.

**Chris**: I motion to approve to fund the MSG snack proposal.

**Marin:** I second.

**Justin:** conversation?

**Marin:** snacks are good

**Maria:** I personally do not agree in having money that can be used to fund other things that will have a wider outreach because I feel like just having snacks for officers/members is not a good use of our funding and meetings are not as long.

**Kinley:** I think that for the really long meeting snacks will be important but for the shorter meetings not so much.

**Alexandra:** I agree with Maria that some of us should get some fruit and snacks on our own. I feel like paying for our own food through our MSG is not a good use of out funds.

**Victor:** I feel like we all decided to be in this position but I feel it is not overwhelming.

**Hannah:** I like the idea of getting our own fruit from the dining hall but it would be difficult for the people who don’t have a meal plan. But I didn’t like the mass snacking idea and as a girl we see a lot of things and eat all of it. It is cool to have snacks but inefficient as well.

**Marin:** I just see that we are putting $50 that will last four weeks. We aren’t indulging ourselves that much.

**Chris:** We don’t have access to a lot of food available if we don’t have meal plans.

**Justin:** I personally don’t think it is a good idea and I understand that for the longer meetings it would be nice but I think that there is a source of food here like Banana Joes. We are talking about spending student fees on ourselves. It is not easy or cheap to buy food for a variety of diets.

**Justin:** Is there a second on the original motion?

No second the motion dies

**Marin:** I motion not fund $50 for snacks.

**Victor:** I second.

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**Justin:** we are not going to fund.

**SCOC**

**Victor:** \*Reads email\* by Shaz… SUA should fund Max the IVC chair. Now the SUA chair came to our meeting two meetings ago and said that we shouldn’t fund the IVC pay. Oh the Oakes and college eight event casino night and dance may 23rd I believe.

**SUA**

**Maria:** There was no meeting this week.

**Treasurer**

**Marin:** We have $400 left for the quarter. We funded the Queer Fashion Show $150.

**Vice Chair**

**Chris Coon:** No report.

**Chair**

**Justin:** Constitutional committee will meet on Wednesday at 7pm and propose amendments and then bring it back to the space to vote on it.

**Victor:** Is the council of chairs effective? Change every year?

**Justin:** It depends. Faux Shaux is tomorrow night if you are on the night shift only two people. Also 6:30 show up if you are ushering also we want the transition to the glitter ball to be 2 mins. Clean up is at 12:30.

**Marin:** Do we have to dress in drag?

**Justin:** whatever you feel comfortable in.

**Victor:** Kristen said if you are ushering wear all black.

**Justin:** Seth said it didn’t matter.

**Hannah:** Is the theme relevant?

**Justin:** You don’t have to go with the theme. But its super heroes and villains. Make up is at 5:30 only if you are going to be working. It’s going to be a lot of fun. I went to the alumni breakfast with Margret and Hannah and it was nice.

**Hannah:** Met some cool people. I am going to join the Pottery co-op!

**Justin:** Big event because Elizabeth is bringing back a lot of programs. What about moat day?

 **Victor:** What is it like in past year?

**Chris:** A big turnout.

**Justin:** It was in the moat and a lot more people attended.

**Hannah:** How many RA activities are there typically?

**Justin:** 4 or 5.

**Announcement**

**Victor:** Elections start on the 3rd at 1 am and so if you want to vote vote. Monday the 5th and 7th the crown and reps will be there for voting and there will be free snacks and the other things.

**Justin:** On May 10th violence protection conference will be held it is free from 10:30 to 4pm. Merrill programs is co-sponsoring it and if you go you get free lunch.

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

**Hannah:** I second.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm