**Merrill Student Government Meeting May 14, 2014**

**Meeting called to order by Justin McClendon at 7:34pm**

**Roll Call**

* Katie Roth (member at large)
* Margret Esguerra (Public Relations)
* Hannah Tuong (Academic Senate)
* Victor Garcia (SCOC)
* Gillian Rooker (member at large)
* Alexandra Kasper (SUA rep)
* Chris Coon (Vice Chair)
* Michael Liber (member at large)
* Kenley Brust (member at large)
* Patricia Gonzalez (Secretary)
* Justin McClendon (Chair)
* Marin Gamboa (Treasurer)
* Cameron (Muslim Student Association)
* Naris (Muslim Student Association)
* Seth Hodge (college programs coordinator)
* Kristen Weaver (advisor – entered at 8:00pm)

**Funding request**

**Muslim Student Association**

**Cameron:** We are here presenting for Islamic awareness week. We are having activities and events. Next week we are going to have tabling event for students to have the opportunity to ask about Islamic culture. On Tuesday we will have Hannah tattoos with Arabic, Islamic poetry and an art section. Wednesday another speaker event, Thursday will be the culmination culture night and we expect 60 to 70 people. We will also have skits and Arabic food and a fashion show. We are asking for $200. We are beginning to flyer this week and our group has 50 or 60 members and 9 or 10 are Merrill students. This will be the 3rd year we have culture night here at Merrill. Again the purpose of this event is to clear up misconceptions about the Islamic culture and to get students to better understand it. We feel it is a perfect event to do just that.

**Marin:** Have you received funding from anyone else?

**Cameron:** Core council run out of money, Crown college funded us $200, Oakes also $200. Also we have $1000 for total budget towards food costs.

**Chris:** When did you go to core council?

**Naris:** We filled out a funding request form but they told me that they ran out of money.

**Chris:** Usually the funding request have to be turned in during fall quarter. Why inner jihad of America?

**Cameron:** Not a violent war. Inner school of being Islam. Get rid of that misconception. That is a term that a lot of people use to downgrade.

**Naris:** The title means inner struggle.

**Budget Presentation**

**Seth:** Funding for the banquet. The left over money comes out of the MSG budget. The cost is $300 and you only have $300 left and if you are willing to put $150 then I can match it. You have that piece of information to think about.

**Hannah:** Will that be discussed today?

**Justin:** I recommended that we discuss it today. So back to the Muslim Student Association event.

**Alexandra:** I motion to fund Muslim Student Association event.

**Victor:** I second.

**Michael:** I motion that we fund the Muslim Student Association event $150.

**Chris:** Treasurer how much do we have left?

**Marin:** $300

**Chris:** I second.

**Katie:** I object aren’t we not supposed to fund based on how much is left?

**Alexandra:** We can’t compare it to something else we have funded.

**Michael:** I feel like it is very solid and generous of our contribution. It fits in with our ethos.

**Alexandra:** I was also thinking $150.

**8 (YES)-0(NO)-4(ABSTENTIONS)**

**The motion passes**

**Justin:** Seth has previously has served as the advisor.

**Budget Presentation CONTINUED…**

**Seth:** Where does it go? There are currently 37 fees at UCSC.

**Seth:** what money actually goes to the colleges/Merrill? Housing and Dining Services Fee-Rent, Variable goes to Merrill. Rent includes maintenance, electricity, Water, Internet, Cable television, Garbage, salaries-custodial, facilities, CRE, ACAO, Allen, CSO’s, student Staff-RA housing cost, RA meals, PA salary.

**Seth:** College Student Government Fee $30.00 also goes to Merrill, one 1 off the top per student per year goes to CAD, ($10 per the quarter that you are enrolled), Allocated annually by Merrill through MSG is $29 per student estimate for 2014 $40,000), College Nights $1000 and other activities like Moat day $7550, Merrill Student Government $3000 ($1000 per quarter), MSG sponsored events $700, Orientation $4000, office supplies $2000 , Graduation $10,000 etc.

What does it actually pay for? College night $1000 is for non-meal expenses. It covers 2 fall quarters, 2 winter quarters, moat day barbeque, and 1 spring quarter. Other activities $7550 goes towards event like league of world finals, Halloween dance, Pi study break, Moat day, Faux Show, Glitter ball, and Co-sponsorships like vagina monologue, violence prevention convention. We never charge for any of our events here at Merrill out of our office because you pay for you events once through student fees and we don’t want to make you pay for twice. The only one is board walk frolic all the colleges sponsor it.

**Alexandra:** When Merrill pays for it how does it work?

**Seth:** Every college pays the same even though Merrill has less students because we could be the ones that attend the event the most. MSG funding $3000 covers funding request that come to MSG, MSG Sponsored events $700 spirit week, outreach activities, relay for Life, snacks money set aside for outreach events to bring people in like to the space. Money for you to use differently.

Also Orientation programs $4000 (Orientation Leader costs have to feed them and house them) for example at the board walk have trained staff, Movie on the lawn PPR, Boardwalk Frolic, Moat Jam, T-shirts, move in supplies, printing (parking permits), hike guide, food, workshop supplies, office supplies $2000(Butcher Paper, Marker repair/refill between $200 or $300, copy paper, blue tape, glue such as spray glue, Exacto blades, other craft and poster supplies, staple gun staples, day to day supplies like pens and pencils) that where the $2000 goes towards.

Office Transition $1500 (shelving, storage, updated work spaces).

Tech costs $3000 ($15 per person per hour) for the whole year.

Residential programs $7250. They go towards the 10 RA’s times the 5 programs per quarter times 3 quarters programs at Merrill. Also color me surprised, condom sense, design your own Mason jar, learn to bake bread, tie dye event etc. The reason that we pay these events is because it would be advertised online and any student would be able to attend whether they are living off or on campus.

Graduation $10,000 goes towards things like bleacher rental, east field rental, security, chair rental, sound company, flowers for the stage, printing costs for those books for graduation, TAPS costs all the parking lots, Port O Potty Rental, College service Award Gifts student who have had involved in college everyone gets a Merrill Stoll and then another gift some kind of Merrill swag like a mug something that you can hold on too, and the reception and we hire a band that plays at our reception.

What does it cost?

Orientation (printing /office $1000, staffing $5000, entertainment $2000, food $750 that we have at events/programs, space $750 get charged when we have an event at a space that isn’t our space, the total is $9500.

What does it cost? College Night

The food is $1300, entertainment $500, swag $100, printing $100, the total is $2000.

What does it Cost? Dance

Printing $200 to advertise the dance, Dj $300, Decorations $200, Space/tech $250, security $150 the total is $1100.

The money all comes from the College Student Government Fee-$30.00

 **Questions**

**Chris:** Where did the new line item of $700 come out from?

**Seth:** $700 of the new thousand dollars.

**Marin:** How many people for next year?

**Seth:** for freshman class for the entire university but estimated around 400 or less. And they don’t all stay all three quarters.

**Marin:** Who paid for the panther security?

**Kristen/Seth:** Not us.

**Katie:** Looks like before 2009 we had more money for funding and sponsoring events. Why did the $3000 per year get fixed?

**Seth:** Core council was funded by the college governments $2700 that MSG gave out. The next year we stopped funding core council.

**Justin:** Can you explain the last sentence of the budget propsal?

**Seth:** Every year we don’t know how much money we have until the end of the school year because it depends on attendance. If there is money that is not spent by RA’s etc. then it can be used for larger scale things for the year AKA “carry forward”. Try to keep the money in a low area. Folks at the office could use this money for orientation which helps elevated the stress from the budget. It can be put towards another dance or movie night and things like that. When carry forwards does move up it does things like replace all the computers at MAS. Also set up a scholar ship funds that lives out of the academic advisors, someone who is really in need and need to buy text books “book loan programs”. Those are some of the things MSG has done with that money.

You probably wonder why we fund Residential Programming and Housing Funds PA’s open to all Merrill students. A different kind of budget not spent goes back to the entire budget, our money not spent goes to carry forward. The $1000 on student staff always spend the entire thing. RA’s who don’t use all their money goes to the carry forward program.

**Katie:** Looks like there were specific funds going towards specific cultural programs. Why doesn’t it exist anymore?

**Seth:** Goes to resource center. Should go to Merrill students only.

**Justin:** Do we want to vote on the budget tonight or wait until next week?

**Michael:** Given the kind of limited time we have left and taking into account that if this were not to pass then we would be screwed. So we should do it as soon as possible.

**Alexandra:** I think that we should vote on it next week because I can’t process this in one night.

**Seth:** I won’t be here next week to answer your questions. If a budget doesn’t pass then we won’t have welcomed week.

**Chris:** There was a request last week to wait a week because members chose not to attend tonight.

**Gillian:** I think we should do it tonight because I have a lab next week.

**Katie:** I motion that we vote on the budget tonight.

**Michael:** I second.

**Alexandra:** My objection is that I will require a week to have an opinion on this budget.

**Hannah:** Did the members who didn’t attend tonight ever get the budget before hand?

**Kristen:** No because it wasn’t available to us either.

**Justin:** All those in favor of voting on the budget tonight…

**6(YES)-3(NO)-3(ABSTENTIONS)**

**Motion passes**

**Victor:** I remember that Moat day was placed in two places.

**Kinley:** Clarification on MSG sponsored events

**Justin:** It was about getting food for the space also potentially making sure that spirit week happens and also our retreat.

**Michael:** It is to make MSG more attractive.

**Kristen:** It allows the student body to participate more in their government.

**Gillian:** Are we voting on how much we want to give each one of this things?

**Justin:** We could but I recommend the latter.

**Seth:** If something is changed budget gets voted down and I come back with a new budget.

**Hannah:** I find everything…makes sense… How can we move it?

**Seth:** Anything is moveable but there are other repercussions.

**Hannah:** Get rid of the funds?

**Gillian:** office transition goes too?

**Seth:** Shelves and craft supplies.

**Alexandra:** How many people go to the movie night?

**Seth:** Last year they were more successful because they were in one set place.

**Kinley:** Can all student access the new programs office when it is open?

**Seth:** Yes there will two entrances.

**Chris:** I like the MSG sponsored events I think that it is a good amount of money for right now.

**Michael:** Given that I think that the most qualified individual who has worked with this budget had given a real thorough presentation to us, considering that there isn’t anything that is an issue I motion to pass this budget.

**Kinley:** I second.

**Motion approved by consensus.**

**Announcements**

**Alexandra:** I motion to allocate $150 to the MSG banquet.

**Victor:** I second.

**Justin:** Motion to approve $150

**Motion approved by consensus**

**Seth**: I would recommend El Palomar, a nice Mexican restaurant many options like Gluten free etc. and they give us a section off section of the room.

**Kristen:** A nice place.

**Seth:** That would be my recommendation it’s easier to make reservation.

**Justin:** For the banquet we enjoy each other’s company, eat food, and congratulate our seniors, informal at this time on the 10th week.

**Alexandra:** Can we give out fun awards?

**Kristen:** You would have to be cautious about what you say in them but Seth and I already have things that we will be giving out during the banquet.

**Justin:** Margret and I will get together tomorrow and make posters. One week to declare candidacy and then voting.

**Kristen:** I will suggest that you start talking to Merrill students to come out and declare candidacy reach out to your people.

**Alexandra:** At what time are posters?

**Justin:** I will be there at 3pm. If you haven’t registered to vote for the national and state elections, May 19th is the deadline.

**Adjournment**

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

**Victor:** I second.

**Merrill Student Government meeting adjourned at 9:42pm**