

Merrill Student Government February 4, 2016

Meeting called to order at by 8:02pm Vice Chair Hannah Tuong

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Itai
- ✓ Jason
- ✓ Chandler
- ✓ Vero (Advisor)
- ✓ Andrew (CALPIRG)
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Tepp
- ✓ Bianca (SUA)
- ✓ Guillermo (External Chair SUA)
- ✓ Emmanuel (NSBE)
- ✓ August
- ✓ Emilia (Member at large)
- ✓ Lily (MAC)
- ✓ Karina
- ✓ Kimberly (PR)
- ✓ Mia
- ✓ Gillian (Treasurer)
- ✓ Hannah (Vice Chair/Chair)
- ✓ Bryan
- ✓ Kartik
- ✓ Thomas
- ✓ Kenley (Core Council)
- ✓ Shamus
- ✓ Morgan

2. Presenters

a. External Affairs

- Opportunity to visit Washington D.C.
- Free conference
- Issues that affect us in SC and how we can turn that to federal terms
- hosting doc. Ivory Tower Feb 11 Thursdays at 8pm in the SUA Office, AJA Campbell
- Wednesday Feb. 108pm Ohlone conference room,

b. NSBE

- ensure members have positive growth
- Welcome everyone
- decrease the retention of African American students
- convention: enriching, internships, meet mentors important for their professional careers
- Members are ACE leaders
- 3 Merrill Students as members
- asking for \$200

- March 23-27<sup>th</sup> the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual convention
- application process, open to everyone in NSBE
- trying to take 12-17 people to the convention

### **Deciding to Fund**

**Karina:** I know the concern is that not a lot of student attend but we are supporting that community and it does come back to the students because they are leaders and tutors. So I think we should fund

**Chandler:** I motion to fund.

**Kartik:** I second.

One Objection

**Itai:** I object because it only benefits 17 people. I think that we could use that money better to benefit more people. That was the only concern.

**13 (yes)-1(Objections)-3(Abstentions)**

### **How Much?**

**Bee:** I think this is a cool event. I think that is a large amount. \$75-50?

**Bryan:** It is going to help them in a major way. Not how many people it will help but how much they will help.

**Karina:** A lot of the students work additionally in this community. They are extremely helpful to me. They are there to mentor and help you. We are supporting large group of students at the end. I would like to fully fund them.

**Chandler:** 150?

**Itai:** Bringing back the experience. I think that our goal is to try to benefit the Merrill community and I think that it is more than 3 Merrill students for 17 students.

**Gillian:** I think we should fund them \$75 I agree with Itai.

**Bee:** I motion \$75

**Kenley:** I second.

**Kenley:** I motion \$50.

**Gillian:** I second.

**Bryan:** I motion \$100.

**Mia:** I second

**Lily:** I motion \$150

**Bee:** I second

**Bee:** I motion to fully fund.

**Bryan:** I second.

\$50-3 (yes), \$75-1(yes), \$100-5(yes), \$150-5(yes), \$200—4(yes)

**Final vote:** \$100-8(yes), \$150-9(yes)

## **Motion passes funding NSBE \$150.**

### c. CALPIRG

- funded through the students, collection of students that want to make change
- environmental and social campaigns
- students choose to pledge call prig, allows us to have professional advocates to teach us things
- threshold 20% trying to lower it to 15%, (don't need the money, don't have the time to run the campaign), but have to get the students to pledge and pay extra \$5, if don't meet 20% the University keeps it
- next week vote
- we saved solar power in California, solar panels for free in CA
- 130,000 convinced POC to save solar power
- asking for less money, not a funding request
- PROGJECTS: protect the environment, hunger and homelessness, save the bees

### d. OPERS STREET TEAM

- not asking for funds
- trying to get the word out for the upcoming events at OPERS
- provide wide variety of professional programs
- UPCOMING EVENTS: Alumni Weekend, Field Day April 30 1-4pm (1<sup>st</sup> field day), College Olympics, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Banff Film Festival Feb 19, 20, 21 7pm Rio Theatre, Spring Break Expeditions, summer 2016 (aimed at little kids), Fliers are available at OPERS

### e. Class Survey

- class room lecture availability survey
- questions about Academics
- important survey: couple years ago didn't have waitlist and now we do, prices trips for you and 3 for the Boardwalk for free, gift cards for the Bay tree bookstore
- Plea to take it and get your friends to take it
- it is respected, we care

## **3. Deciding to Hear**

### a. Black & Yellow

- 1 Merrill student registered
- Evening of African and Asian American Comic Standing
- collaborating with Merrill College
- ticketed event

- free but limited spacing
- advertisement: fliers, Facebook
- race, sexuality and gender,
- issues affecting our community
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at College 9/10 at the Namaste lounge

Kimberly: I think we should hear them

Chandler: I motion to hear.

Karina: I second.

Motion passes to hear Black & Yellow comedy Show Present

### Officer Reports

- a. SUA- take class survey, global food initiative (funding for kitchen space), Funded relay for life \$3000, CALPRIG presenters,
- b. Academic Senate-meeting next Friday 2:30-5:30pm, 2 quarter Core Course (Issue)
- c. Community Service Rep-open position, 1 candidate
- d. Core Council-asking me to resign, because of my class conflict with the meeting time
- e. RA Liaison-This Sunday Super Bowl BBQ, Nickolas and I Hike come if you want
- f. Student Committee on Committees-contact Chloe for the minutes, Study Break happening soon
- g. Student Union Governance Board
- h. Student Fee Advisory Committee-UCSC elections getting thought about, referendum: (2) Opers SUGB and Opers: Fee that's combined into one, issues between the two groups, \$10 return aid, \$6 non return aid, per quart \$30 for OPers, \$10 SUGB
  - pool filtration, outdoor jogging track, lights for the return aid
  - if it failed that only response that I got is they need to be passed
  - third fee: Opers Fee physical Education Program, Amending an old fee want to raise the fee by 8 so 12.50 per quarter used to maintain academic salaries, 190,000 deficit, not going towards the sports teams just physical education, if this doesn't not pass then the fee will increase, Oh Tues 12:30-1:30pm
- i. Public Relations-Instagram more followers, like the Facebook, need a Community Service Rep for next quarter, go to Chandler's Hours
- j. Merrill Activities Council-Super Bowl this Sunday volunteer sheets, Next Friday Karaoke Night Baobab
- k. Secretary
- l. Treasurer-**funded NSBE \$150, left for the quarter \$471.76**
- m. Vice-Chair- T-shirts, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 8-10pm Cross College Senate at college 9/10 Multi-purpose room (real food), they are going to need \$50
- n. Chair
- o. Advisor-If I have to Miss a meeting I will have someone in my place, Social activist organizations, Slug Love, submit art work for Merrill Presents Art, Harry Potter College Night Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at the Cultural Center, Migration is Beautiful College Night, Study Break (let me know your snacks)

### Announcements

-Cow spiracy Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at Kresge Town Hall, there will be prices

### Adjournment

Karina: I motion to adjourn

Chandler: I second

**Motion passes, meeting adjourned at 9:57pm**