

MSG meeting January 29, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Chair Victor Garcia

Roll Call

- ✓ Alexandra (SUA rep)
- ✓ Itai
- ✓ Jason
- ✓ Morgan
- ✓ Kristen (advisor)
- ✓ Kimberly (PR)
- ✓ Mario (Academic Senate)
- ✓ Bryan
- ✓ Patricia Gonzalez (Secretary)
- ✓ Victor Garcia (Chair)
- ✓ Bianca (SUA Alt.)
- ✓ Katrik (SUA rep)
- ✓ Kenley (Core Council)
- ✓ Marin Gamboa (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Lily
- ✓ Hannah
- ✓ Emma
- ✓ Cole

Deciding to Hear

a. Violence Prevention

Victor: There are 3-4 Merrill students registered as part of this program. Purpose of event is to address Safe sexual assault facts, support students who have been sexually assaulted and have Interactive workshop and events. This program is a safe haven for students to seek support and healing. Take action against violence. Not a ticketed event. Social media platforms. All colleges. Class announcements. Aimed at raising awareness. Change dynamics of sexual assault. Expect 30 Merrill students to attend. Violence convention prevention. April 23rd. Porter dining hall. Laci Green YouTuber will be there.

Mario: I motion to hear them.

Katrik: I second.

Motion passes

b. Gaia Magazine

Victor: Spring 2015, volume number 7. Campus environmental student magazine. All students can be part of it. 2-unit internship. One member from Merrill. Their plan for advertising includes fliers. Publishing cultural and social articles which fit with Merrill ethos. 3 students from Merrill submit work. Asking for \$200. No budget yet.

Alexandra: I motion to hear them

Bianca: I second.

Motion passes.

Officer Reports

- a. Academic Senate-**Mario**: Our first meeting is on Feb. 18
- b. Core Council- **Kenley**: meeting postponed
- c. Public Relations-**Kimberly**: nothing and making poster for the football event
- d. Student Committees and Committees – **Emma**: Cooking workshop at community room from 6pm-8:30pm tonight at Merrill and Crown Community rm. Game night Baobab lounge. College 9 new wiiu. Cowell alumni. Kresge porter event. Cowell three generations Jan. 30. This Saturday Kresge Porter Carnival at 3pm and it is a free event. One appointment to the teaching committee. We are planning on having a Nerd Night with snacks for our sister college event. And trivia. Do you guys have any comments?
Marin: talk to some of the clubs that do that.
- e. Student Union Governance Board-not here
- f. Student union Assembly
Alex: a lot of funding request. And planning a lot of activities: cook out, drive in movie. Chose some that we will do and wont because we lack the funds. SOFA made allocations for that. Presentation on the power structure of the UC and if you are curious I will send that out. Also Commissioner of Diversity \$2000 funding from our general fund to do holy festival which is an Indian tradition. Throw starch colors for that. If you have any ideas about that..
Bee: powder
Alex: yes and it is safe for the environment.
Kartik: I know that in Indian they use Water guns for this festival as well.
Alex: Last year was very fun event. Don't think that we should fund the \$2000?
Marin: did a lot of people attend.
Alex: I think they are expecting 3000 this year to attend.
Victor: in the field?
Alex: Yes the field is open for special events. It is free but they have an option to giving a 5 dollar for a charity for people who have stepped in land mines in India for prosthetic legs so technically a price could be determined. The song that you here in the video is by an artist who going to be there again this year for the event. I think that that is it.
- g. Student Fee advisory Committee
Alex: After a quarter and a few weeks we finalized our recommendations for funding. We got 28 funding requests. Working on how much to fund. These numbers are not set in stone but they are most likely going to be it. We are funding Cantu Queer center because they have a run down facility and staffing issues that they have to focus on fundamental parts of it so we funded \$163,200 for three years of funding. There was the resource centers for student staffing like interns taking weights from the tedious staff. Have \$287,000 in reserves and \$14,000 in measure 7 funding so we get to make funding allocation based of the money we have. Not finalized because SFAC can't make the decision Alison Galloway does that is why it is a recommendation. Crossing the finish line (EOP) is not funded because of their numbers (who didn't finish the program) didn't seem like the program was the most effective thing. Decided to give them a instead, like at risk senior coaching for seniors before they leave school. We decided not to fund the Asian Pacific Islander because we weren't sure who the alumni mentors would be and whether they would be certified to mentor. Surplus didn't have a good funding proposal.

Alex: Two meetings ago presentation on referendum that is maybe going to be on the ballot. We give our opinion on it and whether student fees should be spent on that. 117 student fee there are tons of things that want to be done expanding intermural. Increasing the fee 2.75%. Cruz care access for all. Comes with UC Ship you pay 90 to get regular checkups and a few emergency things. The health center has issues with students coming in for emergency they have a huge payment that they have to make. Putting off getting health care that they need. 90 per quarter make it mandatory for everyone to have cruz care. Going up because next year it will be 100 going up even more because there is a return to aid. Student who can't afford would then receive that money. Making health care on our campus public good. Learning support services. This is just a fee to have more staff and tutoring.

Bianca: I think that it is a great thing.

Alex: Student at large position on SFAC. This past meeting discussed and decided to keep the at large position for this year. Discussed that SUA doesn't have any really sway in what SFAC does so not one can really tell us what we can do. Purpose is to report back to SUA and SUA already has someone who reports back already. That position is getting paid.

- h. Merrill Activities Council- **Hannah:** First event is tomorrow game night 7pm-10pm at baobab and have pop tarts and such. You should come by! Next event Monday Feb 9 Valentine card making event Fire side lounge. Winter Semi-formal at the Merrill Cultural Center Feb 27 from 9pm-1pm. If you want to help out and make things meeting are Wednesdays at the fire side. Selling tickets for that. Feb. 11 selling them in the dining hall. And crown making an event. Social fiction conference: looking at the mass media appeal of science fiction but also the ethical part of it and how it is applied to daily life. So that is coming up.
- i. Community Service Rep-nothing
- j. RA Liaison-Super bowl Feb 1 this Sunday the BBQ. Come early if you want food.
- k. Secretary-Patricia: Discussed whether or not to hear Gaia magazine and Violence Prevention next week and decided we should. Also we hear back from most of the officers and events that are going to be happening around campus.
- l. Treasurer-not here
- m. Vice Chair- what do I even report
- n. Chair- **Victor:** porter kresge on sat at 3. March for Real Climate leadership. Cross college senate conference on the 28 at the porter dining hall and we are all going to be there so we still need to plan it. It would be really nice if we could all go. The vice chair will be representing it all day.
- o. Advisor-Kristen: Family day there is a resource fair there so MSG has a table reserved for us. Also we are going to be selling T-shirts Saturday Feb 27. Veronica She started yesterday. So she will be here next week.

Announcements

Itai: Brief mention of should MSG getting another Bus stop on the other side.

Victor: bring that up to SUA.

Hannah: There is going to be a survey in regards to making the campus more efficient for students. Also do you remember a microwave in Banana Joes?

Kenley: I remember a box that looked like a microwave.

Adjournments

Hannah: I motion to adjourn

Mario: I second

Adjourned at 8:45pm