

Merrill Student Government Meeting May 5, 2016

Meeting called to order 8:03pm by Chair Victor Garcia

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Erin
- ✓ Emily
- ✓ Mia
- ✓ Vero (advisor)
- ✓ Mario (Academic Senate)
- ✓ Gillian (Treasurer)
- ✓ Guard (Presenter)
- ✓ Steven (1st meeting)
- ✓ Jason
- ✓ Itai
- ✓ Thomas
- ✓ Mila (Community Service Rep)
- ✓ Kartik
- ✓ Karina
- ✓ Lara (SUA Rep)
- ✓ Marin
- ✓ Tepp
- ✓ Kimberly (Public Relations)
- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Victor (Chair)
- ✓ Morgan (SUA)

2. Presenters

a. Jeffery Stoll

- Running for VP of academic Affairs
- represent Stevenson
- focus on the over enrollment of students
- make sure those students can get those classes that they can't get into.
- Server Crash: would like to see the server take more capacity
- Getting Classroom reparations
- want Student Academic senate are coming back to College spaces
- provide resources
- Position Roles: speak on behalf of the student body, chair Student Academic Senate, and bring resolutions to SUA space, releasing annual class survey,

b. Grace

- running for internal
- Cross-college orientation event (Scavenger hunt to navigate the campus)
- large Scale events

-focus on mental health programming: CAPS doesn't have enough resources for the demand.

-working to reform current orientation for academic senate members

-make sure students will be heard at their committees

Q: What does the IVP do?

A: large campus community events, and administrative advocating.

3. Deciding to Hear

a. Legal internship fair

-May 19th

-for students interested in field of law

-asking for \$100

-open to UCSC community to secure legal internships

-not a ticketed event

-free

-advertise with partnership with the Career Center

-work closely with faculty in the legal department

-Merrill RA planning committee

-Ask RA help to advertise and also social networks

-Help students with marginalized backgrounds

Lara: I motion to hear

Karina: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to hear them next week.

b. Film production coalition

-asking for \$175

-13 Merrill students

-quarterly film festival

-students get to screen their narratives

-take in all members regardless of majors, giving each student a voice

-not a ticketed event

-Merrill Ethos: variety of voices from different cultures and experiences

-expect 40 Merrill students to participate

Erin: I motion to hear

Emily: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to hear

c. Student Cable television

-asking for \$200

-fund and organize student projects

-have 50 Merrill students in their group

-provide diverse media representation for the greater UCSC body

-advertise through social media

-opportunity to explore identity

-total budget: \$1400

Thomas: I motion to hear.

Kimberly: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to hear

d. Vero funding Proposal

-asking for \$40,000

-programs and leadership office

-MAC \$300, Sponsorship \$1500 towards events, took cut in the tech services

-using money for orientation, move in, and welcome week, having a diversity orientation.

Looking for a little over 400 in the incoming class

-orientation workshop will be made by Brian Arao

-Office supplies: \$2000 (RAs, students, MAC, Programs Office (EDM Dance), graduation expense, college Nights)

Q: Are there changes from the original budget? Previous budget?

A: no. It is the same because I wanted to see if I could catch any patterns.

Victor: we have one week to look over the budget and decide over it. Once it is decided The Treasurer and the Chair sign it and enact it.

Vero: one of the other things that you fund is we help offset RA funds \$7,250. It is not just for the programs office. Yessi: *shout out to Vero*

4. Funding Requests

a. Guard 8:15pm

-Crown/Merrill tech crew

-intern at El Centro

-Requesting \$200 for Cesar Chavez convocation on May 18th

-I want to invite you all to the convocation

-Money will go toward speaker charge, for venue 9/10 multi-purpose room, and documentation, and for advertising

-Fits Ethos: Merrill's mission of experiential education

-Speaker is UCSC alumnus

-what we can do with our UCSC education

-Public Service leader

-7/14 interns are Merrill Students so this is a program put on by Merrill Students who are making a difference on the campus

-received funding from Merrill last year

-many of our attendees are Merrill affiliates

- A lot of the other colleges have already given us money

Q: Funding from?

A: oaks, Porter, 8, crown, 9/10, Cowell, Stevenson (not as much as we would like)

Q: Is the event free?

A: Yes.

Q: speaker? Internships for students?

A: Carmen Perez. I don't know what kind of internships she can offer but she does have connections to organizations in Santa Cruz. You can speak with her after.

Q: Itemized Budget?

A: don't have it but I could get one tomorrow.

Q: Roughly how much is your total?

A: We aren't that far off within reach. But the \$200 would get us over that hurdle.

Expecting each college to give us \$200 and some of the colleges haven't been able to give us as much as we would like.

Q: estimate on amount of attendees?

A: expecting around 200-300 attendees.

Q: what would happen if you don't get enough fund?

A: have to find an alternative funding source.

Q: Merrill affiliates attendees?

A: fairly large percentage. Around 30%.

Deciding to Fund

Victor: May 18th at 7pm in 9/10 Multi-purpose room. Honor the memory of Cesar Chavez. Effects in California. Asking for \$200. Motivated to engage in leadership for social change. Expecting for 50-75 Merrill Students.

Marin: I motion to fund.

Lara: I second.

No objections motion passes

How Much

Marin: I think we should fund \$100.

Mario: we should fully fund and go into the sponsorship account because other colleges didn't fully fund them. They are going to have a lot of Merrill affiliates attend.

Marin: I motion to fund \$100.

Kartik: I second.

Lara: I object. I think we should fund them more.

Victor: those in favor of funding \$100 for the Caesar convocation?

5yes, 8 no, 4 abstain

Emily: I motion to table.

Kartik: I second.

Emily: I resend my motion.

Mario: I motion to fully fund and a \$50 more from the sponsorship funds.

Karina: I second.

Marin: I object. We don't have enough information.

Thomas: It goes with our ethos but we don't know what the ceiling is.

Mario: I motion to table discussion for presenter.

Lara: I second.

Motion passes

Karina: I feel like this is an ongoing event. Put faith in them. He did tell us what it is going towards and everything is expensive. El Centro well known center on campus. I feel we should do the \$200 and sponsorship

Itai: I personally leaning toward \$100.

Mario: I motion to fully fund with \$50 from the Sponsorship funds. Total 4250.

Karina: I second.

Itai: I think it is too much.

Victor: all those in favor of funding \$250.

7 yes, 3 no, 8 abstentions

Emily: I motion to fund when we get the info about the budget until next week.

Mario: I second.

Gillian: I object. I feel like it will just take longer. We are probably going fund anyway.

Itai: can't make an accurate decision.

10 yes, 3no, 5 abstention

Motion passes to decide to fund The Cesar Chavez convocation until next week.

Victor: \$9,017.50 total budget. Asking for \$200. It doesn't say how much it has been funded.

Thomas: I would suggest this is something that is better to sponsor.

Itai: Leaning towards \$150.

Lara: I motion to fun \$200 from sponsorship

Gillian: I second.

Kartik: I object. \$150 better.

Vote

15 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention

Sponsoring him \$200

b. Lick Observatory 8:30pm

-funding for vans

- The tour itself would be free

-tour opened up to Merrill and Crown

-Fits Merrill Ethos: astronomy is one of the few things that travels through culture. We all communicate with each other. Global perspective of being under the stars together.

-The trip is at Night. June 3rd Friday. Looks through 30 inch refractor and be able to see Saturn and see the clusters. It would help out people to see what is out there.

-Leave at 4pm and come back around 11pm

Q: How many people are you taking?

A: max is 40. But the max I can bring is 36 because it is 3 twelve passenger vans.

Advertising through posters and fliers. Thank you by letting everyone else. There will also be sing-ups.

Q" How much funding are you requesting?

A: \$108

Q: cost for students?

A: \$0

Q: where do you sign up?

A: on the works.

Q: what's the tour like?

A: night viewing.

Deciding to Fund?

Itai: I like it. I think we should fund. I motion to fund Lick Observatory.

Emily: I second.

No objections. Motion passes.

How much?

Emily: I motion to fully fund \$108.

Erin: I second.

Itai: I object. I think we should split the cost between MSG funds and sponsorship because we have limited funds left and move to the bank that has more money.

Emily: I motion to fully fund from the Sponsorship money.

Kartik: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to fully fund the Lick Observatory \$108 from the sponsorship money.

c. Alcatraz Trip 9:15pm

-visit Alcatraz: prison that is located on an island located on an island. Very infamous.

-I spend a lot of time studying psychology effects on prison.

-Alcatraz is expensive \$40 per person and we want to offer is a significantly less expensive trip.

-Give Merrill students what is like to go to a prison

-total cost per student is \$25. That is what we are looking at.

- Sign-ups 37 people are interested

-35/37 students are Merrill Students.

-Asking for financial help to pay for this educational trip

Q: visiting an actual prison?

A: it is more difficult for us to organize.

Q: when is this?

A: may 22nd on Sunday in the morning.

Q: How much are you asking for from the Programs Office and CREs?

A: it is going to be very different than MSG funding.

A: everyone gets an MP3 with earphones and it's a self-guided tour and then there will be a psychological presentation side as well. Event is inclusive. So for those students that want to go but can't afford it that is why the \$25 covers for as well. The more funding we get the more we are able to reimburse the people that paid for it and would be able to give the money back.

Q: how confident are you in the transportation?

A: we need 2 more drivers out of 28 so I feel pretty good about that.

Deciding to Fund

Itai: I motion to fund.

Emily: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to fund Alcatraz trip.

How Much?

Kimberly: I think it sounds like a good event. Cool experience.

Mario: I motion to fund \$200 from the sponsorship account.

Erin: I second.

NO objections. Motion passes to fund

5. Officer Reports

- a. SUA- funding requests: Bike co-opt \$500, relay for Life \$10,000, Queer fashion show \$500, elections committee \$2000.
- b. Academic Senate- not until May 18th 2:30pm at the Stevenson Event Center
- c. Core Council- nothing to report
- d. SCOC
- e. SUGB
- f. SFAC
- g. MAC
- h. PR- Relay for life raise over \$800 and got award for most spirited. I want to thank everyone for being there and helping out.
- i. Community Service Rep- Relay for Life was great! Special thank you for Lily and Kimberly for guiding me through the process.
- j. RA Liaison- May 22nd 12-3pm Give, Grub, Grab! BBQ! At the Merrill Plaza!
- k. Secretary-Minutes to be posted!
- l. Treasurer- **Lick \$108 from sponsorship**. We have \$285.80 from MSG, \$892 left from Sponsorship.
- m. Vice-Chair
- n. Chair
 - i. Elections- starting our sign-ups for positions tonight! Have until May 13th. Campaigning starting on Saturday May 14th until Monday 23rd. Voting will continue until June 1st. unofficial welcome on June 2nd to the new core members. Opened to all Merrill Students will good academic Standing.

Kartik: I motion to extend time 10 mins
Mario: I second.
Kartik: I motion to extend until 10:30pm
Mario: I second.

Motion extended

ii. Retreat- Final retreat Thursday Night June 2nd?

Victor: Retreat is a fun dinner! End of the year party!

Mario: where is it going to be at?

Victor: up to you all.

Kartik: I think that it would be easier to have it Saturday.

Mario: I motion to have the retreat on June 2nd.

Karina: I second.

Kartik: I object. Guaranteed open day.

Karina: I think the 2nd would be better because it is during MSG. Before dead week.

***Everyone in favor of having the retreat on June 2nd.**

Victor: I suggest we don't cancel the meeting but go over things quickly.

MSG endorses measure 66

o. Advisor-We had our last college night on Tuesday. Thank you for Moat day and Relay for Life! Everyone helping out thank you! Three more events: Mirror Mirror off the wall (positive body image group activity) 7pm at Baobab, Friday Mad Hatter Tea Party 3-5pm. May 21st 80s vs. 90s glitter ball theme 9pm-12am. Orientation Leader applications! Core members that get elected are required to move in early because they are automatic orientation leaders.

Announcements

-Kresge Presents Pride

-Multi-cultural festival

-Merrill Facebook Page: Survey, offering \$300 for the college that has the most participants!

-Leaving something Behind for MSG: Colored Printer? Posting Board? Email Suggestions!

Adjournment

Mario: I motion to adjourn.

Lara: I second.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25pm