

Merrill Student Government Meeting January 26, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chair Kimberly Runyan at 7:33pm

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Karina (Treasurer)
- ✓ Mia
- ✓ Maurice
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Richard (RA)
- ✓ Erin
- ✓ Amber
- ✓ Daisy (SCOC)
- ✓ Davon Thomas (SUA Internal Affairs)
- ✓ Diana (PR)
- ✓ Kristin (1st meeting)
- ✓ Jamie (1st meeting)
- ✓ Joselyn (1st meeting)
- ✓ Nicolas
- ✓ Hector (1st meeting)
- ✓ Andrea (1st meeting)
- ✓ Janely (1st meeting)
- ✓ Lily Green (SUA)
- ✓ Hannah (Second)
- ✓ Isaac (1st meeting)
- ✓ Ire (SUA)
- ✓ Christopher (Lick Observatory)
- ✓ Jay (SUA)
- ✓ Vero (Advisor)
- ✓ Jaime
- ✓ Alicia (RA)
- ✓ Itai (Parliamentarian)
- ✓ Thomas
- ✓ Brian
- ✓ Sulvain (1st meeting)
- ✓ Vanessa (1st meeting)
- ✓ Marissa (1st meeting)
- ✓ Eric (1st meeting)
- ✓ Lily (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Kimberly (Chair)

2. Presenters

a. Office of Internal Affairs (SUA): **SPIRIT WEEK**

1. Mon. (2/6) Hat Day
2. Tues (2/7) Disney Day
3. Wed. (2/8) Pajama Day
4. Thurs. (2/9) Twin Day
5. Fri. (2/10) School Color Day

***Share your UCSC pride with us to win prizes #UCSCSpiritWeek
-\$25 gift card from the bookstore**

3. Funding Request Presentations

a. Lick Observatory Trip

-Merrillites and Crownies to Lick Observatory

-Looking through a giant telescope:

1. Puts things into perspective
2. Astronomy puts cultures together (Everyone practices astronomy we look up to the sky and see the "heavens" brings people together spiritual way)

-Requesting money for the renting out two vans that are \$85 (22 people plus 2 drivers & working on getting another van)

-SIGN UP in the HOUSING OFFICE (First come first Serve) will have a waiting List of about 12 but depends on the buses I get (2 or 3)

-Event Date: Friday, April 14th, 4:30pm-midnight

-The cost for the students is \$0, SNACKS are provided but take money for food (In & Out)

-Share experience of looking through a giant telescope and looking at star clusters

-Advertisement: by the middle of the quarter (dining Hall, flyers A-D Merrill buildings and Crown Residential halls, and Word of Mouth)

Deciding to Fund

Brian: As a presenter he was very into in and addressed the Merrill Ethos. He has done it before. Going to impact the Merrill community in a tangible way.

Erin: I went and it was super fun.

Jaime: A good opportunity for 1st and 2nd years to go outside because they don't have cars.

Daisy: I think uniting crown and Merrill would be good.

Karina: I motion to fund Lick Observatory Trip.

Erin: I second.

No objection. Motion passes to fund Lick Observatory.

How Much to Fund?

Itai: I motion to fully fund the Lick Observatory.

Brian: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to fund Lick \$85.

4. MAC & SUGB

- 2 Open Positions

- 3 nominations for MAC, 0 for SUGB

1. Erin Platform:

-a member of MSG for 2 quarters

-a member of MAC for 1 quarter

-MAC: I like having a say at what happens in Merrill. Issues that have been addressed include:

-focus on long-term Recruitment plan

-residential Hall situations: stepping on MAC toes in a lot of ways, but RAs are open to communication between both groups

Passionate about MAC and make sure that it stays forever

2. Nicolas

-First joined MAC not really knowing what it was, joined last quarter

-About building a community

-Encourage people to get to know each other

-Allow people to express themselves more artistically (more Music Events)

*Life should be like La La Land)

3. Hector

- 1st year at Merrill
- Leadership experiences: youth leader, rally commissioner, chair of student sight council
- very familiar with planning school events
- Goal: Make Merrill an inclusive environment. Making it more accommodating to Merrill community

Discussion

Daisy: I think Erin knows a lot about the issues that are going on. On the other hand, Hector has a lot of leadership skills that could help.

Maurice: I have also been a part of MAC since my second year. Mario took the lead position this year and one of the first people to attend the meeting was Nicolas and so he would be familiar with the position.

Yessi: He has been one of the only freshman who has kept up and acknowledging that he isn't the most creative person if he needs help he will reach out.

Lily: I got to work with Erin as an orientation leader and she has those leadership skills and is familiar with the space. And she has communication with the RAs and that is something that we need right now.

Amber: the fact that she is a 3rd year means that she knows a lot of people from different years.

Voting on MAC Representative

TOP 2 nominees were Erin and Nicolas

Final Vote: Erin will be the New MAC Representative

Nominations for SUGB & Community Service Rep

-email: krunyan@ucsc.edu

-Have to be a Merrillite

4. Officer Reports

a. Student Union Assembly

- Regens voted to raise tuition
- Portrait Campaign in the Quarry Plaza
- VP of Academic Affairs in NOW OPEN to Anyone, **Deadline Feb. 3rd**
- SOFA: passed the budget
- SUA \$71,000 that any assembly member can request for any type of event
- Long Reach Developmental Plan: Get students to talk about the community of Santa Cruz (pros & cons)
- Q: Talk to undocumented students so that they have a loan forgiveness program with everything that is going on.**

b. Academic Senate

c. Community Service Rep

- Beach Clean-Up
- Date: Sunday Feb 5th at 9am at Cowell's Beach
- Really close to campus
- email will be sent out for Rides

d. Core Council

e. Student Committees on Committees

- Sister College Event: **Sunday Feb. 19th 5-7pm COSTCO PIZZA**
- Board Games & Questions about Committee and if you can respond it correctly then you get a free slice of Pizza

f. Student Union Governance Board

-Send in your nominations

g. Student Fee Advisory Committee

- Two referendum authors that presented at SFAC

- Next Week the officer will talk more about this
- OH: TBD
- h. Public Relations**
 - Go Follow Our Social Media
 - Flyer for Beach Clean-Up Coming Soon. . .
- i. Merrill Activities Council**
 - Hi
 - Speed Friending Event on **Feb. 12th 3-5pm Charles E. Merrill Lounge**
 - Station to Make Valentine Day Grams!
- j. RA Liaison**
 - Family Day: Sat. Feb. 4th (Need Volunteers)
 - SuperBowl Sunday Feb. 5th at the community room**. First come first serve!
 - How to Declare: Feb. 3rd 7:30pm-9pm**
 - Idea: Coachella, bring you POORCHELLA**, Live stream Coachella
 - weekend 2 of Coachella Feb. 21st-23rd (tentative Dates)
- k. Secretary**
- l. Treasurer**
 - \$905 left for the quarter**
 - \$450 for sponsorship funds left**
 - Funded Lick Observatory \$85**
 - residential halls will continue at least for this year despite the tensions
 - intentionality: have a space for students living at certain floor to see events happen in there space
 - lack of structure. Reshall council will drop the council title and new name TBD

- m. Vice-Chair**
 - Update of Merrill After Hours Retreat:

-LIT

-DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR JCOLE

Other News:

- Light Post by the Bus Stop: that is moving forward
- Crown is also interested in helping out too

-the Merrill Hill is also really Dark, **CAMPUS ISN'T WELL LIT (COUNT #2)**

- n. Chair**
 - CONTACT SHEET (LOCATED ON THE TEAM DRIVE)
 - Doodle Poll for Constitutional Committee (email to be sent out)
- o. Advisor**
 - LAN Party Feb. 29th 12pm**
- 5. Announcements**
 - SB 54 California can become a sanctuary State (illegal to work with ICE)
 - Ron Finley (Gardening in Urban Areas **Feb. 8th at 7pm.**
 - **Feb. 1st 9am-2pm Stevenson Event Center, Blood Drive**
 - **ResHall Council: Clothing Drive (boxes in 1st, 3rd, and 4th floor (Santa Cruz Homeless Center**
- 6. Adjournment**
 - Karina: I motion to adjourn this meeting.
 - Maurice: I second.

No objections. Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm