Meeting Called to order: 7:05pm

Israeli Council general coming to UCSC on Feb 26th, rsvp by Feb 24th (invite only). Only for SUA, senate, and Hillel

**Katie** Roth- member at large

**Chris** Coon- vice chair

**Victor** Garcia- SCOC

**Kenley** Brust- guest

**August**- Crown observer

**Kristen** Weaver- Adviser

**Priscila** Rodriguez- Merrill Rep

**Brandon** Fairweather- guest

**Maria** Garcia- SUA rep

**Margret** Esguerra- PRC

**Justin** McClendon- Chair

**Hannah** Tuong- Academic Senate

**Patricia** G. (Secretary)

**Marin** G. (Treasurer)

**Alexandra** (SUA rep)

**Gillian** R. (Member at Large)

1. Funding Request:

1. **Ethics Bowl**

**Alex**: Speaking on behalf of the Ethics School team. It is a class under the philosophy department. Made nationals for the 7th year in the row. Asking for $200 out of $11,000; majority of cost is transportation (flying) expenses. Ethics school is a 5 vs. 5 competition on moral philosophy; applied ethics. Have 15 different cases (i.e. drones: privacy, human experience, regulation, etc.); have new cases for regionals and nationals. 2 Merrill students in term; team represents 9/10 UCSC Colleges (not college eight). Promote global consciousness as they have to incorporate moral theories (personal and historical); abstract ideas applicable to real life. UCSC is a strong competition team (within California as well, has ranked above UCLA, UCSB)

**Chris:** Team’s 7th time at national?

**Alex:** This is my first year, but UCSC’s 7th time at national, yes.

**Chris:** If you continually place, isn’t there a set aside fund for this? Isn’t it a reoccurring issue?

**Alex:** Philosophy department is the least funded; department has gone into the red; have done sales before (selling) asking college provost in addition to asking each college.

**Justin:** Updated budget?

**Alex:** Will e-mail chair, you will have access to budget by tomorrow morning.

**Chris:** Is Sandra the one with the curly hair?

**Alex:** Oh, you mean James…?

**Chris:** no, I’m thinking Sandra –

**Alex:** Oh, yeah, long curly hair; dark hair?

**Justin:** What actually happened?

**Kristen:** He turned in the forms on time, but he turned it into a different location… miscommunication on both our parts (he took the process as an invitation, instead of waiting for communication).

**Justin:** we vote on that next week!

We have an agenda, have community agreements on back (things that fall into our space). All Merrill students have speaking rights (anybody can voce their opinions) but you cannot vote. Voting happens when you attend 3 consecutive meetings.

1. **GROW**

**Chris**: similar to last year?

**Monica:** Things are running different. Fee went down from last year; now it’s $3.95. Measure started from couple of senior projects-, gardening projects. Measure is for students and provides student resources and supports to run gardens on campus more smoothly. Will make more student positions, provide student jobs (jobs in the garden). Also provides more gardening projects, providing leadership opportunity, also provides more works with advisors. The fee of $3.95 per student, will generate a $44,000 return to financial aid. Measure to help the “0 waste by 2020” initiative; helps with waste management. Helps goal with real food by 40%. Measure will help strengthen relationships with gardeners on campus. Can learn more about food systems (measure can dip into other disciplines: economics, legal studies, ecosystems).

**Priscila:** Is GROW something that already exists?

**Monica:** Measure that isn’t really associated by sustainability office; it is run by students to get others more involved with gardening

**Priscila:** Agree with the plan, does that account for the increase in minimum wage that will happen?

**Monica:** Will get back to you on the issue.

**Chris:** What about the other gardens?

**Monica:** Chadwicks is owned by apprentices. Other gardens, Kresge is the only paid one. There are faculty members, but they aren’t involved.

**Chris**: They are staff, but not necessarily UCSC faculty?

**Monica**: Chadwick is something else; it is its own thing.

**Chris**: Fee goes into …?

**Justin**: With every tax on the students, a policy has been enforced that at least 33% has to go back to the students who aren’t about to pay for the fee.

**Chris**: where does that come from?

**Justin:** It is a policy.

**Priscila**: comes from the dean of student office?

**Justin:** It is comes from the chancellor … it’s a campus-wide policy.

**Priscila**: There is a thing that you can attend if you would like to learn more about it

**Justin**: SAFE has no worries waiting 5-10 minutes. The way sponsorship works: to get on the ballot, needs a sponsorship by SUA, or sponsorships by 7/10 colleges, or roughly 1600 signatures (yes, they are all checked for validity). GROW is opting for sponsorships by 7/10 colleges. Once they make it to the ballot, they will ask for endorsement. We are just worrying about sponsoring for it to be on the ballot for students to vote on. We are not putting our name on it.

**Chris**: Was it failed in the SUA space?

**Justin**: it was not presented in the SUA space.

**Priscila:** it was on the ballot last year, but it did not pass.

**Justin**: fee was a lot higher, this year they lowered it.

**Hannah**: when do they need it?

**Justin**: they asked 3 weeks to a month ago; they need to be in by March. Can put it off until next meeting, but don’t recommend.

**Chris**: what does our group feel about more student fees? I don’t really support unless it is a crucial to fees.

**Priscila**: we are just discussing if the fee should be on the ballot, not necessarily if we agree with it or not.

**Alexandra**: what exactly are we voting on?

**Justin**: we are voting on if we want this to be on the ballot to vote or not.

**Alexandra**: but about next week?

**Justin:** we can table it, but next week we have potential 4 funding requests to hear.

**Katie**: wanting to hear about the proposed changing of student votes from 33% to 25%?

**Priscila**: It did pass, but the stipulation that 66% has to yes the vote.

**Victor**: even though we are deciding, it would still be on the students right?

**Justin**: yes

**Victor**: then it should be on the ballot

**Justin**: it will raise the $2.95 fee up

**Priscila**: last year it was pretty high.

**Justin**: something like $4, right?

**Priscila**: no it was like $7 … but it didn’t pass.

**Alexandra**: It was very clear what they were asking for, and I wouldn’t have a problem putting it on the ballot because students can make their own decision

**Chris**: we aren’t the student body ….

**Justin**: entertaining the motion --

**Priscila** motions to put GROW on ballot for spring elections.

Seconded by **Victor**.

7 (**YES**) – 1 (**NO**) - 4 (**ABSTAIN**)

Motion passes.

1. **SAFE**

**Justin**: SAFE is outside.

**Paige** (SAFE)

**Erica** (SAFE)

**Erica**: SAFE: Sexual Assault Facts and Education. Last quarter, we asked Merrill for funds for sweatshirts; Merrill approved, and the sweatshirts just came in this week. (they brought thank you note). It is helping foster unity within SAFE, today asking for funding for banner (tabling events).

**Paige**: April is sexual assault awareness month, planning for 3-5 events every week. Partnering with Merrill programs office in the violence prevention convention. It’s a day-long conference; planning to host 3 conferences.

**Justin**: up here at Merrill

**Paige**: want to have a raffle all throughout April; a wheel spin. With the banner and wheel, are hoping to catch people’s attention. Quote for $125; after asking, quote is actually $60. Person is from the area, Cathy King, she already has stuff on campus. Banner is a good promotional tool.

**Justin**: are we the only one we are asking banner for?

**Priscila**: yes, we are the only one asking for the banners, went to 7 of the other colleges for ask funds for the convention.

**Priscila**: the banner is promoting SHOP, not the convention.

**Erica**: It would be promoting SAFE; to be used during tabling, making SAFE more recognizable on-campus. Generate more attention for SAFE.

**Paige**: asking other colleges for the convention banner, not a SAFE banner. They went to college 9/10 recently, but they didn’t have a banner. While there, lots have been asking about what they do, so they want to get more gear to help get their name out.

**Chris**: Is the banner the same quote price for convention banners?

**Paige**: different sizes make it different prices, but this one is about $60.

**Justin**: including tax?

**Paige**: including tax and shipping? She’s local and we want to be sustainable.

**Alexandra**: Hannah I like your shirt

**Gillian**: Me too, it’s really pretty ~

**Hannah**: OH SANKK QUUU <333

**Marin**: I would like to fund them. And it’s only $60. It’s way cheaper than the $200.

**Priscila**: they are asking for the $60?

**Justin**: the original quote was $200, but they are lowering it to $60.

**Chris**: 65 just in case

**Marin**: I was thinking the same thing as Chris…. Just to provide a little buffer.

**Kristen**: transfer of expenses: we can do that, but they are generating the PO. They are taking funds out of their own pot… so the $5 is trivial, we don’t need to worry about it too much.

**Alexandra** motions to fund SAFE banner.

Seconded by **Victor**.

No objections by approving the MOTION by consensus

MOVITON APPROVED

Victor motions to fund safe $65.

Seconded by Gillian.

11 (**yes**) – 0 (**no)** – 1 (**abstention**)

Motion passes

**Justin**: hand to the treasure, because he can do stuff now.

**Marin**: Yeah! I can do stuff now!

1. **Matchbox Literary Magazine**

**Justin**: Matchbox … only have one copy of the funding request… but ….

**Kristen**: you have it Justin…

**Justin**: oh wait … will read the thank you later ~

**Kristen**: Today is a busy night!

**Justin**: Inviting in Matchbox Literature.

**Courtney**: Student run UC wide literary magazine. Art, any and every genre, published UC wide. Trying to create community within all UC; their claim to fame is that it is the only thing that is published UC wide at UCSC. To publish, need $3,500 total: $3,300 goes to publish (printing, binding). $120 goes to shipping the works to the other UCs. On minimum, will publish 100 works, so everybody could get heard, the more color the better.

**Chris**: looked at other ways for income? Instead of being at mercy at student bodies?

**Courtney**: have gone through presenting at other colleges and funding bodies.

**Justin**: how much have to received so far

**Courtney**: $500 from the Guillotine, $200 Kresge, waiting on provost and SUA; will be going to other colleges.

**Chris**: did you approach core council last year?

**Courtney**: went to them last quarter.

**Justin**: e-mail will happen either today or tomorrow with the amount if we decided to fund!

**Justin**: to fund or not to fund?

**Marin**: like the idea of a magazine originating in Santa Cruz that goes out to all the other UCs.

**Chris**: Is it $3,800?

**Kristin**: yes, 3800

**Gillian**: can they get funding from other universities because it is UC wide?

**Victor**: It puts a good name to UCSC. The more we get our name out, the better.

**Victor** motions to fund Matchbox Literary Magazine.

Seconded by **Alexandra**.

Any objections?

OBJECTION.

9 (**YES**) – 2 (**NO**) – 1 (**ABSTION**)

Motion PASSES

**Justin:** Let’s talk number. Asking for $200 out of $3,800.

**Chris**: the biggest benefit it provides to Merrill and UCSC in general is just that students can have their works published, but that option already exists; we are just giving them money to let them spread out their magazine.

**Justin**: funding is directly proportional with the number of magazines that they can provide and publish.

**Chris**: but they choose the amount to publish … the idea is that they

**Marin**: We should keep in mind that it incorporates all the UCs…not necessarily just Merrill College.

**Justin**: these magazines are UC wide; anybody can submit; they are just published here, published with UCSC’s name on it.

**Priscila**: you forgot my name ….

**Justin**: I saw her hand!

**Priscila**: I just lost my train of thought--

**Kristen**: don’t underestimate the power of artwork. The impact of the artwork can definitely be a powerful medium, just as a point of logistics.

**Priscila**: Want to add that it benefits other UCs, there may be some tension that we are funding all of it; but it isn’t up to us to determine how they fund themselves. The magazine came here and asked for money, not for how to fund them.

**Justin**: asking number! Let’s talk numbers

**Marin**: shipping to other UCs is $120; we could put that out.

**Justin**: we can’t stipulate.

**Marin** motions to fund matchbox literary $120

Seconded by **Victor**.

10 (**YES**) – 1 (**NO**) – 1 (**ABSTAINING**)

Motion passes, funded Matchbox Literary Magazine $120.

**Kristen**: passing funding request to Marin! Chugging along!

**Justin**: send paperwork to me!

**Marin**: only got one

**Justin**: then you only got one!

1. **KASA**

**Justin**: talking KASA. Funding requesting being passed around. (Reading Funding Request) KASA’s 3rd annual banquet: bring Korean culture awareness, bring a conscious of the Korean identity to the Merrill Community. Estimated $12/person. KASA cultural banquet brings Korean culture to UCSC campuses, being aware of Korean tradition, food, art, and more. Expecting 30 Merrill participants. It’s May 31st, 6-9pm at porter dining hall (also got funding from CEP, CORE, provost funding, SUA). Budget of $4,685: mostly for food; funds for disposal plates and utensils; tech crew, UCSC cargo van, performances. Any discussion hearing their request?

**Katie**: we should hear; even though they are asking for money, it is extremely consistent with our ethos.

**Marin**: we should hear them out, it goes with our college’s theme.

**Kristen**: Eee-thooooss …

**Marin**: very central to our ETHOS… we’ve funded them in the past.

**Justin**: it is a funded event, but doesn’t show where they are selling or where the money is going… probably in the presentation

**Maria** motions to hear the funding request from KASA

**Margret** seconds the meeting.

Motion PASSES by consensus.

**Justin**: sponsorships work: we did one tonight. They are due March 3rd, a Monday. Our last meeting before that is actually next week. The meeting the 27th is not a formal meeting, it is open house. There are 4 requests to become referendums on the ballot; next week can get pretty long (4 presentations, and we’re voting on each one). Recommendation is that this be tabled until March 6th, because this isn’t time sensitive.

**Chris**: because of the 4 we hear next week?

**Justin:** 4 potential, if we decided to hear them it will be.

**Priscila**: are we hearing any funding next week?

**Kristen**: next week we are not hearing any.

**Priscila**: aside from this one, is it the only one?

**Justin:** Yes, postpone until March 6th because it is not time sensitive (their event is in may)

**Justin**: moving hats to election commissioner. But we are going to wait for Michael Liber.

2. Merrill College Pride Week

**Justin**: It is about allowing us to use our own funds.

**Kristen**: We’ve an itemized budget, it’s very handy.

**Justin**: we have to pull from our $3,000

**Marin**: $210 for the rest for winter quarter

**Priscila**: we have how much left for spring?

**Justin**: we can go into spring quarter if we decided to… Gillian typed up a budget!

**Gillian**: Funding for open house, on the 27th. Donut holes and cookies from Ferrell’s. It’s $2.00 per dozen: we’re getting around 300 ($50); also getting cookies, around $40..

**Chris**: from where?

**Gillian**: from COSTCO.

**Justin**: donut holes going to be for throughout the whole day, of Thursday.

**Kristen**: donut holes distributed for a few hours, as a teaser for the open house later that day. It’s too cute. But that’s a separate conversation. The strategy is to draw them in!

**Justin**: any thoughts on this? We still have to go through the entire procedure, motions and all.

**Priscila**: good idea to have incentives, however, that we probably shouldn’t be funding this from money we could be giving to orgs….

**Justin**: our budget is set every year in spring, we have the lowest number of students, so we have the lowest budget; also lots of money goes to commencement ceremony, after all the nitty-gritty, $3,000 is left for which we can fund orgs.

**Kristen**: This is all true ---

**Justin**: can we pull somewhere else on our budget? No. we can only pull from this pot of money.

**Marin**: we are promoting ourselves as MSG. We should promote ourselves; would love to have lots of members at large.

**Chris**: our funds is for us to fund towards the Merrill student body, not necessarily for orgs. That’s his belief on what the funds are for.

**Justin:** any other comments?

**Marin**: I like donuts.

**Justin**: same process … vote if we want to fund, then how much to fund.

**Kris**ten: the Merrill programs office might be okay with partially funding as we are not asking for a lot … in the interest of transparency, we also have the programs office.

**Chris**: we are estimating $1 per person?

**Gillian**: I just put that number down ~

**Kristen**: That number is the ceiling, it would only go down.

**Margret** MOTIONS to funds the Merrill College Pride Week Events.

**Victor** seconded the motion.

Any objections to approving the motion by consensus

OBJCECTION.

8 (YES) – 1 (NO) – 3 (ABSTAININ)

**Katie**: $110 for food for one night is a bit much …

**Kristen**: depends on the number of folks that come up… depends on the number of people that come up

**Chis**: we have the lowest attendance among the governments, student bodies, senates …. This pride week is all about increasing participation and reaching out to Merrill student

**Marin**: Merrill College Pride week, we are not the favored, they pity us, we are empowering ourselves with this pride week, getting students involved with their government, food is a real attraction for any events. Better than knocking on doors. And even if people don’t come, more food for us.

**Chris**: tabling food is important. Managing how the food moves.

**Marin** motions to fund the full $120 for the Merrill College Pride Week.

Seconded by **Chris**.

6 (**YES**) – 3(**NO**) – 3 (**ABSTAIN**)

Motion passes

**Gillian**: I only put $110, that’s more than we need …

**Kristen**: the advisor position would discourage the members from voting based on how much money we have left –

**Priscila**: biggest hesitation is that we only have $210 left …that our money is for whatever we want, but to use that much on ourselves …would not be comfortable spending more than $75…

**Gillian**: programs office can help out too… we don’t actually need the full $110

**Alexandra**: $75 is a great reasonable number

**Marin** motions to fund $75 to Merrill College Pride Week.

Seconded by **Alexandra**

10 (**yes**) – 0 (**no**) – 1 (**abstain**)

Motion passes.

**Justin**: we just funded ourselves $75. Now, discussion on the title.

**Priscila**: can we first talk about pride?

**Justin:** lots of folks on campus associate pride with PRIDE, at UCSC it is may, but worldwide it is in June. It is the giant celebration of the LGBTQ, etc group.

**Kristen**: “Pride” is associated very strongly with that celebration; many have been getting confused.

**Margret**: How about “Spirit Week?”

**Justin**: ‘Merrill College Spirit Week’

**Chris**: more on line of the theme of what we wanted

**Victor**: Just Merrill Sprit Week? Merrill College Spirit Week is a bit of a mouthful--

**Priscila**: It is a bit high school, but we are targeting that group… so it’s okay.

**Justin**: we currently have Merrill Spirit Week… any problems?

**Margret**: \*\*I have a problem\*\* I have been tagging “Merrill College Pride Week”

**Justin**: where did you post it?

**Margret**: Facebook ..

**Justin**: Oh, then just delete it ~

**Chris**: if the event works, what’s the future?

**Priscila**: we should wait until after the event to discuss that –

**Justin**: we will debrief after; we are trying to create a strong space for not just MSG, but for Merrill in general.. ‘Merrill Spirit’. This event has never been done in the history of the last couple years.

**Kristen**: hasn’t really be done before… within the last 10 years at least, this is somewhat precedent.

**Priscila**: was an RA last year, always tried to get college wide events, but it never went through. Let’s get the RAs involved!

**Justin**: Victor and Margret presented at the RA’s most recent meeting on Monday ….

**Victor**: Did present; they seemed excited… but the Google docs shows not many.

**Priscila**: if they can count it as an event, they would be so for it.

**Kenley**: Another name: Just “Merrill College Week.”

**Kristen**: It’s a little vague; spirit week has a connotation. It’s dependent on what we want our connotation to be though.

**Kenley**: Just not sure what the “Merrill Spirit” quite is –

**Justin**: The original conversation!

**Alexandra**: we first started having this talk because morale at Merrill is kind of low, and this is to get people more proud about being from Merrill. Spirit week is appropriate for this because we want ‘Merrill Spirit’.

**Kenly**: A little high school though …

**Priscila**: We can easily say we have “Merrill Spirit” … but what do we MEAN by spirit? We love Merrill … but how do we get that message across and to get people to understand that that is our purpose. It’s one thing to say we have spirit, but it’s another to get others to realize what we mean.

**Marin**: just to bring up, not a lot of us have the spirit.

**Kenley**: Merrill Culture Week? … A name to match our ethos.

**Chris**: but we’ve really no culture…

**Kristen**: Basically, when it comes to sprit and what we want that to look like, we had the discussion that many students did not request affiliation with Merrill; it’s a general truth across the college. It’s a way for first and second years to re-declare their appreciation ... I was one to requested Merrill affiliation.

**Justin**: so was I ~

**Kristen**: With regards to transferring out of affiliation, students in general have been reconciled with finding a home here at Merrill.. Merrill spirit, this is what we mean by that.

**Priscila**: We should get feedback on this event; definitely had this conversation a million times with her residents… “what can Merrill do to make itself better”… we hear that they don’t want to be here, but *WHY*?

**Chris**: lot of it has to do with the construction… A weakness is that so many didn’t choose it, but it is also a strength for us in that we are so hodgepodge.

**Kristen**: great for PR. We need to change the conversation.

**Justin**: great conversation to have at open house, get feedback from our constituents, great conversation to have tonight. With that being said, are we comfortable to have this conversation at open house?

**Marin**: odd that Merrill has a stigma… Where did it start?

**Kristen**: There is no evident, not even a claim, just a theory, the hunch (if we can agree), racism is an institutionalized oppression: women of hierarchy, certain words that folks may have pushed back against… Merrill’s ethos pushes that out? When individuals don’t have the opportunity to address their own privilege… a reflection on the larger population. Maybe something we should talk about.

**Chis**: I wasn’t into writing about this ethos; I know I have to take this writing course, and the only thing I can look into regarding the course is a tiny clip. Considering opportunity cost, it was more of a “what am I going to put my time into?”

**Kristen**: bigger than UCSC, reflected across the country, American studies… lots of things contribute; thinking every broad big question. Possibility to try to break through, get in contact with those of color…. It’s a big statement.

**Marin**: I was just thinking the hill the reason ….

**Priscila:** on top of having dialogues at open house, we need to think of things we can do, like postcards; personally having conversation multiple time (with both staff and residents), many were not comfortable vocalizing their concerns.

**Katie**: when students are looking at each college most don’t look at it carefully; our neighbor colleges are pretty similar…

**Kenly**: that’s why we have our reconstruction.

**Chis**: it was a lot shadier, before reconstruction. It’s looking good now.

**Justin**: We are starting our Merrill Spirit Week Tuesday night --

**Priscila**: date?

**Justin**: It’s Tuesday, February 25th – Saturday, March 1st. Tuesday night is college night. We could table there as well.

**Kristen**: College night is from 5:30 PM to 7:30PM.

**Justin**: It’s Arabian night themed.

**Kristen**: THE Arabian night theme … based off of *literature*.

**Justin**: hats off to those who tabled during elections. Was super awesome.

**Margret**: will be eating anyways

**Chris**: as a person who lives off campus, don’t get to see friends as often, will probably not be tabling…

**Justin**: Not everybody has to, so no worries. Do we want to do Google docs? Sign up next week?

**Priscila**: do right now?

**Kristen**: Spread it up across two blocks, 5:30 – 6:30, then 6:30 – 7:30; so people have the time to sit with friends and such.

**Justin**: do we need to account for set up time?

**Kristen**: 15 minutes for set up fine.

**Chris**: where would it happen?

**Kristen**: would happen right before food --

**Justin**: The more the merrier, just so that we have people. That’s college night. Wednesday is a carnival, during the day. Google doc was open up to all the RAs. If there are not enough people to set up and run the event, we cannot have this event. The link is there. Please help out.

**Katie**: point of clarification: is it in the moating at Merrill?

**Justin**: at the cultural center; will be setting up snow cones, the bounce house, etc.

**Kristen**: we do have crafty things (such as face painting, crafts), but this will require lots of people to run.

**Justin**: Kristen will be gone during college week ---

**Kristen**: 11 am – 5pm, event from 1 PM to 3-4 PM. In that ball park.

**Justin**: will be there all day. Thursday, quarry tabling, and Merrill open house …

**Kristen**: Quarry …???

**Justin**: COURTYARD! Tabling in the courtyard!

**Victor**: Available up until 12.

**Alexandra**: available all day

**Margret**: have class all day, but I can skip --

**Justin**: WHOA WHOA

**Margret**: I was going to skip anyways ..

**Justin**: MSG does not endorse skipping class! You are a student.

(**Hannah:** you are a student leader… in that order. Student first.)

**Victor**: Then only available after 2 …

**Kristen**: afternoon is better. Closer to the actual time (open house) is better.

**Gillian**: 3 – 5PM then?

**Alexandra**: little before 3?

**Kristen**: let’s pick an hour. Donuts go fast. Decided on 1 hours, possibly 1.5 hours.

**Victor**: What are the traffic hours?

**Justin**: 12-2… for lunch

**Chris**: 11:40 everyone is getting out of classes.

**Kristen**: 2 o’clock is high traffic? Getting to the top of the hill by 2:15?

**Justin**: agree on 2-3 PM ---

**Kristen**: encourage those tabling to speak about MSG!

**Justin**: new members are definitely able to help out! We got confirmation to advertise the Crown/Merrill Dance as a part of our week; it will be our Friday event.

**Kristen**: smile upon having two or three in attendance.

**Justin**: MSG doesn’t have to be there, but it would be nice. Personally cannot attend.

**Kristen**: but we did fund the event, just to keep that in mind.

**Justin**: that’s happening Friday night.

**Kristen**: Around 8’ish?

**Gillian**: Is it semi-formal?

**Kristen**: You will not be turned away for lack of fancy, trust.

**Justin**: The scavenger hunt!

**Victor**: I need help ~ nobody has signed up except for me.

**Alexandra**: AND MEEEE~

**Justin**: when did you sign up?

**Alexandra**: like right before the meeting..

**Justin**: Victor has been working around the clock and he will present on that when he is completely finished with it!

**Justin**: Open house! The idea: folks wandering the room. On the walls, we can post about what MSG is, what we have done, who the officers are, when officer hours are, so that people can read as they go… bring group together after 45 minutes. Formally introduce ourselves. Spark a conversation on why we are having Merrill Spirit Week; having spirit for Merrill; looking for suggestions; etc.

**Kristen**: semi-formal presentation; we should talk about how students can benefit from MSG (would we all be comfortable in talking about our experiences); talk about how what MSG has done for us ~ what we have to offer. Put out word and represent ourselves to other members.

**Gillian**: can we have a PowerPoint?

**Justin**: too formal---

**Gillian**: we can make a song!

**Kristen**: and teach the secret hand shake and all--

**Justin**: it’s not too long… 2 hours max.

**Chris**: that’s kind of long…

**Kristen**: we can have music, name tags--

**Margret**: put up balloons!

**Kristen**: balloons… we have a helium shortage, so it’ll be expensive!

**Justin**: put up picture slideshow

**Katie**: Have pictures from last year: Relay for life, Jedi outfits ~

**Justin**: photo slide show, photo mixer~

**Gillian**: serious about the song… I’ll write one!

**Justin**: what else would people like to see?

**Chris**: description for positions that need to be filled.

**Katie**: can we streamer?

**Kristen**: mmm.. noo… not going to be here and that’s ladders and too much work.

**Justin**: program’s assistant isn’t able to be here… all work has to be done by us! Poor Margret will need help producing all the artwork ~ any help is voluntarily, or just by us! Check e-mails for Google docs. Any other discussion?

3. Retreat

**Justin**: retreat reminders: is this Saturday, from 11AM-3PM at the UCSC women’s center. Check Google doc for food.

**Chris**: thought is was Sunday…

**Kristen**: it’s Saturday

**Justin**: Please contribute! Been lurking on the agenda, it’s fun!

**Kristen**: he’s been lurking, I’ve been working ~

**Justin**: the first hour is going to be lunch …?

**Kristen**: It’s a SURPRISE! Personality typing workshop ~ it’s a SECRET.

**Justin**: tossing around the volleyball~

**Kristen**: planning to eat lunch outside ~

**Justin**: There is a YouTube video on how to get there!

**Kristen**: how many live on campus?

**Justin**: Personally will be leaving crown/Merrill at 10:30AM … TEXT HIM. Don’t mind going back and forth. Especially if it is worked out in advance ~

**Kristen**: can take the bus if you’re off campus.

**Justin**: will see police station on right… follow Cardiff signs.

**Kristen**: try to make some markers to follow so you can get there ~ will be sending out maps and whatnot ~ location is a little problem, but it’s a fantastic building; was built in the 1850s. Once you know it’s there, it’s a great resource.

**Justin**: with that being said:

**Kristen**: head count: 10 members! Sign up to bring something.

**Margret**: got drinks in my fridge?

4. Officer Reports

 (a) **Academic senate**

**Hannah**: nothing!

**Kristen**: meeting is on the 19th!

1. **Core Council**:

**Justin**: Chris is also our core council person representative!

1. **PR**:

**Margret**: deleted “Merrill pride week”. Got a new like on Facebook: Max Huff. New followers on Instagram, they are from Santa Cruz … like businesses and stuff.

1. **SCOC**:

**Victor**: brought up the talk on gender … it’s going to be open to all males.

**Kristen**: Mr. Santa Cruz…

**Justin**: that was the problem, that it was open to only males…

**Kristen**: happy to discuss: just a general, the campus has a non discriminatory policy, so they cannot discriminate based on gender or anything else for that matter ~ that’s just he bottom line . It’s not about you (SCOC), but that’s the law.

**Victor**: talked with Dean of Student advisory board; OPERS, recapped on event. Sister colleges went over what they were going to do.

1. **SUA**:

**Maria**: New business, chair Chaz requested to move funding for The Women of Color Conference’s $4,000 to be used for other things; this request is for this year only. As this conference is not happening, the request is primarily to be able to use the $4,000 in a productive way instead of just sitting. Anything you want to add Chaz?

**Chaz**: Nawh, you did a fantastic job. This request is just to be able to use this money productively.

**Maria**: internal vice chair commissioner of diversity, requested to take money out of student program line item. The Internal office is putting together “UCSC’s Got Talent” event. It’s budget total is $4,000. Already have $1,000, requesting $3,000 from Student Program Fund.

**Vanessa**: Holi Event, the Colorful powder event. “Coming of Spring.”

**Maria**: The total is $7,300, requesting $2,500. Then the introduction to resolution: Master Plan for Higher Education.

**Justin**: How it higher education was envisioned: it was supposed to be free, but guess not. It haven’t being revised since the 60’s; UCSB wants to bring it back up to the regents. Read the “let it be resolved…”

**Maria**: (Reading Resolution) UCSC is in support of a survey committee in support of reinventing higher education; in support to make it more applicable. Will supply monetary support for the external affairs’ task force in discussing outreach. Goal to collect pertinent information with purpose to drafting/ updating the master plan of high education, which is to sit for the next 15 years; longevity of this is requested of the UC President; request of the external vice chair to continue a plan to sustain this. SUA will create a draft to renew the master plan for high education by February 2014.

**Maria**: election timeline approached, USSA withdrew sponsorship. Person was nominated, waiting on next week. Election commissioner accepted his. Waiting to hear who our representative is.

**Chris:** Regarding the money, was it going to sit anyways?

**Justin**: it’s a UC wide conference. How it works is that when somebody puts in a bid, then the conference will be held. This year, nobody put in a bid. So it won’t be held. The office of diversity, last year, put out to have our own conference. But no guarantee for that this year.

**Chris**: it’s more future voting, essentially.

**Vanessa**: it’s more for organizations that don’t fall under orgs under soar

**Chris**: still, to do that … do we still have…

**Vanessa**: SOFA. Yea,

**Marin**: to move the money where it’s usable?

**Justin**: correct.

**Marin**: for that!

**Alexandra**: I have a pretty good idea on how we stand~

**Maria**: take a straw poll ~

**Maria**: student programing funds?

**Justin**: I worked on this last year. There was a discrepancy on student funds; made line item $7,200 for student line. Two officers of SUA had to ask for this money if it was over $500; there was some confusion whether they had to work on the event together or if two officers had to just ask. The IVC asked for money, and somebody else asked for money at the same time, it was only budgetary.

**Chris**: what was the original purpose?

**Justin:** to keep money not as easily accessed.

**Chris**: two officers running an event?

**Justin**: only one officer can fund the event financially.

**Chris**: otherwise would lock out the money and it not be accessible at all.

**Justin**: it was a gray areas …

**Chris**: new?

**Justin**: was new; funding and student life program had to be pulled from 2 officers working on the same event

**Chris**: What do you mean?

**Justin**: in order to pull from a line item, they need two officers.

**Vanessa**: to move money around from our own place, need the body’s approval.

**Marin**: I have no idea what’s happening

Seconded by **Hannah**.

**Vanessa**: There are two events being put on. The IVC and Center of Diversity are the sponsors. One is sponsored by one and the other by the other, respectively. They are asking for money for their events.

**Marin**: Why can’t we give money?

**Vanessa**: the question is about if we technically can or not.

**Justin**: are they writing unofficially…

**Chris**: they are collaborating.

**Marin**: any official way they can say they are working together?

**Chris**: trying to figure that out; it is a new policy, so there are gaps in understanding and interpreting.

**Justin**: this is the conversation: does the event have to be sponsored by both or can they be just collaborating?

**Marin**: ahh…

**Chris**: we don’t know the difference?

**Justin**: we are asking money from only one officially, but they are collaborating

**Vanessa**: it’s a collaboration in that one is pulling resources from the other, but official only by one

**Chris**: Is there a minimum?

**Justin:** there are 2 Events. One by the IVC. Another by the CDC, They are just collaborating.

**Vanessa:** they are collaborating on basis of resources, not monetary.

**Justin**: issue: collaborating, not sponsorship.

**Marin**: even thought it’s not official, it should count. Take lots of coordination.

**Chris**: SUA space approves, but officers won’t be able to VETO…

**Justin**: There is no veto involved.

**Chris**: does the body has an officer of the events ... or?

**Vanessa**: it came up with one of the ways the money can be used.

**Marin**: because in technicality; miscommunication of language

**Justin**: how do the reps feel about this?

**Maria**: Can we have a straw poll:

**Gillian**: will we be funding one or both?

**Vanessa**: both events.

**Marin**: because they are collaborating, they are …

**Vanessa**: SUA officers?

**Marin**: they are meeting the requirements to get the money, let them have it.

**Chris**: are they on the same day?

**All**: no.

**Vanessa**: Holi event is the powder one.

**Chris**: we do that (here)?

**Vanessa**: it’s new!

**Maria**: $6 ticketed events.

**Chris**: the talent one or the color one?

**All**: the color one.

**Chris**: how are they ticketing that event? On the field?

**Hannah**: pay for bags of colors ~

**Vanessa**: is on field.

**Justin**: About the resolution.

**Chris**: state wide law?

**Justin**: not law, but UC wide policy.

**Marin**: make education…?

**Justin**: affordable.

**Vanessa**: Is supposed to be the frame work for CA education

**Marin**: sounds good

**Margret**: like it

**Katie**: yup

**Chris**: give more power to regents?

**All**: nope.

**Chris**: does it give more power to anybody?

**Justine**: It’s just a guideline.

**Chris**: Then is it enforceable?

**Justin**: yes and no. It gives voice to students.

**Vanessa**: enforceable in that it charges her and Tony to go do something. It goes from there to go higher up. More voices backing. High UC education.

**Chris**: originated in UCSB?

**Vanessa**: yes.

**Maria**: language on the amendment?

**Justin**: Do you have it Chaz?

**Chaz**: got it!

**Maria**: In other news: election material has to be approved by election commissioner before use.

**Justin**: people post fliers of themselves and such. New bylaws will state that these fliers need be approved before use.

**Vanessa**: election commission (not -er, aka: multiple persons)

**Justin**: have power to approve or deny candidacy fliers.

**Kristen**: Ethnic and identity spaces have their own voice.

**Vanessa**: election campaign material need to be approved before they can be used. Reasoning is that endorsements need to be submitted to commission; now they want to approve of campaign material, because they potentially may have endorsements

**Kristen**: is there any guidelines established regarding design, size, distribution for the actual material?

**Justin**: only about time of when you can post fliers.

**Vanessa**: timeline regulations, online and on-campus.

**Kristen**: For programs around campus, it can be frustrating when you are competing with SUA persons; in doing their standard business of advertising, having to competing for space at bus stops is rough.

**Vanessa**: There is a new regulation on posting, no in-classroom fliering.

**Justin**: And it still applies that only one poster at one bus stop is allowed.

**Kristen**: every candidate is allowed one, effectively everything is covered up..

**Justin**: Is there approval for actual design?

**Vanessa**: number of posting is per candidate

**Justin**: SUA reps, this is your decision. You need to know how to vote---

**Maria**: how many would like to support this, a straw poll …

**Marin**: is there already any guidelines?

**Vanessa**: they have to approve it … they get to decide what is approved

**Marin**: when?

**Vanessa**: there is no timeline! Dependent upon election commissioner and what not.

**Justin**: Whatever the by law states. …

**Marin**: if that and nothing else … we probably shouldn’t be approving this … sounds like a good idea, but shouldn’t be for it.

**Maria**: straw poll:

**Chris**: inquire about nonsense money request of last week?

**Justin**: sponsorship was pulled.

1. Secretary:

**Patricia**: nothing!

1. Treasurer:

**Marin**: funding requests approved: matchbox literary magazine, funding for Merrill college spirit week open house. $ 100 left for the quarter, but technically $1000 more.

1. Vice Chair:

**Chris**: CORE council. We paid registration fees to keep it, dean of students took 7.5% of this year’s funding, core had less funding. $12,500 from fees. $8,600 carried forward from last year. Heard 7 proposes; large scale stuff. $7,500 for Persian Shabbat; received $1000, came back asking for more.

**Vanessa**: that was last spring

**Chris**: they said last fall.

**Justin**: Is there anything that needs body’s opinion? Otherwise, we trust your judgment on making decisions.

**Chris**: we are hearing things next week that I feel the body needs to review … ball park numbers.

**Justin**: not even voting next week?

**Chris**: we could, but we haven’t discussed in depth …

**Justin:** can this conversation get pushed to next week?

**Chris**: it can get pushed into next week. CORE council is providing stipend for SOAR, and SOAR intern, who is the acting chair. They might not reach student fees?

1. Chair::

**Justin**: We are hearing 4 sponsorships next week. Check e-mail so we can be short and sweet in discussion.

1. Advisor:

**Kristen**: Talking about the timing for this space…. Suggest we move the time? Politely request that we had quorum when we don’t start on time. Let us know if you are going to be late, etc. let Justin know.

**Chris**: 7:00 or 7:30?

**Justin**: 7:00—

**Kristen**: 7:30 was for only for last week. E-mail that Seth will be delegating Kristen as advisor. Don’t mind late meetings ~ will be in and out within next couple weeks as she will be attending interviews for graduate schools. Will be missing for the meetings of March 6th and February 27th meeting.

4. College Election Commissioner

**Justin**: election commissioner, each college selects a rep who oversees SUA election. Would anybody who would like to run please raise their hands.

**Michael**: It’s a lot of time and effort. You need to be committed. For the entire election process, you get called on a lot.

**Justin**: Victor, can you please step outside. Now it is up to the body on how to elect the Elections Commissioner … how do we elect?!

**Gillian**: they can one at a time give a spiel.

**Justin**: how long the spiel.

**Gillian**: 2 minutes … 1 MINUTE!

**Chris**: following their 60 seconds of fame, approve with 50%+1; everyone, not just officers.

**Justin**: only one who can vote are voting members. Do we do this closed ballot or …

**Vanessa**: are they allowed to vote, the candidates?

**Marin**: Heads up 7-up!

**Justin**: one minute spiel, then collective vote. Individuals are allowed to vote…

**Marin**: Heads up 7-up!

**Kristen**: they will cancel each other out.

**Marin:** Heads up 7-up!

**Justin**: one minute to describe himself.

Candidate one: Kenley

Candidate two: Victor

**Justin**: keep comments as respectful as possible. Let’s discuss.

**Marin**: no discussion, let’s vote

**Chris:** is this how it works?

**Vanessa**: if there is no nomination, there no vote.

**Michael**: Victor came to Monday’s night meeting. Very convincing. Always impressed with good presentations. He’s got the chops.

**Marin** MOTIONS to select Victor as the college elections commission,

**Katie** SECONDS the motion.

7 (**yes**) – 0 (**no**) – 6 (**abstention**)

**Justin**: With that victor is elected.

[enter both Kenly and Victor)

**Justin**: congrats Victor. You are the Merrill Election Commission Representative! Kenley, please still come to meetings. There are positions for you to be appointed to.

**Margret**: announcement, make a relay for life team.

**Justin**: when are signs up need to be by?

**Margret**: … mmm …

**Justin**: get Phil’s contact. Hit him up.

**Marin** motions to adjourn the meeting.

**OBJECTION**.

**Michael**: Michael Liber was here

**Marin** MOTIONS to adjourn the meeting.

**Vanessa** SECONDED that.

Meeting adjourned 9:57PM.