

Merrill Student Government May 19, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:03pm By Chair Victor Garcia

1. Roll Call- **The Gathering For Justice-A Brief History**

- ✓ Chandler (SFAC)- very informative and in mind with our ethos
- ✓ Bianca (SUA)-that video hit me hard, reminds me of why I do what I do in school, excited to get my degree and be part of the rehabilitation process
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)- hits close to home, thought it was nice
- ✓ Erin- Powerful video, problem that we don't hear a lot about this type of issues, need to be vocal about
- ✓ Karina-line that hit me, "incarceration is a new slavery" true and raw. Minorities deal with a daily basis. Hits close to home. Police brutality and see how it shapes people. Need to engage in our community.
- ✓ Lily (MAC)- I just saw Carmen who was the speaker at the Cesar Chavez convocation. She said that our children are being kidnapped by these type of oppressing systems. Need to keep our eyes open and try to fix them.
- ✓ Mia- an important issue. I grew up in a community where we don't talk about this because I come from another country where this issue isn't addressed.
- ✓ Chloe- (SCOC)- did a lot of readings on MLK and I read his letter to Brigham will he was in jail, "one has a moral ability to go against law".
- ✓ Thomas-Really eye opening and take note of.
- ✓ Mila (Community Service Rep)- its crazy how many people are affected by this issue.
- ✓ Itai- Painting a really broad paint brush. Issue that their focus on fighting laws that get people into jail rather than the root of the causes.
- ✓ Mario (Academic Senate)-hits close to home because I know individuals that have been incarcerated. Reminds me of issues that have happened before. Pressing issues that we do need to address.
- ✓ Gillian (Treasurer)- I don't know much about it. But I think it is great to get people to know more about it.
- ✓ Kimberly (Public Relations)- I enjoyed this video because I can connect it to my education because it related to it.
- ✓ August- I came in late.
- ✓ Esther (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)-last quarter I did a field study with juvenile justice. Minorities are being mistreated and incarcerated, versus having them in the juvenile system. Don't know their backgrounds.
- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Vero (Advisor) - touches really close to home. Low income community first racially profiled at the age of 8. We had just wanted out of the house and I was racially profiled with the cop because I "matched" the image of someone they were looking for. It is really sad. Privatization in wars has made it more difficult for minorities.
- ✓ Victor (Chair)- making MSG more engaged with current and past events as well. Man said "that generation" people who were involved in the civil rights movements, and though I wasn't really aware of this issue and to have people understand what it really is. Not about criminalizing people but about the system that oppresses.
- ✓ Morgan (SUA)
- ✓ Kenley (Core Council)
- ✓ Marin

2. Our Folks on the Road

- homeless garden project
- Goal: help them in their move by providing them with new tools to use
- 1 Merrill student in org.
- Requesting for \$100
- Encourage involvement of Merrill students
- not ticketed, everyone welcomed. Kresge and Merrill advertising
- Merrill Ethos; Help student explore and be involved in homeless culture.
- expect 15 Merrill Students to participate.

Q: do they just want the money to pay or are they making a fundraising thing too?

A: provide them with tools to create a way out of homeless community.

Q: What exactly do they do?

A: Provide work and training. Teach homeless people how to use the garden and that's also where the food come from.

**Chloe: I motion to hear Kresge Service Learning**

**Chandler: I second.**

**No objections. Motion passes.**

### 3. Officer Reports

- a. Academic Senate- elected Professor Chun Professor of linguistics. Got her degree at Harvard.
  - Special committee on athletics- whether they should be funded and put on the ballot. No athletics at UCSC next year if it doesn't pass (only UC not to have). Looking at other UC to see how they budget their Athletics but it is trickier because they are different.
  - Resolution passed: Divest from Fossil Fuels
  - Committee for Keychain: Center innovations.
- b. Core Council-
- c. SCOC- two applications for SFAC (no sports left), AOD: committee not running anymore, Science and Engineering: 1 appointed. UHIP: 1 appointed
- d. SUGB-measure 66, voting ended on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> and won't have the results but did meet the threshold.
- e. SUA- women of color conference and Glitter Ball and Queer Prom. CAMP \$1000. Arminian Commemoration resolution: mostly passing it (email and moment of silence). City Elections: why both of the propositions for Santa Cruz are poorly written.
- f. SFAC-SFAC's advising for funding allocations was passed. You could come to my OH Tues 12:30-1:30pm Fireside Lounge. Inviting old units to speak. Last week TAPS, this week OPERS and CAPS. All herding for money. TAPS referendum next year. OPERS talked about what would happen if the referendum got passed this week.
  - Q: did they talk about their increases in prices?
  - A: PowerPoint. Very straight forward. Ridership, and how metro costs the school less money than the school buses.
- g. Community Service rep-nothing going on much just the springapalooza. The Alcatraz trip is not happening because they didn't get the approval in time to get the tour.
- h. RA Liaison- Micro-fridge 12:30-1:30pm need to return them at the Crown Circle during finals week. Housing-extension request on the housing portal so you don't get charged. Garage sell Sat. June 4 . 24 quiet hours start on Thursday. Give Grab Grub 12-3pm at the Merrill Plaza this Sunday.
- i. PR- nothing to report
- j. MAC-This Monday leadership dinner.
- k. Treasurer- \$717 sponsorship, \$245 in our MSG funds.
- l. Vice-Chair
- m. Chair

- i. Retreat- June 2<sup>nd</sup> location tbd, food socials? Vegetable and meat lasagna, salad, garlic bread, ravioli. At the provost house hopefully, and announce winners
- ii. Council Chairs- wanted me to ask the space: Buying post cards to get a design out to have everyone sign it. A lot of aspirations...
- iii. Elections Committee- debates happening next week. Voting May 23<sup>rd</sup> begins! Live streaming of the debate.
- iv. Constitutional Committee-made a few changes: formatting changes nothing controversial.
  - Section 4 sub-section O: Parliamentarian: Chair of the constitutional committee, once per quarter, only have authority to make suggestions, MSG Chair, Advisor, and Vice-chair can make changes. Wanted to make sure they're there more as an advisor and giving feedback but not changing it.
  - Section 3: added that in the Fall they will be elected.
  - Added: Order of Succession
  - Changed: The role of PR. No longer the ones working the Relay for Life, Instead the community Service Rep and the MAC representative. Wanted PR to focus on marketing.
  - Bee: Motion to approve all changes.
  - Karina: I second.
  - No objections. Motion passes.**
- v. SC Metro Board Meetings- Friday May 27 at 8:30am Santa Cruz City Council Chambers, if anyone is interested in going I can provide rides. Numbers help you don't have to say anything.
- n. Advisor-Budget Presentation
  - spent \$4,059.88, whatever is not spent is rolled over to pay for stuff for orientation.
  - Commencement- were approved for SFAC funding but MSG also provides \$10,000 that helps pay for special Events (divided amongst the colleges).
  - Had to hire TECH for our events only \$10 per hour (Cheaper for us)
  - Office Expenses: RAs, Pas, MAC, and office supplies, need new storage (losing Far Far Away with the renovation of the Cultural Center (June 13<sup>th</sup> to maybe January). Merrill the Musical will be held at the Stevenson Event Center. More things on the Plaza area.
  - Crown/ Merrill student programs- seeing more lavish meals then we have been getting because there is a shift in dining halls.
  - Total budget \$40,000
  - Chloe: I think that we should still leave the sponsorship and MSG pot separate as is. Because we can access the sponsorship money when needed.
  - Karina: I feel that we don't sponsor a lot but maybe bring that money down to \$700 and that can go to our funding.
  - Lily: I like that money there. Bring it down to \$1000?
  - Itai: Or it could be brought down to \$900 and then you would have \$1500 per quarter.
  - Karina: Motion to bring down the sponsorship funds to \$900 but the remaining money to go into MSG funding.
  - Chandler: I second.
  - Kim: I object. I like having a bigger pot of money reserved for our events. I want MSG to have more events for outreach. Safer if we had that money in our mental little pot. And if we need to pull from it I like that we have that money.
  - Chloe: I agree. Take as you need.
  - Victor: I thought that it is best to leave it to \$1500 because then there will only be restrictions when pulling money from the sponsorship pot. I would suggest to leave it as it. But the motion still stands.
  - Victor: all those in favor of that motion?

1 (yes), 12 (objections), 6 (abstentions)

Motion does not pass.

Bee: I motion to approve as it.

Marin: I second.

**No objections. Motion passes to approve budget as is.**

**Announcements**

**-Ecommons down this weekend by 9pm, May 20<sup>th</sup> to Monday morning.**

**-Looking for OLs**

**-Monday Night student Leadership appreciation Dinner at 6pm in the Cultural Center!**

**-commencement Help!**

**-Glitter Ball on Saturday 9-12pm FREE!**

**Announcements**

**-Tonight was the law internship Fair: Major success, so many internship opportunities given out, wanted to thank all of you!**

**-Strawberry Justice at the Farm: Boycott drisco! Paying their workers \$7 a day and having children work, no pay, inhumane living conditions, make sure where you're berries are coming from!**

**-Kimberly's birthday Tomorrow!!!! \*Sings bday\***

**-Register to VOTE!!!**

**Adjournment**

**Mario: I motion.**

**Chandler: I second.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:44pm**