

Merrill Student Government Meeting April 28, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:09pm by Chair Victor Garcia

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Erin
- ✓ Emily
- ✓ Mario (1st meeting)
- ✓ Kartik
- ✓ Chloe (SCOC)
- ✓ Mila (Community Service Rep)
- ✓ Jessica (KMEC)
- ✓ Annie (KMEC)
- ✓ Chandler (SFAC)
- ✓ Morgan (SUA)
- ✓ Vero (Advisor)
- ✓ Itai
- ✓ Jason
- ✓ Lily (MAC)
- ✓ Gillian (Treasurer)
- ✓ Mia
- ✓ Thomas
- ✓ Victor (Chair)
- ✓ Kimberly (PR)
- ✓ Mario (Academic Senate)
- ✓ Brian
- ✓ Bianca (SUA)
- ✓ Marin
- ✓ Kenley

2. Funding Requests

Kresge Multicultural Education Committee

-11 annual

-May 14th

-begins with March 12pm quarry plaza and stops at each college

-free giveaways

-March ends 2pm at Kresge Lower Street Festival (Saturn and Taqueria Vallarta)

-Student org entertainment

-600 attendees every year

-event is free, everyone is welcomed

-celebrating LGBTQ awareness

-encourage community and personal development

-Social inclusiveness

-advertisement: flier two weeks before the event (reslife, programs, bus stops)

-Collaborating with Taps and City on a Press

-bio ware, bio bags,

-swag: everything is reuseable

-T-shirt contribute to advertisements: symbol of support for the LGBTQ community

-Kresge, Kmec, SUA, campus sustainability, dean of students

Q: all day event?

A: 12pm-6pm

Q: what time passing through Merrill?

A: Can get back to you on that

Q: This year trying to make more resources if LGBTQ? How is it shifted from previous years?

A: Focusing more on the history of pride and how it began. More education focused.

Q: Entertainment?

A: UCSC Cheer team, high tones, pretty good list

Deciding to Fund

Marin: I motion to fund

Chandler: I second.

No objections. Motion passes

Kartik: I motion to fully fund

Mario: I second.

Itai: I object. I think \$200 is a bit much.

Lily: I think we should fully fund because Kresge Pride is a big event for the LGBTQ community and it is a very big event. There is a stop at Merrill. The support the event.

Thomas: I feel like they know what they want and are doing planning wise.

Bee: I motion to table

Mario: I second.

Kartik. I object. I resend my motion.

Motion passes

Emily: Service they are providing and giveaways and fliers it's a lot that they have to accomplish.

Lily: The amount of people they serve there is a lot of people there.

Kartik: People really like it. Culture of UCSC.

Itai: Maybe \$150. But since there seems to be general consensus might as well vote on it.

Victor: all those is favor of fully funding?

17 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions

Motion passes to fully fund \$200.

Chloe: I motion to move SCOC to now.

Bee; I second

Motion passes

SCOC- Friday May 6th 3-7pm Kresge/Porter art theme gallery (bring art and make your own buttons with your art)

b. Springapalooza

-Campus wide- event

-Funding from: SUA \$200 and Crown student Senate funding \$200

-flier, social media

-Vivas will serve chips and salsa

-Saturday, May 21st

-each band will perform 20 minutes

-volunteer sheet (snow cones, popcorn)

Q: what are you looking forward for this event?

A: the execution progress and see it brought to live.

Victor: Asking for \$150 from MSG to fund this event

Bianca: I motion to fund

Emily: I second.

Lily: I object. I resend my objection.

Motion passes to fund

Decide how much

Itai: I motion to fully fund.

Emily: I second.

Lily: I object. I think we should fund them less because it is on the same day as the multicultural festival. Worried about the attendees.

Kimberly: I think we should fund this event for the event itself even though there is another bigger event. I do think people would go.

Bee: This is the first time this event is happening so see how successful it may/may not be. Good feedback for next year.

Emily: Everyone will see it that lives in the dorm.

Victor: All those in favor of fully funding

18 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions

Funding Springapalooza \$150

Deciding to hear

a. Visit Alcatraz

- students into the field to visit one of the most famous prisons in the world
- Physiological
- ticketed event: \$25 (helped with funding)
- advertise: Merrill RA newsletter
- ethos: Incarceration is not the way to address social disobedience
- asking for \$200

Emily: I motion to hear

Mario: I second

No objections motion passes

b. Lick Observatory

- Mount Hamilton
- May 14th
- Asking for \$108
- 1 Merrill affiliate
- educating about space and science
- advertise: experience Lick can bring
- perspective on what it means to be human
- 15 Merrill to participate
- \$85 per van, trip cost \$350, \$10 per person
- \$108 from Crown Senate and asking for \$108 from Merrill

Lily: I motion to invite them to present

Kartik: I second

No objections. Motion passes.

3. Roles of MSG

a. Expectations

- attendance is important
- thorough officer reports
- respectful of one another/ address the chair no the individual
- engage with questions during your officer meetings
- not here to silence anyone
- at event that we have most the help comes from the same individuals so remind everyone that as part of being in MSG it is expected of you to go to some of the events that we host.
- make sure your excuses are really an emergency: **email me excuses**
- not about how long the meetings take us but rather on how much we get done
- expected for you to be here throughout the whole meeting
- Bee:** when discussing a funding request we make a lot of assumptions that we have control over the actual request or event. We play a lot of the "what if" game tedious argument because of knit picking and it gets frustrating.
- Lily:** beginning of the quarter go over the rules as a reminder

b. Elections

- Campus Elections May 11th – 17th
- make sure we all vote as student leaders and educate them on where to vote but **not** who or what to vote for
- no representative for the Elections Commissioner so we forfeited our right to have one

- MSG elections: start advertising next week, Elections committee
 - Up for Fall elections: The Chair, Vice Chair, PR, Secretary, treasurer, MAC
 - keeper of the constitution position will happen next year
 - make sure to advertise them and what the positions entail
 - If you run for a position you can't be part of this advertisement
- 1st Election Commissioner meeting will be next week Monday or Thursday, most likely on Monday

c. Sponsorship & Endorsements

- There is nothing in the constitution that says we can sponsor or endorse.
- would you like to sponsor or endorse?
- Endorsing: Getting request from people running for campaigns, they ask us whether or not we as a space find this individual or measure to be representative of the college. In doing so we give them credibility to be on the ballot to show Merrill College agrees with them.
- Q:** do we have to advertise for them?
- A:** There is going to be measure 66 and pertains a lot to us, student govern spaces and it is a fee that we currently pay between Opers and Spaces. If you remember in fall quarter SUGB brought up resolution to separate from Opers. There are resolutions coming from Opers and Student Govern spaces. Up to us if we want to advertise for them.
- **Sponsorship** : funding for a campaign to continue
- **Itai:** I don't think that we should sponsor or endorse anyone. And if we do it should be super majority.
- **Kimberly:** I am not in favor of it too much. I feel like it gives us too much influence over us in the Merrill Community. Trying to represent all of Merrill and I can't say that we do. Puts a lot of pressure on other people, and too much power of us.
- **Marin:** I don't like either of them. But I like when they come to the space and talk to us. That way we can better inform the voters.
- **Bee:** I was against it becomes our job as a body is have a voice for the students. But I think that it is a good idea to show the opinion of the group in the space. MSG is actually involved in these actions. It wouldn't necessarily be a negative thing.
- **Victor:** We can say Merrill student government does but not the population of Merrill College supports...
- **Lily:** I think it is a good idea to educate/inform our community in an unbiased work.
- **Kartik:** incentive for students to get involved with Student Government
- **Victor: we sponsor as Merrill Student Government, but if we want we can also say Merrill College**
- **Gillian: I motion to take a poll on it**
- **Kimberly: I second.**
- Motion passes to take poll.
- Victor: those in favor of endorsing
- **12 – 5 (majority would like to endorse)**
- Thomas: We can always have the option whether or not to endorse. Instead of a sealed decision.
- Chandler; I motion to allow MSG the ability to endorse referendum items but not candidates on the ballot.
- Kartik: I second
- Bee: I object. We should have the option on deciding on people to endorse.
- Victor: All those in favor of motion.
- 13- 3-4
- Motion passes Merrill student government will have the ability to endorse referendum but not individuals

Chandler: I motion that MSG doesn't sponsorship under no circumstances.

Bee: I second.

No objections. Motion passes for MSG to not sponsor under any circumstances for this year.

Thomas: I motion to extend time to 25 minutes

Bee: I second

No objections. Motion passes.

Chandler: I motion that when a vote happens to endorse referendum with 2/3 majority votes but not endorsement of candidates.

Jason: I second.

Thomas: I object. I would like to add Core members to this.

Itai: I object because it can be we barely make corem. 66% of that 75% of the total members?

Thomas: Can we agree that all core members have to be present?

Chandler: I disagree.

Bee: I don't think we should worry about endorsements because we are a funding body.

Victor: All those in favor of motion.

18 yes 0 no 3 abstentions

Endorsing measures with 2/4 votes

4. Officer reports

- a. Academic Senate-nothing to report
- b. Student Union Assembly- Women of Color Conference May 22nd at Porter, voted on referendum to defund Opers (Show budget reform), SUA supports SUGB resolution
- c. Core Council-nothing
- d. Student Committees on Committees
- e. Student Union Governance Board- \$3 million reserve, Opers get 70%, SUGB 30%, SUGB wants to change it to 60%(Opers)-40%(SUGB), money only for emergencies, May 11th Speaker Blow out (Rosario Dawson and Von John) decided to match Esquared \$16,000
- f. Student Fee Advisory Committee-OH still the same, SFAC May 4th meeting
- g. Merrill Activities Council-nothing to report
- h. Public Relations-Relay for Life is Saturday, Beach theme, please register and if you are there without a wristband you will be kicked out, scheduling a team picture at 7pm -what time do we have to be there? Set-up is in the morning, Sunday morning clean-up, up to you, you can spend the night if you want. Show up at 7pm for the picture. -where are we meeting? Opers,
- i. Community Service Rep-everything is ready to go, Just register
- j. RA Liaison-May 22nd , 12-3pm Give, Grab, Grub, bring things for other people, anything that doesn't get picked up will be donated to the homeless Garden Shelter, End of the year study break
- k. Secretary
- l. Treasurer- funded Kresge Pride \$200 , and \$150 for Springalooza, \$245 left for MSG funding and \$1400 for sponsorship
Kim: motion to extend until 10:30
Emily: I second.
No objections. Motion passes
- m. Vice Chair
- n. Chair-Did anyone fill out the survey? (Thomas). UC undergraduate experience survey. I said that if 25 of you plus one friend and you bring me proof I will throw you a pizza Party.
-constitutional committee will meet next week

- leaving something behind for MSG for future years (brainstorming)
- o. Advisor
 - MOAT DAY:
 - lily and Mia painting new murals
 - Vivas is Catering: volunteer you get first dibs on taco bar
 - live band: his & her anatomy
 - 3 murals going up
 - Sign-up sheet for college night: Rock and Roll things BBQ chicken and ribs
 - Force Awaken on May 4th 8-11pm co-sponsorship with Crown, Cowell
 - Volunteers for Commencement

Announcements

- May 4th 8am-5pm Peace building in Seria at 9/10 lawn (Children involved in Seria War)
- April 29 15th annual Earth Summit

Adjournment

Bee: I motion to adjourn

Mario: I second

No objections. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 10:32pm