

Merrill Student Government Meeting March 9, 2017  
Meeting called to order by Chair Kimberly Runyan at 7:31pm

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Karina (Treasurer)
- ✓ Lily (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Richard
- ✓ Erin (MAC)
- ✓ Amber
- ✓ Lily Green (SUA)
- ✓ Hannah
- ✓ Hector
- ✓ Andrea
- ✓ Nicolas
- ✓ Erick (SUGB)
- ✓ Marissa
- ✓ Vanessa
- ✓ Thomas
- ✓ Ire (SUA alternate)
- ✓ Erin (Guest of Jay)
- ✓ Jay (SUA)
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Maurice
- ✓ Brian (Community Service)
- ✓ Daisy (SCOC)
- ✓ Itai (Parliamentarian)
- ✓ Morgan (SUA)
- ✓ Rebecca Mu (Academic Senate)
- ✓ Kimberly (Chair)
- ✓ Chandler (SFAC)

2. Presenters

- a. SUA Constitutional Amendment Presentation 8:00pm
- language more aligned with Reality
  - USSA:** \$20,000 annually of the budget to be part of it. USSA conferences have been lack luster. Writing USSA out of the constitution is all it would take to leave
  - Vacancies Clarifications:** Social media and Media can be used for advertisement for President's position.
  - Updating Committee (Standing):** Student Outreach committee & the Finance Board
  - Representative Participation:** Representatives need to sit on any SUA committee
  - Setting a Fall Budget Deadline:** SUA is more upfront with how it spends its fees
  - Sponsorship:** Comfortable with this being on the ballot for students to vote on.
  - Sponsorship to Put the Amendment on the Ballot**
  - Daisy: I motion to sponsor the**
  - Brian: I second.**
  - No objects. Motion passes to sponsor**

3. Officer Reports

- a. Student Union Assembly
- Uber App Release: escort back to your dorm

**Events:**

- Next Tuesday & Wed (Food for finals) science Engineering

**Presentations**

- HSI (Hispanic Student Institution) Presentation: Academically rigorous and encouraging environment for students to graduate and Network
- External Affairs: DC during Spring Break Presentation
- Holi Festival Presentation: Cultural Appropriation? Event before the festival to learn about the Festival in a lounge

**UCSC A/BSA DEMANDS:** purchase a property located at or near the base of campus to serve as a low income housing cooperative for historically disadvantaged students.

**Clarification:** There is a Lower retention and graduation rate for historically disadvantaged students, to relief housing.

**Concerns/Questions:**

- racial component: benefits a few people
- Should expand to the dorms: Don't have a lot of black or Caribbean students on campus
- How many students are actually EOP students?
- Would the four year guarantee lower the guarantee of others who aren't part of EOP?
- Jay: I motion to table.
- Lily: I second.
- Motion passes to table discussion.
- What kind of advisors are they asking for?  
(5 ethnic Org have each an advisor so having awareness of the ABC issues)

\*Global Consciousness is something that goes in hand with the Demands  
[chancellor@ucsc.edu](mailto:chancellor@ucsc.edu) (for more questions)

- Student Fee Advisory Committee  
**Tuesdays 4-5pm** in the Fireside Lounge (Last one is next week)  
**Open Position:** 2 year commitment
- Academic Senate
  - Tuition Hikes: 2.5% increase
  - UCSC is trying to get professors to get on board with students
  - Saying they support for requesting funding from Jerry brown of \$8 million (to counter act the threat of the tuition increase)
- Core Council
- SCOC
  - Rachel Carson sister college event: March 11 4-8pm at Rachel Carson College Plaza
  - C4: Granary House Use?
  - SFAC Officer appointed
- Student Union Governance Board
  - Behind Redwood building a lot of boxes: Purchase a parking space so that ethnic orgs can unload to the Student Union building
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> "On the Hill" (police brutality) 6:30pm at Stevenson Event Center
  - Radical Voices: Spring Quarter, Speaker on Diversity & Media at the College 9/10 Thursday at 7pm
  - Dead Week Wed. 15 2-5pm at Student Union: Study Jam

**Presentation**

  - Endorsement between reserve split between Opers & SUGB (Opers is on deficit)
  - Need to create a new fund for the SUGB to continue the student run campus on campus
  - Need the reserves in case of natural disasters, for building maintenance, home to the big 5 ethnic organizations
  - Asking for endorsement for the split between Opers & SUBG**

## Discussion

Thomas: I feel like we need to see the actual figures to make a decision

Hannah: We don't know what SUGB needs in reserves. We need to know what each one needs.

Jay: I think the SUGB is asking for too little.

Itai: It sound Like SUGB would need a bigger reservoir from the budget.

Karina: It sounds like SUGB already knows what they need. So I think that we should sponsor it.

Karina: I motion to sponsor SUGB's measure for 60-40.

Itai: I second.

Lily Green: I object. I think that there is a lot of confusion in the space of what it really entails. IF we could get more information by next week we can better equip to decide what we do.

Vote in favor of sponsoring SUGB measure for 60-40 split from Opers

Yes (7)

No (8)

Abstentions (7)

Motion fails.

Itai: Motion to table the discussion.

Lily Green: I second.

**No objects motion passes to table the discussion for next week.**

Abstention

g. RA Liaison

-Let one RA go, Spring Quarter Replacement

-**Upcoming Events:** March 11<sup>th</sup> Ellie's Adventure Club, March 18<sup>th</sup> Study Break at DH, and March 19<sup>th</sup> Coffee & Deserts at the Community Room

h. Community Service Rep

-Relay for Life: Discussion with the Chair: At first the chair says that a lot of people don't sign up because it is an unsolvable thing and I think it has to go with empathy.

\*Share stories about Cancer\*

Everybody has become desensitized from it. But I think it's important to hear stories of survivors. I think it's a great opportunity for us to be involved in our community a=in a deep and meaningful way.

i. Merrill Activities Council

-Mac & Cheese movie Night: Grease Movie, 15 people showed up (would like more people from Mac and MSG to show up)

-talked about Outreach: Flyer in the dorm buildings, Holding Plungers, Starting a Live stream for MSG, planning a lip sync battle (April 8<sup>th</sup> hopefully)

-Voting is private so it's something to keep in mind

j. Public Relations

k. Secretary

l. Treasurer

m. Vice-Chair

-No retreat this quarter

-Wholesome Merrill: Thank you notes to our teachers. Plan tabling for people to write thank you notes to their professors. Every two weeks focus on a different areas (bus drivers, custodians).

-Pachanga March 10 at the Stevenson event center at 7pm

n. Chair

i. MSG Curriculum

-Confusion between Reshall and MAC

- Constitution does say our goals & what we do
- important we record our curriculum

MSG Curriculum

### **Content:**

- informational sessions
- broader Outreach: Not exclusive to Merrill
- testament to Student Agency Model: Advocate for student voice and Adversary
- Allows people to get more involved and advocating for Merrill issues
- allocate Merrill Student funds to various organization funds that request
- Should we do events? (Town hall, informational sessions on measures & elections, actual elections about the state)
- Should try to education Merrill Student Body on Voting, UC campus, raising student awareness (measure 66)
- everything we do should follow our ethos

### **Expectations, Objectives, Goals:**

- Involved with student community
- I would like to be in a position that informs the community not just advocate for the community
- We are the bridge between the student and everything else that nobody else know or cares about
- Power: Gives voice to students as long as you're associated with Merrill
- suggestion: Find a way to reconnect with students if we really want to accurately represent students (Town Halls)
  - Get them while they are new
  - Get RAs to mention that MSG exists during their hall meetings (Merrill Musical, or at the entering class events)
  - Quarterly tabling
- Connected to other student Staff and Pro-staff in the community
- Floor RA rep (holds Ra accountable)
- Collab between RA and MSG

### **Senate Mixer Feedback:**

- want a more fun: PJ party (Masquerade Dance)
- Past two have been very political
- I like political: connect with our representatives
- WAS LIT!!! I like Mike: Cool if we can invite him to speak at a Town Hall.
- Mixer were we actually mingle in a fun setting
- Self-Care fun event
  - o. Advisor

4. Announcements
  - Mike Rotkin: Get a student on the Metro Board
5. Adjournment
  - Lily: I motion to adjourn
  - Hector: I second.

**Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm**