

MSG December 3, 2015

Meeting called to order at 8pm by Chair Victor Garcia

1. Roll Call

- Gillian (Treasurer)
- Patricia Gonzalez (Secretary)
- Jason
- Kartik
- Veronica (Advisor)
- Jessica (Community Service Rep)
- Thomas
- Chloe (SCOC)
- Chandler (SFAC)
- Tepp
- Jesus (1st meeting)
- David
- Yessi (RA Liaison)
- Rashad
- Ethan
- Mario (Academic Senate Rep)
- Kimberly (PR)
- Itai
- Bianca (SUA)
- Karina
- Mia
- Hannah (Vice Chair)
- Victor (Chair)
- Morgan (SUA)
- Lily (MAC)
- Michael
- Victor (Chair)
- Kenely

2. Deciding to Hear

- a. Opers/FitLife-Cruzfit, 146 Merrill College Students, team fitness challenge, promotes physical activity during the winter season, 2-4 people in a group, benefit by increasing physical and mental well-being, community and friendship, no cost, plan to advertise through emails, tabling, personal invitations, t-shirts, banner at the entrance of campus, living areas, appeal to RA, Ethos: international and cross cultural origins, Yoga, Zumba, asking for 200 and the purpose to educate to maintain or increase fitness levels during the winter season, 19,400 total budget expenses

Lily: Did it last year with MSG members and we learned about it through the funding

Mario: you create your own workout

Bee: I didn't hear anything that I could go against

Gillian: I motion to hear Cruz-fit.

Kimberly: I second.

No objections, motion passes, hearing them at the first meeting

- b. Crown/Merrill Semi-formal Dance- 9:30pm/1am on March 4, 2016, asking for 200, 5 Merrill students, benefit Merrill: it will foster sister college networking, open to the public, cost of \$3. Flyers posted in Crown and Merrill, Keep MSG PR posted, events go to charity Santa Cruz County animal shelter, walnut Avenue Women's center, American Red cross, Last year 23% were Merrillites, Theme: 1920s Gatsby. The total budget is 1,300,

Hannah: I went last year and I was part of the committee

Mia: It was very successful last year, we do need a lot of man power, update for next meeting soon

Lily: If we motion to hear them can we suggest other charity to donate to?

Mia: We decided them on, but you can choose which one you want to donate to

Kimberly: I motion to hear Crown Merrill Semi-formal

Karina: I second

No objections, motion passes

3. Constitutional Committee

-corrections: Changed designated alternate will be able to attend the meetings and not take over the position

-adding the new position of the parliamentarian: Chair of the constitutional committee, a minimum of once per quarter, new position that will be elected in the fall by the students

-adding 2 fall elections parliamentarian

-section 9 of fall elections: If we have a position and no one to fill it we can either appoint Merrill affiliate or have an election

-Section 1: Parliamentarian is Chair of the Constitutional committee

-Section 2: quorum not meet then the Parliamentarian can make recommendations of the content

-Section 3: meet once every quarter, excluding summer

-PR will be a new core member. Will be familiar with the constitution

-sub section A: changed so that constitution can be changed up until the last week

-Parliamentarian will happen the first or second week

Bianca: I think that it should be an internal elections because they are going to be working solely for the space, because they don't know most likely what the space is

Victor: They can always learn. Don't want it to be a popularity contest. Not a position that will have power in/over the space but it would be more like a resource.

Veronica: Make it prerequisite that they would have to have been a member of large

Bianca: I like that because it still leaves it open.

Patricia: I motion to table discussion.

Hannah: I second.

No Objections.

4. Merrill Presents Art!

-Seeking a performer: Climbing poetry

-Next quarter is going to be on getting submissions

-Spring preparation for the event

-Provost sent out an email to all the core night students to save them for the event if they wanted to present them there

-MSG: Merrill Presents art page

-Volunteers, Ushers for the event, training won't happen until the spring quarter

5. Officer Reports

- a. Academic Senate-tomorrow at S&E 10am-1pm free drinks

- b. Core Council
- c. Public Relations-Our FB has been posted a lot of events that are happening, tomorrow Regression Night
- d. Student Committees on Committees-Sister college events, nothing set in paper, Crown/Merrill Carnival theme, One appointment for the Opers committee, and two positions open, words of wisdom: Clean out your fridges, C4 on Friday from 6:30pm-9:30pm to learn about the committees (Chinese Food), a lot of positions open on the ER system
- e. Student Union Governance Board-SUGB wants to split budget from Opers, 9 voting members and 8 voted to split, Next year Opers and SUGB will have separate budgets.
- f. Student Union Assembly-Talked about Announcements, Friday Oaks learning Center study Break, Food Summit Conference for food accessibility/ security on campus and they are accepting applications and SUA accepted to fund the people who are going on this trip, 2900 going to the transportation and housing for the students from Jan 22-24th. Incident in Oaks in which the students was kidnapped and assaulted, and now SUA in talks about getting security guards back on campus, Town hall meeting on asexuality, approved SUA budget, funding most if not all of the student organizations, Talk to Bee if you have questions on food security, SUA website to apply for SUA funding for Student organizations, SUA will be held in the cultural center next quarter
- g. Student Fee Advisory Committee-Make-up OH early next quarter. Discussing how to allocate funds to the organizations. 736 responses for the survey to decided which orgs we are funding. Top 3 things people will like to fund, 1 Career development, 2 tutoring and academic advancements, health and well-being.
- h. Merrill Activities Council-Mondays at 8pm at the art room, would take any suggestions at Merrill about things they want to see next quarter, Lip sync was amazing!
- i. Community Service Rep-Boardwalk doing a can food drive and you can get one free game of bowling, clothing drive (basement of the dorms will be boxes to donate), two separate clothing drives : Michael right now box at the laundry room in the apartments, after the break the dorms having clothing donations, send Yessi and email
- j. RA Liaison-Everyone who lives on campus out but non on Dec. 11, Discussion about the usage of MAS we haven't had resources (printer not working),
Kartik: Having it open if there is resources
Kenley: Should continue to exist, it helped me out a lot
Kimberly: should advertise
Lily: Great if during monthly meetings you advertise
Chloe: Emails sent out would be a great idea
Michael: Great to add additional things to bring in students to MAS
Mia: Create a program in there
Chloe: negative Vibe
Patty: Create more study space, testing materials especially during exams
Hannah: who is responsible for MAS? How funds it?
Yessi: If we were to close it down I don't think that we would have it given back to us.
Michael: Not directly by Reslife
Hannah: External Forum?
Yessi: I will bring it up keeping you in the loop
- k. Secretary
- l. Treasurer-\$271.67 left for the quarter, in total 2,871 for the whole year**
- m. Vice-Chair- join our emailing list and it does expire in one and half weeks,

- n. Chair-Hannah New Chair for next quarter, all MSG related emails send out to Hannah from now on, Merrill Presents art I will still be involved in, I will be back in the spring -council of chairs meeting: How we interact as governments, College 8 brought up incident that happened at Oaks and appeal at the guards to have reenacted, the chief of police said no, sending out an email to from a neighborhood watch committee. PR advising for the colleges inviting the PR to a meeting. Opers pool party.
 - o. Advisor- Wed. Jan 22nd Miyazaki College night, Taiko Drummer, trying to figure out the giveaways, Like the Merrill Programs Page, MAC meeting will be a meet and greet to the new transfers (17 students), family Day Jan. 30th, winter quarter: Merrill Moat Day, Grad committee, Glitter Ball committee. Deactivated email notifications on cellphone. Israel/Palestine Conflict is serious, but Student Governments has the power to continue talking about this issue and we want to keep healthy dialog and make sure that people understand what is going on, create the space for it.
6. Announcements
- Tabled discussion about constitutional
- Chandler: I motion to pass
- Chloe: I second
- Bee: I object.
- Bee: For designated alternate under the assumption that SUA had its own alternate
- Victor: It's always been just one for all the positions
- Bee: The Parliamentarian position should still be voted on in the space only. Maybe top two elected come present to us
- Karina: Alternative that they have to be a member at large
- Itai: I think that a member of large and a member that has assisted twice before to an MSG meeting
- Chandler: Vote two weeks in so any new person first year won't have that extra experience before. New person isn't bad they can look over the constitution
- Chloe: I feel that we are the majority of the vote and we can tell what person they are from their blurb so we can decide wisely
- Approving the constitution as it stands
- 20 yes-1no-2 abstention
- Motion passes the constitution will now reflect the changes
- library downtown having sale on Saturday, free food across campus
 - McHenry Will have therapy dogs Sunday from 3-4, Monday S&E Library
7. Adjournment
- Kimberly: I motion to adjourn
- Karina: I second
- Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm