

Merrill Student Government Meeting May 11, 2017

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

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Karina (Treasurer)
- ✓ Lily Bastida (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Erin (MAC)
- ✓ Amber
- ✓ Hannah
- ✓ Lily Green (SUA)
- ✓ Eric (SUGB)
- ✓ Regina (SFAC)
- ✓ Jaime
- ✓ Amanda (Core Council)
- ✓ Vero (Advisor)
- ✓ Hector (SCOC)
- ✓ Andrea
- ✓ Mariela (Mecha)
- ✓ Nicolas
- ✓ Itai (Parliamentarian)
- ✓ Maurice
- ✓ Ire (SUA)
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Kimberly Runyan (Chair)
- ✓ Marissa
- ✓ Vanessa
- ✓ Rebeca
- ✓ Jay

2. Presenters

a. M.E.Ch.A. 7:30pm

- ask for individual support and endorsement with the Math 2 and Math 3 petition.
- Nandini was laid off, everything done with contract, want to hire two new professors
- **Why it is important?** Students will be not be given the help and support needed
- Q: Blumenthal say?
- A: He was going to hold PBSci accountable for the laid off. But he didn't say that he was going to push for her to get rehired.
- Meeting with PBSci and take petitions (show that people care)
- Petition will be at the Quarry next week

Discussion

Eric: One of the best teachers I have ever had.

Lily: One thing we learned, she was laid off because of seniority issues. They didn't take into consideration ethnicity or gender.

Yessi: Nandini is the only women of color teaching in that department.

Itai: I think we should support it. But I don't think seniority is baseless for firing. But weird that they want to hire 2 more professors instead.

Karina: I motion to endorse this position.

Maurice: I second.

Motion passes. Endorsing Petition

b. Merrill Alumni, Melvin Cox 9:15pm

Melvin Cox (9:15 PM) Presenter (+Roxanne)

- To talk about the Merrill Alumni Mentoring Program (supported by the provost and supported through the Merrill alumni group) Bringing adult mentors back to the college, providing a

viable support system. Online sheet that access can be given to be involved with the alumni. "Span the spectrum of experience."

- May 19th Program (Financial Literacy for Graduating Seniors) Targeting graduating seniors, but open to anyone. Ted Johnson III will be presenting. 2pm and 4pm session. Monday- Provost will send out an online sign-up sheet.

c. Internal Vice- President

-OL for Cowell

-SUA Rep

-Shouldn't have to prioritize where to place funds

-Mobilize students to advocate

-Collecting testimonials

-SUA transparency

-Host Office Hours outside and around

-Present at college senates (SUA is a resource)

-Run more campus Wide events (campus engagement & free thanksgiving Dinner)

Q: Are you the only one running for IVP?

A: Yes but still doing everything I can to make connections and identify student's needs.

Q: How is your platform different from previous?

A: Building off the work that has been already made and also work with SCOC and student Committee representatives to make sure that the promises that we make are made into actions.

Discussion

Nicolas: She seems qualified. I don't think it would hurt us if we endorsed her.

Itai: We shouldn't endorse anybody. But also she is running unopposed to it's not necessary to endorse her.

Hannah: I think Alice has some good points and wants to make herself assessable with the students.

Nicolas: If we endorse she might be more inclined to keep her promises.

Eric: Can we endorse more than one person?

Kim: We shouldn't endorse two people running for the same position.

Erin: I don't see any reason to not endorse. Not controversial. Seems like the perfect opportunity to endorse.

Erin: I motion to endorse Alice.

Jaime: I second.

Voting in Favor of Endorsing Alice

Yes 15

No 5

Motion passes to endorse Alice

3. Funding Request Presentations

a. Senate Mixer Funding Request 7:45pm

-theme: FUN

-Renting out the pool at OPERS and Field

-Really just want you all to appreciate each other for all the work that you have done

-Food, games, parachute, and more

-Sat. June 3rd from 1-4pm, Pizza from Costco and other stuff

-Budget is for 100 people and asking for \$50 from each college.

Q: Pizza and other items, will they show up?

A: Yes. I will ensure that the other items are purchased.

Q: How does this align with our ethos?

A: Merrill is up on this little hill but this is our chance to get out of our bubble and mingle and raising our cultural identities and global consciousness.

Q: Music?

A: Yes.

Q: How many Merrill people do you expect to attend this event?

A: Everyone in MSG

Q: Hesitant about funding, because of the lack of cups last time?

A: I will make sure that we are hydrated.

Q: our campus is working towards less waste, how does that help us with all the Capri suns?

A: If we eat all the food we don't have any compost.

Q: Funding?

A: All senates, but porter didn't want to fund.

Discussion

Lily: Do we have enough funds?

Lily B: Yes

Maurice: I motion to fund Senate Mixer.

Itai: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to fund.

Amber: I motion to fund \$50.

Yessi: I second.

Motion passes to fund Senate Mixer \$50

4. Merrill Budget Presentation 8:00pm

-PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-18: \$40,000

-Reduced the funds again from "Support services"- \$1000

-MSG Funding Increased- \$4,500 (Got rid of the sponsorship pot) - Merrill Student

Government Events: \$2000

-detailed report of how the money has been spent thus far

-floating \$2892.52 (going to go towards commencement because SFAC didn't fund/ didn't have enough money)

-Karina: I motion to table

Amber: I second.

Motion passes to table.

Discussion of How the Money for MSG should be spent

Karina: I think that having **pot for** events would be good. If there is a possibility to take off the limit just so that we don't feel obligated to the limit.

Erin: I do like the idea of only having "Merrill events" but does it have to be used for only Merrill thing? What about Miscellaneous funds?

Lily Green: I like the Idea of having a fund for MSG because it gives us more agency beyond a funding body because we can actually plan events. Miscellaneous pot would be a good idea. Name on something (stipulation).

Eric: I think it should be used for Merrill events because it would give us more ability to put on more events. Merrill is more than a funding body. Build a community at Merrill.

Nicolas: I think for our normal funding we should keep our limit to manage our funding.

Itai: I think we should keep the \$200 limit for funding request.

Yessi: I like the system we have now for the sponsorship fund. Being able to sponsor should support. I like the original name. Fund our own events and also other events.

Lily Bastida: Hopefully have the cultural center open by next year which means more visibility. The Semi-formal asked that we were permanently going to put them in our budget.

Rebeca: I like the \$200 limit.

Eric: Would it be possible to put stipulation? Keep the \$2000 for Merrill Events.

Lily Green: Didn't know that the \$200 was a guideline. Maybe moving forward we can make it clear that it is a guideline.

Nicolas: New Merrill specific funding pot-could go to any event within the Merrill proximity.

What do we want the \$2000 to go towards?

-Merrill Programs, MSG

-Continue what we are doing now

Karina: I like the having the power and we sponsor a lot of Merrill Events. Having that \$2000 and staying at Merrill is a really good idea and lets MSG put on events.

Hannah: I think we should keep it for us to decide what to do.

Discussion

Nicolas: against line events. Inflexible.

Eric: I think we should take the funding from the Semi-formal from the 2,000 pot.

Semi-Formal Line Item taken from half and half pot MSG-Funding & MSG-Events

Have an informational meeting on the RA Funds

Karina: I motion to approve the programs side.

Karina: I yield my motion.

Hannah: I motion to approve the budget with the chances we made.

Eric: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to approve the budget.

5. Officer Reports

Officer Reports

Sua (Lily)

Rock'n'roll on the knoll, volunteer sheet was sent through Kim

Kresge Presents Pride

Queer Prom 8pm-12pm

Nandia presentation

Housing Survey: Data collection to draw light to the issues that the housing crisis has

Bought upon students

Election bylaws

Funded suicide prevention programs

Endorsed All Gender Bathroom

8-10pm-ish Sua meetings (Cervantes Lounge) open to the public

Wednesday 7-9pm SUA re-visioning meetings, open to the public, place to be decided

SUA overhaul 7-9pm Student Union

Election Commissioner (rant)

Danny (elections commissioner) candidate debate scheduled for next week from

7-9pm {7 of the 10 senates meet during this time, so the candidates can't reach the population

that will be primarily voting} Losing communication with the SUA candidates since they

won't be able to present to the majority of the senates.

SFAC

Finished Funding Requests

Academic Senate

Working with the person who made the questionnaire for the debates

Map of study spaces around campus, ready by week 9

Core Council

Nothing to report

SCOC

C4 May 26 7:30pm

Appointed two people to CAfa

SUGB

SUA are happening

Buying fans for the Student union

Undocumented Stories (art work, all types) Friday June 2 (tentatively) student union,

Nothing is set in stone yet.

Send in submissions for the logo competition, 4 pm due date tomorrow. SUGB guidelines are on the Facebook page, also in the team drive.

Community Service

Not here.

RA Liaison

Gift Grab event, opportunity to swap things that you won't use anymore (not set dates)
RA flyerings issues, alternative ways to flyer? RA weren't interested. Make an E-flyer,
Send it to Yessi, she is planning on working on a newsletter.

PR

Not here.

MAC

Mis Quince 7pm-12am Volunteer sign-up sheet, need help with shifts.

Treasurer

Funded student senate mixer \$50

Volunteer for Mis quince

Vice Chair

Nothing to report officially

Plug for the first-year first-generation students event (May 19th deadline to sign up)

Chair

MSG elections, closing Sunday Night 11:59 PM

Campaign Week, next week.

Town Hall May 18th, not an official meeting next week. Not exclusive to MSG

Members, anyone is welcome to come and listen and participate, Q & A (not a debate)

Voting happens the following week. (Online voting)

SUA Voting: need to meet a certain threshold

Senate Mixer June 3rd

Announcements

Karina- Barbie Doll? Photos of past Quince

Marissa: Measure 68, fee to raise the price for NCAA (and return to aid for EOP)

Multipurpose room OPERS, free class tomorrow

Adjournment

Motion: Karina

Second: Lily B. @ 9:55PM