

Merrill Student Government Meeting Minutes February 23, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chair Kimberly Runyan at 7:32pm

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Karina (Treasurer)
- ✓ Richard (RA)
- ✓ Jay (SUA)
- ✓ Erin (guest of Jays)
- ✓ Lily Green (SUA)
- ✓ Jaime
- ✓ Vanessa
- ✓ Erick (SUGB)
- ✓ Erin (MAC)
- ✓ Amber
- ✓ Chandler (SFAC)
- ✓ Morgan (SUA)
- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Kyle (Crown Student)
- ✓ Ire (SUA Alternate)
- ✓ Diana (PR)
- ✓ Hannah
- ✓ Thomas
- ✓ Nicolas
- ✓ Hector
- ✓ Andrea
- ✓ Kristin
- ✓ Vero (Advisor)
- ✓ Maurice
- ✓ Itai (Parliamentarian)
- ✓ Brian (Community Service)
- ✓ Lily (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Kimberly (Chair)
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)

✓ Amanda Q. (CC)

2. Constitutional Committee Amendments

-changes all related to impeachments

Additions: as determined by the MSG space and MSG constitution. Contact for impeachment one week ahead. Chair must give at least 6 days' notice before someone is impeached. Sub C: If they show up during the impeachment they can defend themselves. 2/3 majority to remove an officer (become member at large unless they missed last two consecutive meetings). Leave of Absence does not mean you can't be impeached.

Karina: I motion to table discussion.

Brian: I second.

No objections.

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Jay: I second.

No objections.

Chandler: I motion to accept the amendments to the constitution

Ire: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to approve amendments

3. Presenters

4. Funding Request Presentations

a) Third Annual Campus Clean-Up 7:45pm

-Event: May 6th

-Requesting \$200 (food & shirts)

-Student collect liter across campus (break up into teams)

-Student Attendance last year: 150

-RSVP/ show up

-Advertisement: Instagram, Facebook, fliering

Q: What areas have been clean-up in the past?

A: Meet in the Quarry Plaza and go from there

Q: How much waste was collected last year?

A: 250 pounds of trash collected last year

Deciding to Fund

Karina: I think it is nice to have a campus clean-up. Doesn't seem like a lot of Merrill Students, could do it with the Merrill community for the community service Rep.

Jay: If we don't fund this can we make a commitment to do it ourselves?

Brian: Yeah, sure.

Karina; I motion to table

Erin: I second.

No objections.

Hannah: I think that \$200 is a lot. I don't think that everyone is going to go just for the shirt.

Lily: Realistic for us to plan to do it then we don't really need to fund it.

Morgan: I think that it is strange the big emphasis on the shirts. They would be more financially stable if they weren't offering shirts.

Erin: I like the idea of it being a campus wide event and unify everyone. But I like that they are trying to get more people to participate.

Karina: I motion to not fund.

Morgan: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to not fund the campus clean-up

b) National Society of Black Engineers 43rd Annual Convention 8:00pm

-mission statement: increase number of Black engineers

-Kansas Missouri Convention

-Beneficial: allow them to get job opportunities, mentorships, and internships

Merrill Ethos: Expose Those of African American decent to a larger community

Merrillites: 3 Merrill Students going out of 13

Q: take backs?

A: Take leadership, attack issues within community and Classroom

Q: Funding go towards?

A: Registration (\$280 for student members)

Q: What other ways are you getting funding?

A: SUA (\$4000), CEP (\$6000), fundraising at Baskin

Deciding to Fund

Lily: We wanted to give them more money because it is important to diversify stem-fields, I think we should consider of funding them something.

Itai: I don't think we should fund the conference. Benefits very few people.

Karina: I love this organization and I completely support it but I think that we have to realize that it is Merrill's money so it should benefit the greater community. It would only support the one in reality versus the many. They are going for other funding.

Hannah: I think that their organization is showing the message of Merrill and we don't necessarily have a lot of people from African decent at Merrill but we should still support them.

Itai: I motion not to fund.

Karina: I second.

Hannah: I object. I think we should fund them partially to show our support.

Jay: I think that even sending some funds is a message that we support.

Erick: Personally, I don't think that funding some wouldn't be the total cost of registration for one person.

Hannah: If we funded them \$100 that would be for a room and it would help with costs.

Lily: They also said that they were planning on putting it towards registration. It seems like if we funded them a little bit it would be symbolic. A little bit go to a big deal for them.

Jay: I think they are trying really hard with the fund raising.

Voting in Favor of not funding

Yes (4)

No (16)

Abstention (7)

Motion does not pass.

Thomas: If we were to fund, we could use the sponsorship funds for.

Maurice: Funding would be very beneficial to keep the retention of Merrill African decent people as a whole which is

Maurice: I motion to fund NSBE

Lily: I second.

Itai: I object. Not going to benefit that many people. Our money can be better spent to

Affect more people.

Vote in favor of funding NSBE

Yes (21)

No (3)

Abstentions (3)

Motion passes to fund.

Lily: I motion to fund \$200. \$100 from regular and \$100 from sponsorship

Chandler: I second.

Itai: I object. I think \$200 is too much.

Jay: If we are going to pull from

Lily: I motion to amend the previous motion to \$280 from the sponsorship fund to fund at least one registration.

Chandler: I second.

Itai: I object. I think the funds should be stipulated that it goes to a Merrill Student registration.

Vote on the Amendment motion to \$280 from the sponsorship fund to fund at least one registration.

Yes (22)

No (0)

Abstention (5)

Amendment Passes

In favor of funding \$280 from the sponsorship fund to fund at least one registration.

Yes (16)

No (1)

Abstentions (9)

Motion passes to fund \$280 from sponsorship to NSBE.

Yessi: Us telling them what to do with the money is up to them. Don't like the idea of the Oppressor and the Oppressed.

c) Holi Festival 8:15pm

-Indian Student Association

-annual Holi festival (SUA, Dean of Students, TINK)

-Promote cultural awareness

-Show people how to be tolerant of other cultures

-Holi represents the changing of seasons

-last year 4,000 people attended

-This year expecting over 6,000 people show up

-Budget: expensive event

Advertising: Social Media, flyers, word of mouth

-Requesting: \$300 to support flyers

-Support from (Provosts across Campus, Merrill, RRC)

-The money goes to organization for Jaipur that produces prosthetics for people in India.

Event: April 14th at OPERS East Field House around 2-6pm

Q: Culturally appropriating complaints, how do you deal with this?

A: started addressing this last year, had multiple informational sessions (inform people what Holi is and why we are hosting this event)

Q: What about the powder? Pollution into the water?

A: Powder is biodegradable

Q: What is the weight of the powder?

A: 3,000 pounds of color (might increase)

Deciding to Fund

Lily: A couple people went from the space and it was really fun. The waking up of the quarter.

Jay: I like the event I think that it is a great way to celebrate a culture.

Itai: I motion to fund.

Hector: I second.

No objections. Motion passes.

Morgan: I think that it is a great event. The budget is huge. \$100 to \$200 is close to the same. Motion to fund \$100.

Lily: I second

Lily Bastida: I object. I think that we should fund more because a lot of Merrillites go to this and the money goes to a good cause.

Vote in favor of funding \$100 to Holi Fest

Yes (6)

No (6)

Abstain (12)

Motion fails.

Lily Bastida: I motion to fund \$200.

Yessi: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to fund Holi Fest \$200

5. Officer Reports

A. SUA

-West Fest, Fri, Feb 25 4-8pm at the Rachel Carson Lawn (If rains between Guzman Rm and Oaks Library)

-UCSC Ice Hockey Game: Feb, 24th selling tickets at the Quarry plaza. March 17th is the game.

-Winter Semi-formal on Sat. Feb. 25

-NCAA funding Request: Brought up the idea and discussed having the money come out the SUA fund

-Police student forum: Open dialog with student of the police force April 11th or 12th in the Cervantes Room

-Food pantry request: the money not used returned to SUA fund.

-Framing Sexual Assault discussion: liability for the university, more focus on student safety (saying we support it)

-Police Forum topics: Rights for Undocumented students, why there are so many police officers on campus, how would it affect a student's status if they get in trouble with the law?

B. SFAC

-making opinions for the referendum

-Measure 8

-*presents a blurry chart of an estimation of attendance of his office hours*

-*Next slide presents a picture he took during the dining hall (blue dot), 8 arrows pointing to the fireside lounge map*

-*everyone can't contain laughter*

C. Academic Senate

D. Core Council

-Colleges Against Cancer (relay for life April 29th), Asian American Pacific Islander (Student Show Case), Pre-veterinarian club, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (speakers from Google and Microsoft, Non-Hackathon on April 22nd at Multi-purpose Room 9/10 (1st & 2nd place 1000, 3rd \$500),

E. SCOC

-Crown Merrill Sister College Event was Sunday (a lot of people came)

-Voting on College 10 SFAC rep

-Committees important that need representation (CAFA (Admissions and financial aid), Committee on International education, Committee student transportation & Parking, OPERS (5 open spots)

Website to Apply to Committee: ucsc.scoc

F. SUGB

-Collective Museum Proposal: For 5 years putting murals inside student union

-New Referendum \$10 per quarter fee for Opers and SUGB

G. RA Liaison

H. Community Service Rep

-Hope you all join the team

-\$10 registration fee (non-profit)

-Brainstorming ideas for fund raising

-Event: April 29th -30th 10am-10am

Register under Merrill Mountaineers

-Community Service Ideas: Merrill Clean-Up day & Fundraise

I. PR

-looking for volunteers and Campaign committees for undocumented students referendum

J. Secretary

-Minutes posted on the Team Drive

K. MAC

-Sat. March 4th 3-5pm at Charles E. Merrill Lounge, Mac & Cheese Movie Night, making Mac and Cheese that same day at 11am in the Cantu Center

L. Treasurer

Fund \$280 from sponsorship to NSBE. fund Holi Fest \$200

-have run out of funds for the quarter

-Erin: I think it would be a good idea to stop hearing funds for this quarter and wait until the next quarter.

Morgan: People are really hesitant to funds things because we are running out of money.

Itai: The problem with not hearing them is you could accidently pass up on one that you want to hear, Could bring back the "deciding to hear" just for the remainder of the quarter.

Lily: I agree with Itai.

To dip into next quarters funds (1)

To stop hearing funding requests for the remainder of the quarter (14)

To reinstate deciding to hear process (4)

Not going to hear any more funding requests for the remainder of the quarter

M. Vice-Chair

N. Chair

-No meeting next week instead **all 10 senate Mixer at 7-9pm in Stevenson Event Center**

-Merrill Apparel if you have some, if you want Merrill Apparel and don't have some let me know

O. Advisor

-Tuesday was Taco Tuesday (maybe do it again)

6. Announcements

-any suggestions for Retreat let Vice Chair Lily know

-2017 Lecture series: video games as Video Culture (Guest lectures from different perspectives from around the country) Monday Feb. 27th 5:20-6:20pm intersectionality in game

-Hari Kondabolu, March. 4th 8pm at the 9/10 MPR

-Chair Needs a List for people going to the Mixer

-MSG T-Shirts in the process

7. Adjournment

Lily: I motion to adjourn

Lily Green: I second.

8. **Meeting adjourned at 9:46pm**