**Merrill Student Government**

**October 16, 2014**

**Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Victor Garcia**

**Roll Call**

* Bianca
* Lily
* Kimberly
* Kamiah
* Kristen (Advisor)
* August
* Mitye
* Sam
* Ferija
* Morgan
* Kenley
* Cole
* Gillian (Treasurer)
* Victor (Chair)
* Michael
* Hannah (MAC)
* Patricia (Secretary)

**Elections**

**Victor**: I know a lot of you are running and on Sunday night we will announce the winners and on Monday the winners will be announce to all the Merrill students. Also we have reached almost 100 voters. If you become an SUA rep this Tuesday you have your first meeting and all the other committees and reps will get an email with your tasks. So now we will talk about the retreat. Kristen and I thought it would be a good time to have it in the month of November like Saturday most likely. Is there a specific date?

**Kristen:** Nov. 8th because it is earlier in the quarter.

**Michael:** The retreats in previous years have happened during the first week or two of winter quarter. I don’t know if that’s a tradition.

**Bianca:** I motion to have the retreat on the 8th of November.

**Approved by consensus**

**Victor:** We will send out an email with the location. Are we allowed to give rides?

**Gillian:** I think we are maybe we just need waivers?

**Victor:** If anyone needs a ride we will work that out. It’s a pot luck sort of thing you aren’t required to bring anything but if you want to you can. Any questions? We will give out more information as we get closer.

**Officer Reports**

1. Academic senate-no
2. Core Council- no
3. Public Relations- np
4. Student Committees On Committees- no
5. Student Union Assembly-no
6. Student Union Governance Board-no
7. Merrill Activities Committee- no
8. Secretary- **Patricia:** I took minutes on Elections and on officer reports.
9. Treasurer-**Gillian:** Nothing last week we funded Hannah 40 dollars for the swing dancing event
10. Vice Chair-no
11. Chair-**Victor:** talk a little bit about the council of chair meeting. They asked me to ask if you were to meet all the college senates what you would like to talk about.

**Morgan:** Their different events in their colleges and spread the world.

**Bianca:** The constitutions

**Victor:** I will bring that to the space. During the meeting we were starting our constitution because council of chairs does not have a constitution. So it would be like Roberts rules but not taken lightly. Titles we have a secretary, vice chair, and chair. Finances so try to do fund raising and ask SUA. Do you think respective colleges should give funds to the council of chairs to unify colleges and plan events and make them happen? It would go towards meet and greet and world record breaking.

**Michael:** World record?

**Victor:** Council of chairs in order to unify all the colleges have something fun to do and get people to talk.

**Michael:** Only government people?

**Victor:** Everyone is welcomed but it’s an event planned by the council of chairs.

**Bianca:** Where would the money come from?

**Victor:** from fund raising and also funding requests from the council of chairs to us. I wanted to see if you guys are okay with that or opposed?

**Bianca:** I would like to know their activities first.

**Victor:** They will come to us and present. Probably used for the events. We are also trying to pass a fee so tuition money could go to the council of chairs. How many in favor for accepting funding request from the council of chairs?

**9 yes and 4 abstention**

**Victor:** We will probably meet every two weeks or once a month. The meet and greet should probably be on the winter quarter. Stevenson incident Rosa Parks house three white males tore down posters they are dealing with racism. Something also town hall meeting where they open it up to all the students and talk about parliamentary issues. Oaks new CPC. College 8 running elections right now. Crown fall retreat and also elections right now. College ten nothing. Kresge SUA issues within the group. Porter had trouble with respective space. Here I see we are respective and allowed to talk and if you don’t feel comfortable feel free to email me, also cyber bullying and elections were brutal so a lot of our attention is going towards Porter and Stevenson. Also talked about Merrill get more outreach, constitution, voting right now. I wanted to make a meeting dedicated to the constitution because I think it is the best way to make changes to the constitution so next meeting we will be going over it and you should start reading that in case there is something that you feel should change. The music festival idea is probably not going to happen. And the record activity they wanted to have food and dodge ball and pillow fight they are considering the waste and that’s all I have to talk about. Anything you want me to bring back? (NO)

1. Advisor-**Kristen**: moving closely to bring a programs coordinator someone new will be joining us soon. Also we need help with propping doors so please don’t do that yourself and if you see other people doing it please tell them not to. So thank you for your time for that

**Student:** I feel that we should have posters that explain why they doors should remain closed.

**Kristen:** maybe we will send out an email that is more efficient that way.

**Victor:** any questions?

**Bianca:** I saw a rep of Merrill in Crown saying did you vote with candy on the side. Maybe candy would be a good incentive to vote.

**Victor:** we would do that but we would have had to book it in advance and we didn’t have the time to do that.

**August**: you should do these type of flyers (shows the flyer) the house that has the most votes gets 50 to use towards their events

**Michael:** so my name is Michael and I wanted to…I think nobody is forced into these room you all came here because you care about the college… be the change you want to see in the world- Ghandi. I feel like a lot of you have fantastic ideas for how we can run and work like the swing dancing event so I wanted to go around and for each of you to say what you wish to be seen here and I could take it back to the RA and maybe we can take and make it happen. I want the ideas to come out. Does anybody oppose this idea?

**Gillian:** I really like hide and go seek / tag

**Student:** I’d like to see where u could talk to everyone running like a panel and ask me why I’m running.

**Michael:** like all be in a room at the same time

**Kenley:** lack of buses I think there should be a to drive up the Merrill circle

**Michael:** the bus used to run out the Merrill circle and see why that is not happening anymore

**Student:** for the freshman students for their floor for the first week Friday night game night and its awkward when you go into the restroom and you don’t know the person and you’re in an intimate setting.

**Morgan:** I know that people in my hall are introverted so maybe have more events and get together to know each other’s names.

**Student:** one weekend out of the month college movie night to get together

**Sam:** Maybe combined college nights so we can get to know people from different colleges because I feel that people from Merrill probably never even met a person from like Oaks college.

**Chandler:** more community ideas and see more things happen in some of our spaces

**Mitye:** I did notice as an issue with building A the right entrance it takes forever to get the door to open.

**August:** I have no standing here I am from crown but I would like to see more crown and Merrill events.

**Gillian**: when is the crown Merrill formal?

**August:** The meeting starts meeting Nov. 4th

 **Kamiah:** more open mic events because there are a lot of people who have talent

**Kimberly:** I have a 5 day meal plan and we starve it was fun because on Sunday we went downtown to eat together. More Merrill spirit perhaps.

**Bianca:** Michael had a camp fire event where we made s’mores and it was awesome and it was packed and it was fun and there’s these awesome cool events and nobody notices and maybe a universal calendar that way…

**Michael:** it exists and you can click on them and see what is going on

**Bianca:** so advertising it and also I would like to see another bus stop at Merrill

**Michael:** We you think about how much money we have and how much it would cost and also think about physics I wouldn’t hold my breath on that.

**Victor:** Just want people to get together and meet each other and put up the name of MSG. \***Victor touches Michael’s finger\***

**Michael:** I have to go to school but thank you so much for your ideas I will bring them to your RAs and if you ever have those ideas …I was thinking that a fun event we could do would be going to a baseball game for 8 dollars per person and go together as college and get a bus.

**Everyone:** That’s a cool idea!

**Victor:** questions or announcements? (NO)

**Adjournment**

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

**Morgan:** I second.

**Meeting adjourned at 8pm**