

## Merrill Student Government May 4, 2017

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

### 1. Roll Call

- ✓ Karina (Treasurer)
- ✓ Lily Bastida (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Erin (MAC)
- ✓ Amber
- ✓ Lily Green (SUA)
- ✓ Samantha (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)
- ✓ Ire (SUA)
- ✓ Nicolas
- ✓ Ana (FPC)
- ✓ Ian (FPC)
- ✓ Erick (SUGB)
- ✓ Regina (SFAC)
- ✓ Brian (Community Service Rep)
- ✓ Thomas (Elections Commissioner)
- ✓ Patricia (Secretary)
- ✓ Hector (SCOC)
- ✓ Kimberly Runyan (Chair)
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Marin
- ✓ Hannah
- ✓ Jay
- ✓ Erin (Jay's Friend)

### 2. CALPIRG

- Merrill endorse Resolution
- to make UC Santa Cruz Clean and renewable energy (100%)
- SUA, Porter, Oaks, RCC (received endorsement)

#### **Discussion**

Erick: Renewable energy is pretty LIT. Good goal to strive through. Push towards renewable. I think we should endorse it.

Lily: I think our job is to try to do what's best for our community. Showing that we support this shows that we have the community's best interest in mind.

Itai: Overall, it is unrealistic, I live in reality.

Erin: Up to us to decide to support something that we want to reach eventually, but not our responsibility to decide whether or not it is realistic.

Marin: I motion to endorse

Nicolas: I second.

**No objections. Endorsing CalPirg**

### 3. Funding Requests

#### a. Film Production Coalition 7:45pm

- enables students to take their own direction and make their own films
- student driven content
- Requesting \$500 to help fund the student projects
- 60% female members
- encourage our members to make movies that motivate them personally

Q: Where would the money go into?

A: Props, make-up, decorations, equipment

Q: Last year how many people participated?

A: Quarterly production. Membership last quarter was 60 people and for the festival was 90-100 people

Q: Is there going to be a film festival this quarter?

A: Yes, the Saturday before Finals.

#### **Discussion**

**Lily Green:** The Arts have always been important with all the federal cuts for arts. I think we should support these students. Consider giving them something.

**Karina:** I agree that the arts is very important. I think we should fund events that we haven't.

**Nicolas:** They happen quarterly.

**Hannah:** I don't think we should fund them because we have already funded them.

**Lily Bastida:** Presentation wise I wasn't satisfied.

**Itai:** What they asked for wasn't for the actual screening, the money was for equipment they have permanently.

**Karina:** I motion not to fund

**Lily B:** I second.

#### **Motion passes to not fund Film Production Coalition.**

b. Cesar Chavez Convocation 8:00pm

-Chicano Latino Conference Center on Campus

-Requesting: \$250 for the Cesar Chavez Convocation: Theme: Organizing submit

- 3 Different community organizers: Paul Ortiz (Community Studies professor from SC that works in Florida), Camila Chavez (daughter of Dolores Huerta), Mireya Contrera (organizes with laborers)

-Lots of Merrill students go and organize the event

-secured funding: El Centro: \$500, College Ten Program \$2000, CARE: \$4000

-Merrill Faculty will be hosting the panel

Q: What happens if you don't get the funds?

A: Won't be able to rent out the room or host some of the panelist.

#### **Discussion**

**Marin:** I motion to fund

**Amber:** I second

**No objections. Motion passes to fund Cesar Chavez Convocation.**

#### **How Much?**

**Marin:** I felt like the presentation was manipulative. But I think that we should fund.

**Itai:** I think we should fully fund. I think we should try to spread things out more evenly. In general we don't need to give the full amount.

**Erick:** I don't think we can fund the full amount. I think we should fund a lesser amount of money.

**Karina:** \*suggests \$185\*

**Erick:** I think it is a really good idea to fund \$185 for the Cesar Chavez Convocation.

\*Drops all the hypothetically)

**Erick:** I motion to fund \$185

**Regina:** I second.

**Nicolas:** I object. See what else there is to fund out there.

**Hannah:** I think we should put \$185 into this event if we think it is a really good event.

**Vote in favor of funding \$185**

Yes 7

No 5

Abstentions 5

**Motion fails.**

**How Much**

**Regina:** I think I would be down \$100.

**Karina:** I would like to fund \$200 to this event, because it is a very empowering event.

**Marin:** I would like to fund \$200 because it goes with our ethos.

**Lily:** I motion to fund \$200

**Marin:** I second.

**Itai:** I object. I think it is too much. I prefer \$75.

**Vote in favor of funding \$200**

Yes 5

No 7

Abstentions 5

Motion fails.

Thomas: I motion to fund \$125

Erick: I second.

Amber: I object. Both events are rewarding Merrill Students.

Lily: Great networking place.

Hannah: I know that a lot of people are going to Pride. Panels are not really advertised.

Thomas: It seems like we should compromise.

Erick: \$125

Karina: \$150

Vote in favor of funding the CCC Event \$125

Yes 8

No 3

Abstentions 5

Motion Fails.

Erin: I motion to fund \$150

Amber: I second

Itai: I object.

Yes 13

No 2

Abstentions 3

**Motion passes to fund CCC \$150**

- c. Kresge Presents: Pride 8:25pm  
-big event, March that goes around the campuses, passes through all of the colleges,  
Ends at Kresge (live group and food)  
-Asking for \$200: Swag, Food, Advertisement etc.  
Q: What food will you have?  
A: Nachos, Hot dogs, sno cones, Churros  
Q: Who else have you asked for funding?  
A: All of the colleges  
Q: When is it?  
A: May Sat. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Q: Advertising to Merrill Students  
A: Flyers to the RAs, Bus Stops  
Q: If you don't get all the funding, cuts?  
A: Not sure yet.  
Q: Swag items?  
A: T-shirts, water bottles, etc.  
Q: What would one expect to see at Pride?  
A: Great time  
Q: What does it mean to you?

A: Celebrate the LGTB community

Discussion

Regina: I motion to fund Kresge Pride.

Erin: I second.

No objections. Motion passes to fund.

How Much?

Itai: \$100

Erick: \$150

Lily: I think \$150 is a good amount because it is a well-attended event.

Erick: I motion to fund \$150

Karina: I second.

Itai: I object. I just think it's too much

Vote in favor of funding Kresge Pride \$150

Yes 14

No 1

Abstentions 2

**Motion passes to fund Kresge Pride \$150**

Abstentions

#### 4. Officer Reports

##### a. Student Union Assembly

-funding request from Queer Prom, 8-10pm on May 12<sup>th</sup> (Spoken word), requesting \$400

-presentation about the Ally Resolution (DRC) proposed by rep from college 9 (campus is inaccessible to disabled students, so written to increase DRC awareness)

-funding request from Active Minds, student lead non-profit organization awareness of mental health, "share your story" (in May)

-All gender bathroom resolution

-\$200 for food and water for the protestors

-Election Commissioner requested \$6000 for election stuff

-Update from student life Office: Daniel Cesar Concert this Saturday

-Food pantry opening May 15<sup>th</sup>

-Student Survey: More mental health awareness, Music festivals, protest awareness

-Facebook Event for every single SUA meeting for the rest of the quarter

-Over Hall Committee

-Student Handbook Revision Committee: In Need of a Representative (apply through SCOC)

##### b. Student Fee Advisory Committee

-Chicano X Latino X

##### c. Academic Senate

-the Student Academic Senate has focused on looking for study spaces (extend open hours)

##### d. Core Council

-not here

##### e. Student Committees on Committees

-Sister event with Stevenson and Cowell: Cookie event, 12-2pm at Cowell benches on Saturday May 6.

##### f. Student Union Governance Board

-Resolution from M.e.ch.a: only women of color in the math department was let go and rehired by the Hispanic society and want to restructure it and put it online. M.e.ch.a wants to hire her as a permanent professor.

Erin: I motion to table

Lily Green: I second

Motion passes to table discussion.

-SLFF: achieved 60-40 split, EVC is going to split 60-40 what is currently in the reserve but SUGB is fighting to split 60-40 of what was originally in the reserve

-thinking about getting new furniture

-Radical Voices: Alicia Garza Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm in the Stevenson Event Center: Tickets are available in the student Union center.

g. Community Service Rep

-Relay for Life is Awesome

-Wood stocks Fundraiser: Campus was blocked

h. RA Liaison

-White broken Apple Headphones at Relay for Life?

i. Public Relations

-not here

j. Merrill Activities Council

-nothing to report/no meeting this week

k. Secretary

-nothing to report

l. Treasurer- **Kresge Pride \$150, Cesar Chavez Convocation \$150,**

m. Vice-Chair

-Planned that the retreat would be this Saturday/Moving it to Daniel Cesar Concert (going together) 7:30pm at the Quarry Plaza

-First Year-First Generation: Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Flyer to be posted)

n. Chair

-left over funding?

Options:

Campfire

BBQ

Have another speaker

Erick: I think we should split the rest of the money into the Bonfire & Senate Mixer

Nicolas: I think we should have more information about the Bonfire before we fund it

Kimberly: We can Vote

**Senate Mixer and Bonfire Funding Request later**

-Campus Elections: People and measures are coming to ask and come in and ask for endorsing.

Marin: I think we should stick to not endorsing people.

Erin: I think it should be an option to endorse people

Erick: I think it would be good to have an option.

Itai: I don't think we should have the option. It seems like it would be weird to start endorsing people.

**\*If we feel comfortable we have the option to endorse anyone\*** (with 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority and decide that same meeting)

**-MSG Spring Elections: PR, MAC, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair, Vice-Chair (May 8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> declare your candidacy)**

**-June 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate Mixer**

**-Another SUA Rep (If interested talk to Kimberly)**

o. Advisor

p. Election Commissioner-SUA policies for elections (posted in the team Drive) Voting Week 17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> (tabling in the dining hall), debates between candidates

5. Announcements

-Moat Day: May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Merrill Plaza, **FREE TACOS**

**-Mis Quince:** Face Book Event, Spread the Word

-Del Mar: The Room Viewing

-Radical Voices: tickets are Free

-Zoot Suit

6. Adjournment

Karina: I motion to adjourn

Hector: I second.

Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 10:03pm