**Merrill Student Government Meeting**

**October 9, 2014**

**Meeting called to order by Victor Garcia at**

**Roll Call**

* Victor Garcia (Chair)
* Kamiah Dix (new member)
* Kristen Man (advisor)
* Chandler (new member)
* Gillian Rooker (Treasurer)
* August (new member)
* Patricia Gonzalez (Secretary)
* Bianca (new member)
* Samantha Mok (new member)
* Morgen (new member)
* Kinley (member at large)
* Lily (new member)
* Matt (new member)
* Kimberly (new member)
* Michael Liber (member at large)
* Hannah Tuong (MAC)
* Jason Fujinega (new member)
* Mario Gaspar (new member)

**Funding Requests-Deciding to fund**

1. **Swing Dancing**

**Victor:** Normally we a paper copy of the funding request which we pass around but today we only have one.

**Kristen:** Next Saturday at 8pm? Bring your friends we are having a ballroom dance club and they are going to be teaching some swing dances and MAC is going to be helping out with decorations.

**Hannah**: Basically as a funding body…

**Victor:** There’s a website link on our page if you want to submit a funding request after which it is decided on and if it goes with our ethos we decide whether or not to hear them out then if we do decide to hear them out we decide if we want to fund them and how much to give them. We get $1000 per quarter. The max we can fund an event or club is $200. Questions? This is only the second meeting so you do not have any voting rights but on the third meeting you receive voting rights. This space is meant for you to express your opinions and essentially to hear you out. The swing dance is happening on Oct. 18 due to its proximity we decided to hear them. They are asking for $200.

**Hannah:** By the way when a group comes in to ask for funding and let’s say they ask for $200 you don’t have to fund them the complete $200 unless we decided otherwise.

**Michael:** I can’t think when we funded an event the full amount so they aren’t necessarily expecting the full funding.

**Victor:** We like to see how it relates to our ethos.

**Hannah:** Dancing is a big part of culture in general all around the world. Teaching everyone an aspect of America… Way to express ourselves. Get out and be actively learning. Exploring cultural identities and expressing global consciousness. My friend in OC now in States San Fran and get around in America. Dancing is a universal language.

**Kristen:** Why are you asking for $200?

**Hannah:** We don’t need $200 but we are setting this price for marketing reasons and seeing what I can get from there. So if I were to get the full $200 it would go towards bumping up the decoration or we would give it back to the MSG.

**Bianca:** Is this event like a lesson class?

**Hannah:** Yes! The first half will be teaching the steps then the rest of the night will be open floor swing dancing. A social event where you ask anyone to dance. It’s so amazing …We can teach you the Carlton. Next Saturday.

**Victor:** Now I will open it up to everyone to discuss whether or not to fund the swing dancing event. After presenter they usually leave. So anyone wants to give their input.

**Gillian:** It sounds like a fun idea and it does fit our ethos.

**Bianca:** I agree and if we were to fund them a little bit more it can be used for snacks as a form of incentive for people to come to the event.

**Kimberly:** Hey want to dance?

**Victor:** If we agree someone can make a motion, since it is only your second meeting a voting member has to make the motion.

**Kimberly:** I’m worried that this is a female event.

**Victor:** There are a lot of males that go to these events.

**Gillian:** I went to the Tango event and there were a lot of guys that went.

**Michael:** Whenever there’s a congregation of women most guys will be drawn to go.

**Kenley:** I motion to fund the swing dancing event.

**Gillian:** I second.

**Victor:** Objections? (NO)

**Kenley:** I think $50 is a good amount or less than $100.

**Michael:** When there are more than one funding requests we don’t want to use one funding request to judge another unless we run out.

**Gillian:** $35?

**Bianca:** $42?

**Gillian:** $40?

**Kristen:** What if the snack money isn’t enough?

**Bianca:** First come first serve.

**Morgen:** And if we do have extra food we could use it for future events.

**Michael:** If they don’t spend it all then it comes back to us.

**Gillian:** I motion to fund Hannah’s swing dancing event $40.

**Michael:** I second that.

**Victor:** Any objections? (No)

**Motion approved by Consensus**

**Victor:** Moving on officer reports normally we would have a lot more on the agenda. So we had a meeting about elections. Same procedure the survey money and how you qualify for the job and how you apply those qualities to that position. Your statement about yourselves and what makes you qualified. 2.5 GPA and above. Voting will be opened next week. We will also put the website to see what position are. Maybe the email will go out tomorrow morning. I want to open it up to all of Merrill we like to open it up to all the student but we put academics first. Email, name etc. If you do chose to campaign send copy of poster to make sure that it is appropriate. Anything else that we should say?

**Kristen:** When will we announce it?

**Victor:** Friday of next week you will probably know if you got the position.

**Morgen:** if you happen to fund and run out of money. How often do you spill over?

**Victor:** It really depends on the event. Like last year we really wanted to fund them and it went really well with our ethos. Money not the issue.

**Hannah**: Cannot exceed the funding we have $3000 for the whole academic year.

**Morgen:** how do we deal with unfilled positions?

**Victor:** 4th meeting email me for the position and I will put you on the agenda so you can speak to you and we will appoint you. New committee community service.

**Officer Reports**

**Victor:** Basically all the positions require you go to meetings and take notes which you will then report back on to the space.

1. **Academic senate -** No
2. **Core Council-** No
3. **SCOC-**No
4. **SUA** –Oct. 21 she couldn’t make it today but we need 2 plus alternate.
5. **Secretary**- **Patricia:** I took minutes on the issues that were discussed in the space.
6. **Treasurer**- funded swing event 40.. we have 2960 but only 960 for this quarter
7. **Vice-Chair**-leave of absence
8. **MAC- Hannah**: Mondays at 7:30/8pm probably Casa Latina.. a lot of fun… we are going to have poster making for that tomorrow at 5 30 B dorm and Saturday at 10am in the same place also just for advertisement. Also decorating the room the theme is Industrial Gatsby. Help set up 7-8
9. **Chair**- **Victor**: I had a meeting with the council of chairs. Retention making sure that everyone stays. Making it more fun and interactive and making more community service rep where that person in charge of finding things for Merrill community service. Cross College to bring all the colleges together maybe a retreat to meet everyone.. it’s a good way to make new connections. Also thinking of doing break the world record here at UCSC.. Also mini music festival bring in international artists Sound cloud to bring artist in from Europe and Asia.. but I will keep you updated. Colleges working as changes their constitution. The more people we have the better and hear a lot of the Merrill voices. Talked a lot about outreach and get the name of MSg out there more. Also colleges talked about SUA help us out of the mini festival 150,000 so they have money to help events out. Email from Stevenson chair to apply for the student of color conference and I will forward the email.

**Hannah:** UCLA last year and the location is bided on by a UC school. Area to discuss learn diversity huge issue. Educational and an experience meet other people from UC school. Three essays that you have to answer and how will you be able to bring this back and educate others. This year at UC Merced. Its student travel you can apply to be a driver and you have a higher chance of going your expenses will be paid by the school.

1. Advisor- **Kristen:** no updates additional opportunities alumni engagement 20 hours a week paid development office

**Adjournment**

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

**Kenley:** I second.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm**