

Merrill Student Government Minutes February 16, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chair Kimberly Runyan at 7:34pm

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Karina (Treasurer)
- ✓ Morgan (SUA)
- ✓ Hannah
- ✓ Jaime
- ✓ Richard (RA)
- ✓ Erick (SUGB)
- ✓ Marissa
- ✓ Amber
- ✓ Erin (MAC)
- ✓ Itai (Parliamentarian)
- ✓ Brian (Community Service Rep)
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Sylvane
- ✓ Chris (Crown RA)
- ✓ Tamara
- ✓ Brenden (Tie Foodies)
- ✓ Alicia (RA)
- ✓ Marin
- ✓ Nicolas
- ✓ Diana (PR)
- ✓ Ire (SUA alternate)
- ✓ Lily (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Daisy (SCOC)
- ✓ Lily Green (SUA)
- ✓ Kimberly (Chair)
- ✓ Rebecca Mu (Academic Senate)

2. Presenters

- a. SUA Open House 7:40pm
 - invite Wed. Feb. 22, 6:30-8pm in the SUA Office, Student Union Building (2nd floor)
 - Get to know your spaces!
- b. "Tie Foodies Program" 7:45pm
 - students that work for UC dining
 - campus dining experience
 - making sure food is labeled correctly
 - surveys: What people are eating? What to see more of? What needs to change?
 - If you have a specific concern about food: Can ask anyone is a green shirt or ask to see the manager
 - checklists (make sure things are in the right place)
 - meet with all of the Dining staff & do reports for each dining hall
 - Suggestions for Dining:**
 - tortillas
 - More Vegetarian/Vegan Options
 - healthier food (everything is so greasy)
 - No EDM in the morning
 - KZSC Music
 - Leaf Lettuce instead of Shredded lettuce (shredded lettuce is hard to put on a sandwich)

- Sunflower butter
- More pasta on Meatless Mondays
- *Meatless Monday is no More*
- Chocolate Chips more often

Compliments:

- Brown rice for breakfast
- Freshness of the Vegetables
- Breakfast Displays
- Grape Fruits

3. Funding Request Presentations

a. **Dear World 8:00pm**

- Company based of New Orleans
- express your identity through a series of photoshoot
- April 13th (VIP Photoshoot) and 14th (Storytelling Session, 9/10 Multipurpose)
- Opra Winfrey made a Shout out to this company!
- Nice way for people to build connections and express themselves safely and freely
- Requesting: \$200

Questions:

Q: Where will the money we fund go towards?

A: Mainly for tech fees. Collaboration between 5 program offices.

Q: Very expensive event, what is the advantage of having this done by someone professional versus getting students to contribute their talents?

A: Hard to schedule around student-schedule. It is hard for us to pick students to do that.

Q: What happens if you don't get enough funding?

A: Possibility that this event won't happen. Asking for donations everywhere.

Q: How are students selected for VIP?

A: Volunteer Form list (70 people)

Q: Is Dear World a non-profit? Where does that money go?

A: It is a non-profit. Their whole purpose is storytelling and community engagement. There is a formula they are doing and they have also won awards.

Deciding to Fund

Lily: Beneficial to explain why SUA chose not to fund them.

-issue: The photographers (with more planning could have happened with student photographers)

-Ethnic organizations felt that it was profiting off the student's stories

Marin: I like the idea, however we allocate funding that events can happen. I don't think we should use student funds for this event. I would say just don't fund.

Morgan: This event is happening regardless, doesn't mean we shouldn't completely fund, but I think that it is very expensive. I'm less incline to funding it.

Yessi: Alternative (Letters to Merrill) the same concept was there. I get that it is cool nonprofit, but it's a lot of money.

Itai: It seems a bit excessive. You could do the same thing for a lot cheaper.

Erik: I motion not to fund

Morgan: I second.'

No objections. Motion passes not to fund Dear World.

b. **Ellie's Adventure Club 8:15pm**

- Week 9, March 11, 5pm
- Safe and Sober alternative
- C/M Apartments: Sundaes, Balloon animals, postcard making, potted plants
- expecting: 300-400 people

- Advertising: banners, Flyers, Thanks you to the student governments
- Passive: Target the Merrill Ethos, Global Helium
- Asking Funding From: CSS & MSG

Concern: Balloons are not sustainable

-Q: what is the percentage of people who attend from the Dorms vs. Apartments?

-A: It is going to advertised to the Res hall communities.

-Q: Will the event happen regardless if you get funding from us?

-A: Yes. Get the money from the Crown RAs

Deciding To Fund

Lily: I feel like at this point in the quarter and we are running out of funds, I don't see how this benefits Merrill community as a whole

Karina: I do understand the alternate sober scene, I just feel like they put too much money on these things.

Morgan: I personally think that this event is cool. But they can host with half of the activities. Some expenses that are just there and not really needed.

Yessi: I feel weird because they don't invite the Merrill RAs to participate.

Brian: The amounts seem high. I almost feel like asking them to lower it.

Morgan: The risk with giving partial amount, we will look like throwing shade at them, but might still not lower the budget.

Marin: I feel like this event is too extravagant

Marin: I motion not to fund

Lily: I second.

Itai: I object. I think we should fund them.

Daisy: They mentioned that it would be going on whether or not we fund them.

Morgan: Less inclined to want to fund, as a member of the dorms I feel like this is more for the apartments. People of the dorms don't really go up to the apartments.

Alicia: I do think we should fund them. I see Merrill students going to them.

Vote to not Fund Ellie's Club

Yes (13)

No (5)

Abstain (6)

Motion passes to not fund Ellie's Club

c. Council Of Chair Winter Senate Mixer

-Mixer/ townhall

-hour of mingling with other senates & inviting other guests (Mike Rotkin & Ryan Coonerty & Mark Stone)

-Thursday, March 2nd 7-9pm, at the Stevenson Event Center

-Asking for \$30 (finger Food: Pizza & Chips, Salsa, hummus, cookies)

-Everything is coming from COSTCO

-Q: Can we get someone of color, or women of color?

-A: I can ask the other chairs about that.

Deciding to Fund

Morgan: I motion to fund.

Daisy: I second.

No objections. Motion passes

Rebecca: I motion to fund the \$30 to Mixer.

Lily: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to fund \$30 to Mixer

4. Officer Reports

a. Student Union Assembly

-Announcements:

- UCSA lobbying conference: Application due Feb. 17 at midnight
- Pilipino Festival Sat.
- Thurs. Feb. 21st Kaiser Arena Basketball, tickets: \$6
- Semi-formal ticket sales in the Dining Hall
- Presentations: teach for America, Muslims Student Association (MSA West Convention: experiences they had)
- SUA Comedy Night: March 4th 8pm at the 9/10 multipurpose room
- Shift discussion against sexual assault especially because of the sexual assault case
- b. Student Fee Advisory Committee
- c. Academic Senate
- d. -Slugs Success
 - faculty had a lot of questions
 - want to join my task force let me know (Rebecca Mu)
 - Chair stepped down
- e. Core council
- f. SCOC
 - Sister college event:** This Sunday at 6pm, c/m dining hall, Fantastic Beast & Pizza
- g. SUGB
 - Getting caught up
- h. Community Service Rep
 - Relay for life: Revived the old team
 - Emailing you all to join our team, donate \$10
- i. RA Liaison
 - Pro Staff decided that they are not moving the printers to the community room because it was too much work and paying IT wasn't in their favor
 - Feedback: How have you been doing without free printing?:**
 - Awful, if they have the funds to provide us with free printing that's terrible. I had to print at the computer lab and it became super expensive.
 - financial strain
 - Wish I had a free space to print again
 - also useful for off campus people
 - The fee increase especially with late fees
- j. Public Relations
 - Lobby Conference is on the MSG Page
- k. MAC
 - on Sunday we had Speed friending, about 15 people showed up (most were Crownies)
 - MAC & Cheese **Sat. March 4th 3-5pm in the Charles E. Merrill Lounge**
 - 11am-2pm Cantu Center Reserved to cook the Mac and cheese**
 - We are watching Grease! *Lily screams*
 - idea: Mac folder to the "Team Drive" and put MAC notes in it
- l. Secretary
 - Minutes posted on the "Team Drive"
- m. Treasurer
 - funded the Student Mixer \$30, \$175 left for the Quarter
- n. Vice-Chair
 - Lobbying for the people, Mon. 2/20 6:30-8pm at RCNV 612 Ocean St.:** Knowing how legislature works
 - Movie: "I am not your Negro" at the Delmar 7:10pm Feb. 21st
- o. Chair

-Lighting problem: discovered there isn't adequate lighting and they are gonna install more around the college

-Senate Mixer: Cowell, crown, Merrill, RCC, Kresge funded

-Please try to be on time for the Meetings, We have been starting late

-If you know you are not going to be at the meeting email me the day before

-If you're not gonna be here please tell me why

-If you don't get my email or are part of the team drive let me (Chair) know

p. Advisor

-tomorrow at 6pm Cervantes Room UC diversity campus Officer

-TACO TUESDAY 2/21, if you don't have any cash or flexi Merrill Programs Office has limited sponsorship for you!

5. Announcements

6. Adjournment

Brian: I motion to adjourn

Rebeca: I second.

No objections/ Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm