Merrill Student Government Meeting Minutes October 24th 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chair

Roll Call

* Aura Walmer (Chair)
* Justin McClendon (Vice Chair)
* Marin Gamboa (Treasurer)
* Gillian Rooker (Merrill Activities Council)
* Margret Esguerra
* Maria Garcia (SUA Alternate)
* Alexandra Kasper (SUA Rep.)
* Victor Garcia-Zepeda (SCOC Rep)
* Kayla Oh (IVC Intern)
* Max Huft (SUA IVC)
* David Pickard IVC Intern)
* Priscilla Rodriguez (SUA Rep)
* Katie Roth
* Hannah Tuong (Academic Senate)
* Vanessa Morales (SUA COAA)
* Kristen Weaver (Advisor- in at 8:27pm)
* SCOC Report:

Appointments, for Committee for Admissions and Financial

Committee on Affirmed Action

Committee on Academic Freedom

Committee International Committee

Committee on Planning and Budget

* SUA Internal Vice Chair Presentation
  + Max
    - Hiring interns for outreach interns, closing tomorrow. The ER number is 7063 to apply for the jobs. Paid $100 a month and they are in charge for creating posters and running programs throughout the quarter and year. They also get to work with the SOFA Orgs to make sure they get help publicizing their events.
    - SCOC has been appointing students throughout the next couple meetings.
  + Kayla-Max’s Chief of Staff to the IVC
    - Food Bank on campus where students could go on campus and receive groceries for free with a student ID. Working with the Kresge Co-Op and other Resource on campus.
  + David- Director of Student Life to the IVC
    - Campus Wide and University wide events, be able to give back to the student body. Our goal is to have one huge event once per quarter, with other smaller events through out the year. Spring quarter we are working on a Concert/Music Festival.
* Vice Chair: Outreach
  + Outreach and website updates!
  + Aura and Justin drafting an email to Alex about the website and campus wide email.
  + Talk to Core Course Teachers
* Funding Requests:
  + Link as been attached to the website and fixed
  + None yet!
* Open Positions:
  + Core Council and Student Union and Governance Board open positions
* Snack Czar
  + Some people volunteer to bring snacks,
  + Alexandra: Great idea and should be put on posters
  + Justin: my only concern is that some people cannot afford snacks
  + Katie: Just go for it, and if it fails then we can deal with it then.
  + Priscilla: Agreeing with Justin if students cannot afford it.
  + Aura: We can nominate a snack person,
* Officer Reports
  + SUA
    - Discussed Community Agreements
    - Officer Report backs
      * Ivan talked about USSA and different things he has been working on.
      * Other officers were very brief.
    - Talked about the SUA Website
    - Two Funding requests for UCSC Disc Golf
      * $624 was there request for their event November 9th, for their 12 people for their entrance fee for the events at 12 people times $52 per person.
      * $2025 was requested for their event on campus. Part of this is for t-shirts, then tournament discs, and then shipping and tax. Their tournament in February is on campus and open to all students.
      * Discussion
        + Aura: The Event on campus is open to all UCSC students. Not restricted to the team is great. Just because we haven’t heard about them doesn’t mean they aren’t great.
        + Marin: They are expecting their member contributions to be so little then ask Student Government for so much.
        + Priscilla: Their team is more men and not so much women.
        + Aura: What is being asked for is to much, the next step is the conclusion on what to send to SUA.
        + Gillian: Small amount.
        + Priscilla: Can we talk to about the UCSC events by themselves, and separate the two funding requests.
        + Alexander: They are still representing our students.
        + Priscilla: They are repping our school and that we should partially fund them.
        + Maria: Partially funding them, in the sense of the funding 1-3 members for the event.
        + Victor: Talk with the group to raise the entrance fee.
        + Aura: We on ultimate Frisbee do fund ourselves.
        + Priscilla: If we partially fund then we should fund not people the just amount.
        + Alexandra: Recommend they increase their amount to join the team. If they want to do more then they should increase their membership fee.
        + Vanessa: the $5 goes towards the reaction and not to them.
        + Priscilla: We shouldn’t try a general number cause we might not vote on the number.
        + Alexandra: Setting a number people will feel comfortable with.
        + Justin: Not to exceed $200 hundred dollars.
        + Gillian: Makes a motion to not approve them over $200. Seconded by Marin. Passed by consensus.
        + Priscilla: next event was their on campus tournament.
        + Alexandra: We should fund more of the event.
        + Katie: I think we should fund them half or less that. They still have time to fundraise.
        + Alexandra: I would like to fund the discs and not the t-shirts.
        + Justin: I vote to only support the discs and not the shirts.
        + Aura: Sounds like the number in the air is $600 for discs only.
        + Priscilla: I am confused number or discs only.
        + Marin: I vote in the discs only.
        + Aura: We are deciding to find them the discs only to whatever the number comes out.
      * Update on the meeting with Janet Napolitano.
      * Two Resolutions presented:
        + Fossil Fuel Divestment

Majority in favor of resolution

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Majority favor in the resolution

* + - * Voted on the IVC funding request and it passed
      * Appointed a SUA Treasurer.
  + Academic Senate
    - Not yet
  + Sectary
    - Open Position
  + Public Relations
  + Appointment process: 1 student interested Margret Esguerra
    - * The interested candidate will introduce themselves and the step out; MSG will then come up with questions and ask the candidate, then make their decision.
      * Questions: (1Minute Response to each question)
        + Previous experience in being involved in student government and /or with public relations.
        + What her vision is as far outreaching to Merrill students?
        + How are you going to manage your time commitments and if there conflicts how will you handle it?
      * Margret Esguerra was appointed to the position of Public Relations
        + Vote 8 yays, 0 nays,1 abstention
  + Treasurer
    - No report
  + MAC:
    - First meeting this past Monday, there were 3 new people!
    - We thought of a lot of ideas and stuff.
    - Kristen and Gillian choose the top 3 that were possible
      * Swing Dance Class
      * Fingering Painting Station
      * Movie Night, legit one with Brave and Monsters Inc.
    - Weekly meetings on Monday at 7:30pm, third floor of Casa Latina.
  + Vice Chair
    - None
  + Chair:
    - None
  + Advisor:
    - College night was pleasing, first college night that I ran from top to bottom.
    - One on One with Alex about the Website,
      * We can have a quick link and permanent banner, but no large scale over-haul of website
      * Proposed a one-quarter MSG bulk email to all Merrill Students. Approval will have to be from Alex.
        + What is MSG is, time date and location, what we do.
        + Open positions,
        + Link to MSG Website, contact, Facebook.
        + Tone should be less professional and very “Come Join us, we are so much fun”
        + Office Hours
* Announcements
  + Halloween Dance Tomorrow
  + Rocky Horror Live tomorrow night and Saturday at Midnight
* Motion to Adjourn by Katie Seconded by Marin at 9:15 pm.