

Merrill Student Government February 2, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm by Chair Kimberly Runyan

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Karina (Treasurer)
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Brian
- ✓ Lily Green (SUA)
- ✓ Ire (SUA Alternate)
- ✓ Isaac
- ✓ Jaime
- ✓ Diana
- ✓ Jamie
- ✓ Jocelyn
- ✓ Diana (PR)
- ✓ Noah (Presenter)
- ✓ Itai (Parliamentarian)
- ✓ Vanessa (2nd meeting)
- ✓ Erick (2nd meeting)
- ✓ Marissa (2nd meeting)
- ✓ Nicolas
- ✓ Morgan (SUA)
- ✓ Erin (MAC)
- ✓ Amber
- ✓ Jay (SUA)
- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Maurice
- ✓ Kimberly (Chair)
- ✓ Rebeca(Academic Senate)
- ✓ Marin
- ✓ Chandler (SFAC)
- ✓ Alicia
- ✓ Annalise (Fruitcake)
- ✓ Armando (Fruitcake)
- ✓ Hector (3rd meeting)
- ✓ Andrea (2nd meeting)
- ✓ Richard (RA)
- ✓ Amanda (Core Council)
- ✓ Lily (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Sulvain (2nd meeting)
- ✓ Hannah
- ✓ Kyle (Crown)

Discussion of the Day: What are your hopes, expectations and or concerns about the currently nominated Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos?

-Not surprising. Optimistic that senators on both side of the aisle are taking a stand against this

-Hoping: doesn't hinder any progress that has been already made

-Not going to make college/education cheaper

- no experience with public school (privileged families in the US), I'm so *bleep* Angry!
- unqualified
- bars have been set so low because of previous cabinet decisions
- putting pride aside and **"taking down that wall" (no pun intended)**

2. Funding Request

- a. Fruit Cake Magazine 7:45pm
 - Annually published magazines (**comics & humorist fiction**)
 - last year printed 500 copies and distributed all over campus (32 pages in color)
 - Spring look to print double the copies (1000, 48 pages full color)
 - Prints every spring Quarter
 - Advertising: Living Writer Series, KZEC
 - Push for more Diverse Narratives
 - non-discriminatory towards art (all backgrounds are welcomed)

Discussion

Marin: In support of helping get students published.

Marin; I motion to fund fruit cake magazine.

Maurice; I second.

No objection. Motion passes to fund Fruitcake Magazine

Morgan: Printing costs, we shouldn't feel an obligation to fund them the fully amount. \$100 sounds good.

Itai: I don't feel comfortable giving them the full amount because they didn't show us a previous copy and presentation lacked.

Lily: They are a new organization. I like the fact that they are trying to include people of all skill level.

Rebeca: I motion to fund \$110

Maurice: I second.

Karina: I object. I didn't like their presentation. I feel that \$100 would be Ok.

Hannah: I think that \$100 is fair. It would make you feel so good if you had an opportunity to get published.

Morgan: \$100 seems like enough to populate the spaces.

Isaac: It would be fine.

Itai: It seems a little early to print in color.

Rebeca: I motion to amend my motion to change the previous funding motion from \$110 to \$100.

Erin: I second.

No objections. Amendment Passes

Vote

Yes (17)

No (1)

Abstention (5)

Motion passes to fund Fruit Cake Magazine \$100

- b. West Fest 8:00pm
 - Oaks senate/ Rachel Carson Event
 - KZEC, Porter Senate/ Kresge Parliamentary
 - Requesting: \$150**
 - expecting: 1,000 people over the course of 4 hrs.
 - Advertisement: Fliers distributed By Merrill RAs
 - Feb.24th from 4pm-8pm RCC LAWN**

Discussion

Lily: I was in SOFA when we talked about funding them. Weren't asking much money from the other colleges. It seems like an event that draws a lot of people. We recommended that they go to colleges in East Side. I think we should fund.

Jay: Given that SUA has a large programming budget, it doesn't make sense to me to give them money.

Rebeca: 500 from RCC & Oaks. If other colleges are funding then we should also fund.

Lily: A lot of people didn't know that the programming budget existed.

Rebeca: I motion to fund

Lily: I second.

Jay: I object. I think that if the rep in SUA saw that they didn't get anything maybe they would be inclined to fund them. ***Maybe I just want to see the drama***

Rebeca: I think that it is good vibes and good times and we want Merrillites to attend. I think we should fund them.

Morgan: I think we should show that Merrill supports them.

Vote funding West Fest

Yes (20)

No (1)

Abstain (2)

Motion passes to fund.

Marin: I motion to fund \$50

Ire: I second.

Rebeca: I object. Seeing that they need \$600 I think that we should fund them \$100 to support a festival like this.

Jamie: I think \$50 is too little.

Vote in favor of funding West Fest \$50

Yes (3)

No (15)

Abstentions (4)

Motion fails.

Discussion

Rebeca: I motion to fund \$100

Amber: I second.

Ire: I object. How does \$75 sound?

Vote In favor of funding West Fest \$100

Yes (17)

No (2)

Abstention (3)

Motion passes to fund West Fest \$100

Jay: Use SUA programming funds for Homeless shelter?

3. Nominations & Appointments

a. SUGB

I. Isaac

- **I was class president in 5th Grade** *everyone laughs*

-Feel in love with Merrill

-Social Butterfly: Approachable

-Merrill Student Government means being part of the family and community and a great way to get involved

-I'm a fast learner

II. Erick

-1st year, Residential Hall Council, Mac, and aspiring Member of MAC

-want to make Merrill an inclusive space and extend it to the rest of the campus
-want to people to vote on . . . **things**. . and that's why I want to be SUGB Rep

III. Hannah

-community is really important
-don't live on campus but want to get involved
-I want to be a part of the Merrill community and **it is such as cute college (Awww)**

IV. Jamie

-want to get more involved on campus with **Reshall council please don't hurt me**
-want to get more of a feel on campus

Discussion

Jay: I want to voice my support for Jamie. She voiced her opinion I really **enjoyed her fire**

Lily: I was just suggesting that whoever does get the position one of the most experienced people here guides them.

Marin: torn between someone who hasn't gotten involved and who those who have.

Maurice: I think Erick and Jamie.

Ire: All enthusiastic to me. Isaac shows initiative and confidence and willingness to do take leadership and willing to step up. Social skills important to connect with others.

Hector: Erick and Jamie have the right quality to be SUGB.

Marin: Erick or Jamie because the problem with the last SUGB rep was that he didn't show up to meetings.

Morgan: From Erick and Jamie's presentation they seemed to be very serious.

Take in to a Vote

Top two Erik and Jamie (tie)

Marin: Jamie participated in discussions.

Lily: I liked that Jamie was very willing to speak her mind while being new.

Maurice: I would give this one to Erik because I have seen him actively work in the Merrill buildings in the clothe drive. Leadership skills.

Take it to a Vote Again

Another tie

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Karina: I motion to table voting

Erin: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to vote next meeting.

b. Community Service Representative

V. Brian

-interested in

-intrinsic, want to do the best I can and bring all you with me

Discussion

Ire: I like him.

Jay: I support Brian

Brian appointed Community Service Rep

4. Officer Report

a. Student Union Assembly

-Muslim student association: sending representative to speak to us

-trying to get a prayer space for their org

-looking to take on a new campaign

- Issues you are passionate about:
 - contact any SUA REP
 - full financial support, mobilization

-Dear World Presentation: pictures of students and share stories, reflect on experiences and diversities

-Campaign: Assembly members felt that SUA wasn't doing enough for the student body

b. Student Fee Advisory Committee

-3 referendum

-Measure 8: Increase existing undergraduate compulsory fee from \$7.00 per quarter to \$20 per quarter

- 2003 the student fee hasn't changed since then
- campus wide events, concerts,
- no end date to this fee increase
- author are choosing to add that 33% to the referendum

Comments

- In comparison to the other UCs (UCLA and UCSB) it isn't that much
- Even though I think that it is a good fee, SUA uses all the fees that it is given (would like to see SUA use the money that it has been given)
- SUA needs to prove itself with the money that it already has
- small percentage of the students are going to know where it is going to
- Much higher chance of affecting students than other fees

-Undocumented Student Services Fee

- New Fee
- \$5 per quarter being Fall 2017 (graduate and ungraduated students)
- No End date
- Fee will help provide higher education for undocumented students
- Low income will receive grant aid from this fee

Comments

- Great because shows that we stand solidarity with undocumented students in mist of post-trump and DACA being on a wimp
- anyway to suggest to increase the fee? But support
- Do any other UCs have this same fee? (UC Riverside)
- This will be on the Ballot that everyone will be able to vote on
- The application worries me, whereas everybody gets it

-OH Tuesdays 4-5pm at Fireside Lounge, Chandler: My Last quarter at UCSC, MSG, SFAC

c. Academic Senate

-nothing

d. Core Council

-nothing

e. Student Committee on Committees

-sister college event: Feb. 19th 6pm-9pm in C/M Dining Hall

-Pizza & Fantastic Beast

-Committees

-CAFA (financial Aid), International communication, courses of Instructions

f. Student Union Governance Board

-nothing

g. Community Service Rep

-Beach Clean-up Sunday 9am-11am

- h. RA Liaison
 - Sat. Family Day (volunteer list is open)
 - Super Bowl Sunday 2-6pm Community Room, If Rains Pizza but either way FOOD, it's gonna be **LIT!**
- i. Public Relations
- j. MAC
 - Sunday Feb. 12th 3-5pm in Charles E. Merrill Lounge:** Speed friending
 - Talked to Reshall students: bigger spaces go to MAC
 - Merrill Apparel Spotlight: Merrill Pride (snap a picture and use hashtag and featured on Merrill Page and Instagram)
- k. Secretary
- l. Treasurer
 - Funding Fruitcake Magazine \$100, West Fest \$100**
- m. Vice Chair
- n. Chair
 - senate Mixer, March 2nd (quarterly)
- o. Advisor
 - Dear World: asking for students to join the planning portion, **Mon. Feb 13th at 4pm in Cowell**
 - Memorial for "Ally" at Second Stage Theater
 - Family Day: Looking for volunteers
 - Feb. 14th Bees-Neez, Spelling Bee Contest!**

5. Announcements

- “How to declare” D-Dorm at 7:30pm Feb. 3
- career Center: Multi-cultural conference: Saturday Feb. 11th 9:30am-4:30pm Porter College Dining Hall
- Sat. Feb. 4th 5pm at Kaiser Permanente Arena \$5 “Battle of the Colleges”
- Beach Clean-up Carpool Sheet in on the MSG team drive
- Food deserts in South Central LA, 7-9pm Wed. 9/10 multipurpose room
- Mock quince: any contact with Latino org let Karina Know

6. Adjournment

Karina: I motion to adjourn

Amber: I second.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09pm