

Merrill Student Government March 3, 2016

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Hannah Tuong at 8:10pm

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Veronica (Relay)
- ✓ Nirvana (Relay for life)
- ✓ Kira (College Assistant)
- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Itai
- ✓ Jason
- ✓ Tepp
- ✓ Chandler (SFAC)
- ✓ Kartik
- ✓ Chloe (SCOC)
- ✓ Nik (Scientific Slugs)
- ✓ Andrew (SUGB)
- ✓ August
- ✓ Mila (Community Service Rep)
- ✓ Morgan
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Veronica (Advisor)
- ✓ Gillian (Treasurer)
- ✓ Hannah Tuong (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Kenley
- ✓ Shay (blaqq)
- ✓ Beatrice (blaqq)
- ✓ Brian

2. Presenters

a. Kira 8:05pm

- University relations: fundraiser "Giving Day" on May 11th
- trying to funnel donations, thinking they could get a big bulk in one day
- Give them Web content to advertise
- Reslife, Academics and Programs (to highlight for the web site for the donations)
- money is donated to our college
- Moat Day, Africa Class
- looking for content
- they are going to bring camera and get interviews or photos
- Merrill is outdated with the renovations
- pitching "Giving Day" for connection for the student body: Why chose Merrill? Campaign...how we can show this to the world
- Mid March to short videos, come up some plan for what they are going to film and get content

Q: A Newsletter? Permanent Project?

A: Giving day is a one day thing but permanent why chose Merrill thing every year

b. SUGB 9:15pm

3. Deciding to Hear

4. Funding Requests

a. Colleges Against Cancer 8:15pm

- Relay for Life: bring cancer awareness to the student body
- chance to celebrate those who have fought cancer
- advocate and raise funds
- 24 hour event
- food, game, and activities
- Merrill Magic Mountaineers
- requesting funding for \$200 for the supplies to put on the 24 hour event

Q: If you didn't make the funds what will you do?

A: pull it from the UCSC account

Q: received in funding?

A: haven't gotten full answer back from everyone, some colleges ran out, College 10- \$300- Cowell-\$100, Kresge-\$75

Q: Relay on Alumni Weekend?

A: Reserved the date first, and great opportunity for students to bring their families and friends who are cancer survivors or battled cancer, also moved it up a month because of issues with leap year

Deciding to Fund

Mila: I think that it is great. I went to the meeting and we went over possible funding options.

Kartik: I motion to fund them fully.

Yessi: I second.

Motion passes

No objections motion passes

b. Scientific Slugs 8:30pm

- Science/Art magazine on campus
- only that does science stuff related
- most of the articles is based on scientific research going on campus
- outlet for science poetry (stars)
- asking money for printing: We made a lot of our funding goals: only need \$160 left for printing
- annual magazine, help us get a jump start on next year if we get more funds

Q: Are the magazines made of recyclable material?

A: I don't think they are because they are an extra cost

Q: How many pages are you printing and where?

A: community printers, aiming for 32 pages and printing the second week of next quarter

Q: How long has it been around?

A: started 2012 with an undergrad, wanted to merge art and science together

Q: How do you pick what goes into the magazine? Who decides?

A: People that come to the meetings usually write a piece, usually the people in the club, we work on the pieces until we feel that they are ready.

Deciding to Fund

Gillian: I think they are cool and I haven't heard of them before and great way to mix science and art.

Kartik: I think everyone should read the **Niendrathal** story

Chandler: I motion to table discussion until after the presentation by Banana Slug News

Kartik: I second.

Motion passes

Chandler: I motion to fund

Kartik: I second

No objections, Motion passes

Chandler: partial for funding \$161.59

Chloe: I motion to fund scientific slugs \$161.59

Gillian: I second

Kartik: I object. They mentioned that they have other costs as well, maybe fund them a few more cents.

Hannah: All those in favor of funding \$161.59?

5 yes-4no-5

Chandler: I motion to fund \$200

No second

Chandler: I motion to fund \$175

Kartik: I second

Andrew: I object.

Chloe: I feel that we should give them the exact.

Morgan: I think we should stick with the first amount.

Hannah: Those in favor of funding \$175?

3 yes-5no-4 abstentions

Motion does not pass

Morgan: I motion to fund \$161.59

Gillian: I second.

No objections, motion passes

c. **Banana Slugs News 8:45pm**

-Student fund org

-short segments, journalism org

-currently we have 15-20 members that come to our meeting and participate

-hands on experience with productions and journalism

-asking for funding because we have to go through student get equipment

-Build our own production kit, own camera and stuff like that

-help us purchase our backpack kit, it's about \$200-300, asking whatever you can give us.

Q: Do you have any Merrill Affiliates?

A: 3 Merrill students

Q: how do you distribute your work?

A: air on channel 3 and 16 on our campus channel, also social media

Q: What is in the backpack kit?

A: just be for the purchase of the backpack and we would slowly build on the kit

Q: work with city on the hill press or any other mediums?

A: we are separate, we don't really work together

Q: what is the relationship?

A: we are just all part of the student medium

Q: How much funding have you received?

A: We haven't received any but have asked other senates for money as well.

Deciding to Fund

Chloe: Can we sponsor it?

Chandler: I motion to table discussion and listen to presenters.

Chloe: I second.

Motion passes

Chloe: I motion to fund

Mila: I second

No objections motion passes

Jason: I think that it is a great thing. I asked her about the camera bag and she said that all the money goes to it. I have one of myself and I got it for \$30 on Amazon.

Tepp: I motion that we fund \$40

Chandler: I second

Chloe: I object. Because I want to take it from the sponsor funds

Chandler; I retract my second

Morgan: I second

Chloe; I object.

11 yes-2 object 2 –abstain

Motion passes, funding \$40(from normal funding)

Kartik: Motion to include suggestions for where they could buy cheaper backpack kit

Itai: I second

Motion passes

Chandler: I motion we don't add anything

Brian: I second

No objection, motion passes

d. Blaq 9:00pm

-black out conference: conference for black people that id under the LGBTQ spectrum

-requesting for money to fly because last year people got car sick

-held at UC Riverside, April 8th-9th

-space for Black students to network and bonding

-help engage in dialog and self-healing

-UCs, Cal States, some out of State

Q: If you don't reach your funding goals maybe you could look into the train or bus it is cheaper

-have to be part of the black group so that the safe can be respected

-3 Merrill students that are affiliated

Q: blaq an international group?

A: The conference put on by students who attend UC Riverside, word got out through Facebook page

Deciding to Fund

Itai: I don't think I like the idea of funding not that many people

Morgan: In SUA there are people that comes to us to go to these conferences and there is always a debate on whether or not to fund them when we are trying to reach more people. Our budget is much smaller than SUA

Chloe: I agree with Morgan and I suggested they take a bus instead because it is cheaper. I would love to fund but only 3 people affect by this.

Bryan; small group

Chloe: I motion not to fund

Kenley: I second

Chandler: I object. I think that we should give them something and it is some people and it is 3/20 for Merrill and I do think that it is a good cause.

7-yes, 6no, 2 abstain

Motion does not pass

Yessi: I think that we should support this community

Morgan: For a large expense that if we aren't funding them for like 100 or more than it might not help much?

Bryan: I feel like \$50 would be a minimum amount

Chandler: I motion to fund

Yessi: I second.

Morgan; I object.

Hannah: those in favor of funding?

6 yes-6-no-3 abstain

Motion does not pass

Chandler: total is 4800 and their flights are 3000 even when you take that out its 1800 and 25% of the people going are Merrill affiliates

Kartik: Hotel and food costs are pretty substantial

Andrew: we can always fund them from the sponsorship pool

Itai: Still think that it affect few people and I don't like that idea

Bryan: I agree with Chandler they are a large portion of this group for Merrill and we have to show at the very least that we support them.

Gillian: Even though it only benefits a small group of people I don't think that it wouldn't be fair not to fund. But I don't really want to fund them

Kenley: even if we don't fund can we let them know why we didn't?

Hannah: we have a template and it is a suggestion we can add?

Chandler: I motion to fund.

Andrew; I second

Objections

8 yes5no-2abstain

Motion passes to fund

Kartik: I motion to fund \$25

Morgan: I second

Chandler: I object. I would like to see a higher amount

Hannah: All those in favor of funding \$25?

5 yes-8no -2abstain

Motion does not pass to fund \$25 to blaqq

Bryan: I motion to fund \$50.

No seconds

Chandler: Motion to fund \$100 from sponsorship

Andrew: I second

Kartik: I object

6 yes6no -3abstain

Chandler: I motion to table until after officer reports

Kartik: I second

Gillian: I object

4-6-5

Motion fails

Itai: I motion to fund \$10

Morgan: I second.

Chandler: I Object.

1 yes- 9 no-4 abstain

Kartik: I motion to fund \$60 a more diplomatic amount

3-8-1 motion does not pass

Kenley: I motion to not fund.

5-7-1 motion does not pass

Mila: I motion to fund \$65

4-7-1 motion does not pass

Chandler: I motion to fund \$100 from Sponsorship.

4-8-1 motion does not pass

Itai: I think that it should be on the lower end

Bryan: I think the ultimate comprise is \$75

6-8-1 motion does not pass

Hannah: the majority agrees to fund \$75 to blaqq

5. Officer Reports

a. Academic Senate-student academic senate meeting, task force work throughout the quarter and present throughout the year (over-crowding, online classes, online quality)

b. Core Council-nothing to report

c. Public Relations- relay for life

d. Student Committees on Committees- C4 this Sunday at OAKS learning center 5:30-7:30pm, Merrill Crown Sister College Event with lego 5:30-7:30pm

e. Student Union Governance Board-student run, SUGB composed of the 10 colleges, past 30 years students had to pay \$30 student Life Facilities fee, SUGB splitting from Opers (not against Opers), SUGB working on student referendum instead of \$30 instead \$10 per quarter (with return to aid), asking for college governments to help sponsor this on the ballot

Chandler: I motion to wait and think about it

Yessi: I second

Motion passes

f. Student Union Assembly- Announcements: March 4th 7pm Namaste Lounge showing Tangled, Friday March 4th 9:30pm-1pm Crown Semi-formal, Sunday 6:30-9pm C4, study break on March 8th at the Cervantes Conference room, Women of Color Conference on May 22nd and email MECHA if you want to be involved, SUA elections coming up soon

g. Student Fee Advisory Committee- nothing to report

h. Community Service Rep- appointment tonight

Mila: I want to be the community Service Rep I am super organized, work well in teams, and I love helping out.

Bryan: She seems to want it

Morgan: she is a candidate

Chandler: Make Merrill Great again

Hannah; All those in favor of having Camila as rep?

13 yes, 0-no, 1 abstain

i. RA Liaison- FIFA A building 5th floor lounge, Mock tail Spring Quarter

j. MAC- Monday nights 8pm at

k. Secretary

l. Treasurer- relay for life \$200, Scientific slugs \$161.59, blaqq \$75

m. Vice-Chair-Council of Chairs wants to have another group senate thing and they are asking for \$100 for student government summit (key note speaker, semi-formal affair, asking for 2000 from SUA for the ethnics and senate groups)

Chandler: I went and it was just a bunch of ice breaker games. And on top of them and Hannah was the only person that stayed to the end. Not very popular

Itai: the food was fine and when it got to the icebreakers it went down

Hannah: Be more of a motivational thing this time around

Chandler: I don't think that we should

Vero: They don't have an advisor. I will contact other CPC and flush out a little bit more, also have 3 events that week

Bryan: I don't think that it is worth putting in money because we know what we can do.

Andrew: Motion to extend until 10:10

Chandler: I second

Motion passes

Constitutional Committee

-changes are going to be send out review the comments and they will be approved and reviewed by need week, look for "affiliate"

House Keeping

-talk about next quarter, Opers sponsorship review, revisiting "Deciding to Hear"

(instead of having it come about the body Vero will look and approve it before it comes into the space) think about this

- n. Advisor-app for editing tool www.grammarly.com and it is free and it catches more mistakes and plagiarism

Merrill Moat- April 30th, creating a Merrill based on responses she gets from people "Footprints on our World" collect the information and she is going to create a Mural with it

Orientation and PA hiring

College Night- Migration is beautiful on Tuesday March 8th

- 6. Announcements

- 7. Adjournment

Chandler: I motion to adjourn

Itai: I second

Meeting adjourned at 10:09pm