

## Merrill Student Government

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Victor Garcia

### Roll Call

- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Kimberly (Public Relations)
- ✓ Mario (Academic senate)
- ✓ Emma (Student Committee On Committees)
- ✓ Veronica (Advisor)
- ✓ Max
- ✓ Eddie (Student Union Governance Board designated alternative)
- ✓ Shamus
- ✓ Bryan
- ✓ Alexandra (Student Union Assembly rep/ Student Fees Advising Committee)
- ✓ Victor (Chair)
- ✓ Itai
- ✓ Katrik
- ✓ Gillian
- ✓ Carlos (RA)
- ✓ Hannah (Merrill Activities Committee)
- ✓ Feriha (Student Governance Union Board)
- ✓ Cole
- ✓ Lily (Community service rep)
- ✓ Norberto

### Office of Academic Affairs

**Max:** Residents will receive an email from Student services on class and lecture survey. This survey has been around for 5 years now. Question this survey addresses: Have students been getting to class on time. It takes a couple of minutes with the more challenging it gets for you. This survey started the wait list option in the student porta and is used to tailor particular classes. Incentives behind grand prize iPad mini. Other options buy tree gift cards. Tell all your friends to take it. Disclaimer: You need to be in your ucsc account to take it to not get duplicates. Changes in academic department. Just take it please. Almost at 2000 responses and want to get 20 to 30% of the student body.

### Funding Request:

#### a. D-Dorm Kitchen 7:22pm

**Carlos:** I am an RA. Looking to provide the D-Dorm kitchen with supplies and utensils but we don't have stuff in them. Facilitate programs and RA's look for funding. Hoping we can get funding to put on programs but we don't have stuff for the kitchens. Also useful for RA staying over vacation. Asking for \$200.

**Katrik:** Cost break down?

**Carlos:** I can. The idea is that you get something that is cheap because we need to stretch out our money as much as we can. So far spoons, forks, salad bowl have been donated. We have flat wear but need additional items.

#### Decision to fund

**Alex:** I motion to fund the D-Dorm Kitchen.

**Eddie:** I second.

**Motion passes by consensus**

**How much**

**Bryan:** They didn't give us a break down of how they would allocate the money.

**Kimberly:** I feel like they could have more donations. I feel like that's a lot of money and feel weird that they are coming to us for money.

**Eddie:** I feel like it is excessive but I think it would help all RA programs.

**Victor:** I can ask them for an itemized budget. We can table this for next week with stipulation they provide a budget. Won't help only RA's but everyone too.

**Eddie:** I motion to table until itemized budget.

**Brian:** I second.

**Motion passes by consensus**

### **Constitutional committee**

**Victor:** Friday mornings are good for me. So sending out email for next Friday at 10am. Alex, Katrik and Eddie.

### **Officer Reports**

- a. Academic Senate: **Mario:** First meeting yesterday. Chancellor 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Alumni council this year you don't have to pay to be in the council. Ongoing campaign 100 million and goal is 300 million. The committee of two talking about funding for the UC system. Purpose amendment senator Ricardo placed on the 2016 ballot. Admission this year 55,000 for 2015 11% increase from this year. The Vice Chancellor increase enrollment working on selectivity. Next two years will receive more funding to hire more faculty. Goals: lessen the work load burden. Heard from committee on financial aid: getting rid of process of looking at applicants. CEP plan to expand the letter grade option such as C-. Jay, Faculty assistant from student success talked about graduation goals: make student here have better, only grants money based on enrollment but more effective to get more money for how many students graduation through summer program 10 credits for writing preparation and such. Proposal for extension on UC Santa Cruz people unsure of the benefits. Improve resources that they have for international students.
- b. Core Council- funding for Indian Student Association, Delta sigma Theta event, Circus slugs, Matchbox Magazine and eye candy.
- c. Public Relations- nothing to report.
- d. SCOC- **Emma:** Event called rex at fireside lounge. Semi-formal next Friday, Stevenson is having a hike Sunday at 8 in the upper quad. Power outage, Wed Cowell poetry slam
- e. SGUB- **Ferhia:** fund for computers. Letters got them from Merrill/Crown Stevenson and Cowell working on Porter, College 10 and Kresge. Breakfast March 18<sup>th</sup>
- f. SUA- **Alex:** Went over the referendum for the elections in the spring. Representation from Don Lane having a slug parade downtown wanted our input if students would do floats and different organization could make one. Report about general fund that goes to anything. Had one referendum presentation on Cruz Care. Next week voting whether or not we want to sponsor it to put it on the ballot for spring elections. Athletic is \$117 fee per student per quarter, had student come in and how they aren't big but they could be in the future for buying their equipment and travel expenses. Increasing amount of money going to athletics would be an incentive for students to come here. Learning support services Fee tutoring, MSI

and Ace academic support outside of the classroom, this fee would increase fee to 12 dollars classes for tutoring smaller make it more accessible to students.

**Katrik:** I support this

**Itai:** for something good and a manageable amount of increase.

**Alex:** SUA constitutional amendments written by Brad. One of the big chances is taking any organizer directors office because bringing in vice president of student life and that office would have the same roll, make it an officer position.

- g. SFAC- **Alex:** this weekend going to UCLA for council on student fees. Talk about tuition and where everything is going with that. Talk about CSF campaigns such as referendum every student fee has a sunset clause, people get to stop it. This week during our meeting we had a presentation from the seismic retrofitting group, started in 2006 seismic retrofitting buildings on campus list of 24 and they have 6 left they have a bunch of money that has been allocated to this. But they need another, 700,068 because problems in student union building and 6 of the beams have to be replaced. Break down 500, 013 come from the seismic life safe fee among of others.
- h. MAC- **Hannah:** Lunar New Year craft night. Next event is the 21<sup>st</sup> the ballroom dancing from 7-9pm. Tabling for semi-formal for 2 dollars from 9pm-1am. Meeting from 7-8pm in the art room.
- i. Community Service rep-**Lily:** Family student housing carnival, fully functional. Finally got back from the homeless garden and they sent me a list of going to the store. Looking for volunteers. Farm day Thursdays, Fridays, Saturday, Sundays.
- j. Ra Liasion-no here
- k. Secretary- heard funding presentation by RA for the D-dorm kitchen, decided to fund but not until itemized budget is presented, and heard back from the officers.
- l. Treasurer- **Gillian:** \$299 left in this quarter
- m. Vice Chair
- n. Chair
  - a. Spirit Week Committee: join to talk about spirit. Monday at 8pm in the art room.
  - b. MSG Float: taking about mayor Don lane mighty 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for city the Santa Cruz but also for the university. Fun to make a float. Let's do a routine for a dance October of this year
  - c. Student Program Fee: all program officers thinking about raising the fee to 2 or 3 out of your pocket and benefit from it. MSG more money to fund.
  - d. Community Rules: one person at a time. Work done then we can have fun. Contentious issues make sure everyone feels safe. Don't attack others. Don't use "we" rather "I".
  - e. Cruz Care
- o. Advisor- **Veronica:** Forming glitter ball committee, pottery co-opt design bench competition. Merrill Fellow and RA representing election committee the competition in 2 weeks submission is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Merrill spirit week programs and CRE' meeting next Thursday for programming ideas. Fillable pdf to submit for funds is corrupted so figuring out how to do fillable form but looking like google doc. Alumni Day temporary mural so getting some canvas and incorporated Merrill's ethos.

## Announcements

**Lily:** Mario's birthday tomorrow

## Adjournment

**Lily:** I motion to adjourn

**Mario:** I second

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm**

**No funding: \$299 remaining for this quarter**