**Merrill Student Government**

**October 30, 2014**

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

**Roll Call**

* Gillian (Treasurer)
* Brian
* Mario (Academic Senate Rep)
* Lily
* Kenley (Core Council)
* Emma (Student Committee On Committees)
* Michael
* Patricia ( Secretary)
* Kartik (Student Union Assembly)
* Chandler (Student Union Assembly)
* Bianca (Student Union Assembly)
* Morgen
* Kristen (Advisor)
* Kimberly (Public Relations)
* Karia (Student Governance Board)
* Mitai
* Victor (Chair)

**Community rules**

**Victor:** We want to create a safe environment. We want to make sure that everyone feels safe in here. So just go ahead and make your suggestions for community rules.

**Chandler:** I motion to be respectful.

**Bianca:** I second.

**Bianca:** I motion to pay attention to whoever speaks

**Victor:** Last year we had gender neutral language. So no “you guys” also not overgeneralize “I” statements.

**Michael:** I think that when people are having a disagreement I think we should talk towards victor. I motion my previous statement.

**Kartik:** I second.

**Katrik:** In the SUA meeting we talked about “no snapping” when people talk.

**Victor:** I think that any form of expression is fine. Maybe no yelling. Let’s not get that technical \*Michael starts snapping fingers\*. When we are doing officer reports I want to make sure that everyone gets to talk especially for those positions with more than one person but all one at a time. I would divide it up into topics. I want to make sure not all of you are talking over each other. And if someone wants to add on just make sure you do so respectfully.

**Victor:** So I will type them up. Motion for them to put them up?

**Kartik:** I motion to call to question on community agreements.

**Bianca:** I second.

**Victor:** I motion to accept agreements.

**Chandler:** I second.

**Victor:** So they will be put into place starting this meeting. So that concludes student agreements.

**Officer reports**

**Academic Senate**

**Mario:** Not much to report but the first meeting will be next Friday.

**Core council**

**Kenley:** I have nothing to report at the moment.

**Public Relations**

**Kim:** I am in the process of making posters to promote MSG.

**SCOC**

**Emma:** We appointed people to several committees: student fees, Opers, etc. and we are also in need of people to apply for other committees that we have and you can ask me after the meeting if you are interested.

**SUGS**

**Karina:** Nothing but our first meeting was yesterday.

**SUA**

**Kartik:** USSA education needs to improve and then budget presentation and carried forward funds were overestimated and see where we can cut funds from.

**Bianca:** Announcements. Stevenson arts and festival will be soon if you want more info you can check it out online. College 9 and 10 are having a 3D chalk event. Advised to speak to all colleges to vote because it is on Nov 4th. You consent giving a yes whenever you want something more talk on smoking areas. We set aside groups of money to cut. State of emergency negative outback. One way to balance out deficit to not. Tap resolution passed but it was amended. Merrill voted 2 yes and 2 no and it passed. More water bottles to freshman and have more at the bookstore.

**Kartik:** SUA declaring state of emergency might look bad as SUA reps and cut more costs instead but the point is that there is no point in protecting our image.

**Mitai**: Technically you don’t have to try to fix the budget because you can just take it from the reserves but it doesn’t look bad and in case of an emergency you have no ability to control. Employee work means comp that would be a perfect time to use that emergency money

**Bianca:** Does anyone know what SUA does? It’s the student council student fees and 8 of those dollars go to the SUA and decide where it should go. Important because we have the possibility of cutting that money. If we decide to cut back all the money we get back then what is the point of SUA. So ask for clarification.

**Michael:** So I’ve been part of SUA before. My personal thought on State of Emergency is I don’t think that we should do something to save face. I feel that it is a cop out reason and I hope most of SUA would not think like that. I will say that if there is going to be cutting on funding make sure that is coming out of USSA before what happens for the students.

**Katrik:** Even if one dollar is cut we would have to declare state of emergency.

**Bianca:** Yes.

**Chandler:** Maybe it would help... 1500 transition pay, 1000 sponsorship funding (don’t have to be a USCS student oriented but you want to do it for fun you would be able to do so) etc.

**Bianca:** First 6 or 7 things in our budgeting and the last two winter RSO funding, each quarter there is set aside money so we thought that if we took 1000 it wouldn’t make a difference.

**Kenley:** If you were to get money from the reserves where would it go towards?

**Bianca:** I can email you the budget most of it is from SUA things and we are still debating the exact amounts.

**Lily:** would it be put back?

**Bianca:** Yes last year it wasn’t followed that’s why we have a deficit.

**Brian:** What about fund raising?

**Bianca:** Not usually done by SUA. But is a good question. But can always ask.

**Michael:** Who’s the treasurer?

**Chandler:** We don’t have one yet.

**Michael:** No matter how we vote if you learn more in the meeting use your best judgment.

**8(YES)-4(NO)-3(Abstentions) for state of emergency**

**Student fees advisory committee**

**Victor:** not here

**MAC**

**Hannah:** Meetings are on Mondays from 7-8pm. We are working with Crown so if you have friends from Crown tell them to share your ideas to do stuff together and bond!

**Community Service Rep**

**Lily:** I have nothing to report.

**Treasurer**

**Gillian:** We have $2,960 left for the whole year and $960 for this quarter. Last week we decided that we would decide how much money we wanted for snacks like last year thanks to Michael.

**Victor:** You can make a motion to decide if you want it to be each quarter.

**Bianca:** I motion $150 this quarter and $200 every other quarter.

**Katrik:** $96 for the whole year.

**Chandler:** Who would bring the snacks?

**Gillian:** I could.

**Mario:** $50 for this quarter and $100 for the remainder of the year.

**Katrik:** I don’t think we need that much money.

**Hannah:** We have a retreat and we have directory diet needs.

**Mario:** $50 because we are half way towards our meeting…$300 for the rest so $100 per quarter.

**Victor:** Keep in minds that let’s say we didn’t spend that money and we could have used it to fund to an org.

**Hannah:** I motion to table discussion.

**Chandler:** I second.

**UCSC Police Presentation**

**Tony:** I have stickers and they do come with a lot of responsibility. I am trying to go to every senate and demonstrate how I can be of use. Know your rights. Citizen academy one a week 5-7pm at the police department learn the laws of arrest and traffic stops and take cruise to jail. You can drive a police car and learn that process. Also night escort service Mon –Thurs 12am-12pm only of campus for now. Few more outreach events a bbq with badges and if you have any questions we answer them and also the same thing with coffee. A working relationship and if you have questions email me. You can find the number in the pamphlets.

**Victor:** Community service involvement?

**Tony:** If you find a group interested in doing outreach with us then it could be considered community service.

**Michael:** Halloween night at cultural center and on Saturday a big carnival going on. Tell your friends and the person sitting next to you on the bus.

**Victor:** Would you be interested of having the title as an RA rep?

**Michael:** That would be awesome!

**Bianca:** I motion to make Michael an RA rep.

**Chandler:** I second.

**Hannah:** We have to update it in our constitution?

**Victor:** Yes.

**Jeremy Presentation**

**Jeremy:** Hi everybody. I’m the Assistant college coordinator. I am your new Kristen Weaver. I encourage you to check out the website. Both MSG and MAC have access to Merrill art room for new bees we do have rules. General art room rules: common use items such as staplers, glue use them the only thing is that if you are using a numerous amount of items let me know to keep them in stock also put everything back when you are done using it. Bio wear adds up quickly. If you check out movies and such make sure that you write your name in the checkout system. Laminating sheets I only ask that they aren’t used for a onetime thing. Be smart with resource usage. I love you all!

**SNACKS**

**Chandler:** So I think we should only vote on this quarter.

**Katrik:** I motion to vote on snacks only for this quarter.

**Gillian:** I second.

**Bianca:** I motion to allocate $50 to this quarter.

**Hannah:** Are we limited to where we can shop?

**Victor:** Yes, Safeway or Costco.

**Mario:** I second Bianca’s motion.

**SFAC**

**Alexandra:** SFAC oversees student fees. We are deciding how to fund the upper quarry amphitheater project. We need to fix it and there is a group of people who are working on a design on it for a while. You pay into this and they go into reserves so they presented what they are planning to do with the amphitheater. First phrase making it accessible and safe. So putting railings and just making it safe. It can be used for graduations and can hold 2500 and also programs for throughout the year. The second phase they want to put in a whole new thing like with a kitchen and stuff and a backstage areas for people to get ready and then put in a smart stage which would add a lot of features to it. They said they would try to keep the natural look but add cool things to it. Phase one summer 2016 if money and phase 2 they would have to fund raise for it so it would take a while longer. 7,380,000 for phase one and 10,600,000 for phase 2.

**Bianca:** Cut down a tree?

**Alexandra:** I believe they did say that. Any concerns? (YES) so they would have to cut the tree down because it would obstruct the views of 250 seats. But someone did make a point that in the 1900 there weren’t many trees here and these trees grow faster than we think. Probably about 40 years it wasn’t there and now it is. So we suggested they plant a new try to make up for that. How much we want to give the project. Do we actually want them to do the project? With the phase 2 part smart stage would attract different performers to come during the summer time (conference services). I will say that a lot of people are concerned about phase 2. Some think that it is unnecessary.

**Victor:** If they cut down the tree would they have a memorial for it. Like make the tree log into something.

**Mitai:** make the signs out of the tree.

**Hannah:** deadline?

**Alexandra:** maybe around April. I went to a meeting for the council of student fees and one thing that I wanted to discuss about is that we had this presentation about tuition and what we are paying for and the state is paying for and tuition is going up in the next 5 years. 50 million UC asked state to give us to work on facilities and stuff and the senate and assembly passed that and Governor Jerry Brown vetoed it. Janet Napolitano to raise salaries for the chancellors and so she has an advisory committee which is composed of the chancellors and stating that is a priority to raise the salaries of the chancellors so it’s going to that the tuition fees that are raised. I’m going to leave it at that.

**Chair**

**Victor:** I have nothing to talk about.

**Advisor**

**Kristen:** Next weekend Nov. 8th at 12pm is our MSG retreat. It’s a potluck and I am planning some activities. It will be at Wesley Park.

**Victor:** For college nights who do we talk to if we have ideas? Do we tell Jeremy?

**Kristen:** Yeah.

**Alexandra:** next one?

**Kristen:** Nov. 18th from Lego movie

**Victor:** Constitution review?

**Bianca:** I table to next meeting.

**Chandler:** I second.

**Victor:** Constitution meeting. Next week Tuesday or Thursday in the morning at 11am-1pm. So I will set up the committee.

**Alexandra:** read beforehand and write down concerns you have.

**Announcements**

-talking to other reps and they collaborate with other colleges to set up events

**Adjournment**

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

**Bianca:** I second.

**Meeting adjourned at 9pm**