

Merrill Student Government Meeting Minutes November 3, 2016  
Meeting called to order by Chair Kimberly Runyan at 7:30pm

## 1. Roll Call

- ◆ Jay
- ◆ Amber
- ◆ Erin
- ◆ Yesenia
- ◆ Nicholas
- ◆ Rebecca
- ◆ Brian
- ◆ Thomas
- ◆ Chandler
- ◆ Morgan
- ◆ Tepp
- ◆ Itai
- ◆ Lily
- ◆ Marin
- ◆ Jaime
- ◆ Maurice
- ◆ Kenly
- ◆ Kimberly
- ◆ Karina

## 2. Deciding to Hear

### 1. Harry Potter Event

- a. Organizer: Mark Kolojejchick-Ktch
- b. Description of the Event
  - i. Students learn about the fantasy realm culture
- c. Cost for student: \$0
- d. Open Event
- e. Relation to Ethos
  - i. Having the ability to be apart of pop culture through Harry Potter allows a series of individuals to connect and bring awareness to issues that are posed in the book/movie series.
- f. Date/Location
  - i. Saturday, November 19th at Merrill Community Room
- g. Requesting: \$200

Marin: I motion to hear the Harry Potter Event.

Thomas: I second.

**Motion Passes: Motion to hear the Harry Potter Event**

## **2. Cross Student Senate Mixer**

- a. Organizer: Council of Chairs
- b. Description of Event
  - i. Student Government members have the opportunity to interact with other senates and bring awareness to campus and statewide issues.
- c. Cost for student: \$0
- d. Closed to Merrill Student Government Members ONLY
- e. Ethos
  - i. Allows for Merrill students to educate themselves on other cultures from other senates.
- f. Date/Location
  - i. Thursday, November 17 at Oaks Learning Center
- g. Requesting: \$50

Jay: Motion to hear the Council of Chairs' Cross Student Senate Mixer

Amber: I second

Objections: None

**Motion Passes: Motion to hear the Council of Chairs' Cross Student Senate Mixer**

## **3. The Big Break**

- a. Organizer: Ethnic Resource Centers
- b. Description of Event
  - i. This is a great opportunity to take a study break This will help the Merrill community practice self care and creativity.
- c. Cost for Student: \$0
- d. Open Event
- e. Ethos
  - i. This embodies Merrill ethos because it gives students the chance to reflect individual cultural identities and participate in understanding other cultures.
- f. Date/Location:
  - i. Friday, December 2, 2016 at Oaks Learning Center
- g. Discussion
  - Jay: I like the Ethnic Resource Center because they have a lot of resources for Asian Americans on campus
  - Itai: Did it say where the event is?
  - Kimberly: It is at Oaks Learning Center...Any more questions?

- Tepp: I motion to hear the Ethnic Resource Centers' The Big Break
- Rebecca: I second
- Objections?: None
- **Motion Passes: Motion to hear the Ethnic Resource Centers' The Big Break**
- ❖ Kimberly: We got a late hardcopy funding request from Scientific Slug. I am going to let the space decide whether or not to decide to hear them now or next week.
- ❖ Vero: We can also hear them week 9
- ❖ Kimberly: Or hear them week 9
- ❖ Karina: Motion to decide to hear Scientific Slug on Week 9 meeting.
- ❖ Thomas: I second
- ❖ Jay: I have a question. How do we not know it isn't more pressing?
- ❖ Kimberly: Their event isn't until April 10 and spaces usually ask for funds early on because most senate's run out of funding early on spring quarter. Cowell usually runs out like the second week because they blow through everything. Does that answer your question?
- ❖ Jay: Yes.
- ❖ Objections: None
- ❖ **Motion Passes: Motion to decide to hear Scientific Slug on Week 9 meeting.**

### 3. Funding Request Presentations

1. Matchbox Magazine 7:45pm
  - a. Organizer: Matchbox Magazine
  - b. Description of Event
    - i. This is a UC wide magazine that allows students to broadcast their artwork to the greater UC community.
  - c. Ethos:
    - i. This allows there to be more communication between the UCs and the cultures each one holds. Have at least two merrill affiliates on the board and have gotten multiple submissions from Merrill Students.
  - d. Requesting: \$200

Q: Is it as publicized as much at other UCs as it is here at UCSC?

A: It is difficult, but we try our best. We have a lot of communication via emails, we will be emailing department heads more often because they are forced to share our emails. Last year we even went out to other UC campuses to post flyers and other advertising.

Q: How do submission get chosen?

A: There is a board that chooses which submissions get published.

Q: Where are the matchbox magazines distributed?

A: It mostly gets distributed at McHenry and the Literature Department but we post at the coffee shops and other busy areas.

### **Deciding to Fund**

Marin: Matchbox has always come to the space asking for funding and has always been distributed. I believe we should fund them.

Rebecca: I motion to fund Matchbox Magazine

CJ: I second

Objections: None

**Motion Passes: Motion to fund Matchbox Magazine**

### **How Much to Fund**

Marin: I say we fund them the full amount, \$200.

Rebecca: I motion to fund Matchbox \$200

Lily: I second

Objections: None

**Motion passes: Motion to fund Matchbox Magazine the full amount, \$200**

## **4. Officer Reports**

### **a. Student Union Assembly**

#### **i. Diversity Community**

1. The diversity community will meet on the top floor of the Career Center, Muwekma Conference Room

ii. SOFA starts this Friday November 4. We will be reviewing funding request from 22 organizations

**Rebecca:** I motion to table officer reports.

**Erin:** I second.

Objections: None

**Motion Passes: motion to table officer reports.**

### **Funding Request Presentation**

#### **1. Whole Street Catalog**

a. Both are firm believers that Santa Cruz can do great things and that having a local magazine will allow students to broadcast their greatness. The premise of the magazine is for the student by the student. If the student has good work they should have a platform to showcase it. Main things that would be covered in the magazine are Music, Fashion and Tech. It creates something for the locals and a great way to improve the community.

b. There are about six Merrill Affiliates and MSG would be acknowledged for funding the magazine.

Q: Will people purchase the magazines?

A: It is free. We are looking to print 2500 copies and distribute it all over campus.

Q: How do you plan to distribute it to Santa Cruz locals?

A: Will get the right jurisdiction and post magazine stands if possible.

Q: Is this free market or a place to express themselves or both?

A: We have a 15 man staff that is very organic. It is not people approaching us we are approaching people. We have a diverse staff so it allows us to keep our ear to the ground. It is a catalog and brings everything together. It isn't necessarily marketing.

Q: How often do you plan on printing?

A: In an ideal situation, once a quarter.

Q: If you don't get funding from senates, how else will you get funding?

A: We will do some local fundraiser in the quarry and other locations.

Q: When is your goal date to publish your first issue?

A: We're hoping to get it out before fall quarter ends. We are printing in Santa Cruz and hope to distribute mid November early December.

Q: Do you have an itemized budget?

A: That is one thing we don't get we are only making it all towards printing.

Q: What makes you different from other magazines on campus?

A: We are more street cultured and here to feel the void that is not common in Santa Cruz.

Q: So how does submission work?

A: There is a facebook page that has a google form for submissions.

## **Discussion**

Jay: I like clothes and I think this a really cool magazine.

Thomas: They had a lot of conflicting ideas and makes me not want to fund them the full amount. Initially they said they seek people but later said they have a google form.

Erin: I think they are pretty cool. They bring different forms of expression into a physical form. I think it's interesting to bring digital media to a printed form.

Rebecca: I think Matchbox and Catalog are different to fund both but I think they are cool.

Jay: He got me to like them because he said I could be apart of the staff.

Itai: I didn't see how it was doing anything different than the other magazine. They don't really seem to know what they want to be and it is unclear.

Jay: I think we should fund them the full amount. They have a lot of Merrill affiliates. They are on a journey and need to figure out who they are. *They are scattered in their nature, we need to fund full amount.*

Rebecca: Motion to fund Whole Street Catalog \$100 with the recommendation to print less amount of copies than initially intended.

CJ: I second

Objections: 1

Itai: My objection is that instead of a stipulation we give an explanation.

Jay: I know we're funding them, but I don't think we should straight out tell them what to do.

Karina: We gave them a recommendation not a stipulation

Itai: Okay.

**Vote:**

**Yes(11)**

**Objections(1)**

**Abstention(6)**

**Motion passes: Motion to fund Whole Street Catalog \$100 with the recommendation to print less amount of copies than initially intended.**

## **4. Continue Officer Report**

### **1. Student Union Assembly**

Kim: Does anyone have questions or anything about any of the funding? If not, Jay will think of us during the meeting. The important are questions or are in favor of the questions should let Jay know. Comments? Questions? Concerns?

Jay: Couple committees start this week, some are elected others are appointed. The positions that are open are open to anyone. If anyone is interested I can give you more info.

Kim: If you need more information on the committees there are on the powerpoint presentation.

## 2. Student Fee Advisory Committee

- a. Today ground breaking started in the quarry amphitheater. It is expected to be finished by fall of next year. It will include power to the stage and the stage itself will be concrete. There will be other general fixes.
- b. Chandler's office hours: Thursday 6:30-7:30pm at Crown Fireside Lounge.

## 3. Academic Senate

- a. First forum was yesterday, November 1st.
- b. The main focus was the general overcrowding in the school and an individual brought up concern for fire hazard violations.
- c. The meeting only lasted thirty minutes. If anyone has any questions or concerns please email me( Rebecca).

Q: How often will you have forums?

A: Forums will happen at the beginning of the month every month.

Q: SAS meeting is how often?

A: The meetings happen every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30pm

## 4. Core Council:

- a. No officer report.

## 5. SCOC

- a. August Reporting
- b. What kind of events would the space like?

Q: How much money do we get?

A: Crown/ Merrill combined gets \$1,000.

Rebecca: During finals season we could have a *cookies and cram event*.

Erin: In college 8 they had hamster balls and it was super fun. We should have that.

August: I know one thing we cannot do is an event with foam items. It is apparently very unsanitary.

Jay: We should get bouncy houses, like a lot of them.

August: I know Crown owns one but bouncy houses need a lot of staff and they are extremely heavy to maneuver.

Kim: Are you the SCOC rep for Crown?

August: Yes, I tried running for both but it didn't happen. Another thing is C4 which will happen next week Sunday, November 13th in the Cervantes Velazquez conference room. Committees show up and say what they have done so far and get paid for it.

Jay: I know there are various positions that haven't been filled. What will happen if they don't get filled?

August: There are no deadlines for the applications so they will get filled once they have someone to fill it. Its unfortunate but that is how it works.

#### 6. SUGB

- a. No officer report

#### 7. Community Service Rep

- a. Senior Tech Day project is to help seniors maneuver technology. It is on November 19th from 12-3pm

#### 8. RA Liaison

- a. Nothing to report

#### 9. Public Relations

- a. If you want something posted, that is relevant, let her(Diana) know.

#### 10. MAC

- a. There was no meeting this past Monday but it will resume next Monday, November 7th.

#### 11. Secretary

- a. Minutes will be posted and also sent to yesenia.

#### 12. Treasurer

- a. We funded Matchbox : \$200 and Whole Street Catalog: \$100 with the recommendation that they print less copies.
- b. Total amount left this quarter is \$450.00

#### 13. Vice Chair

- a. No officer report



#### 14. Chair.

- a. *Student Bill of Rights* : Another student bill of rights meeting yesterday( Nov. 1) Still in pre planning era. Need to come up with official statement to for the space and to explain to other people. One thing need for Students Bill of Rights is student feedback. Idea behind SBR is a document that states all the needs that students need to hear. The plan is to have a almost final draft by spring to put it on the ballot as an opinion pool then send to admin(not sure what specific admin). Will be holding 3 forums. 2 will be in second week of winter quarter, one will be unofficial. Meet on Wednesday at 8pm somewhere in McHenry, a bit unorganized but it is great.
- b. *Senate Mixer*: Original plan, to have kickoff to postal protest, but most of the chairs are in Student Bill of Rights committee. Council of Chairs made the decision to hold of the postal protest for next quarter because need to hash out details.

#### 15. Advisor

- a. Cultural Center Construction will be pushed until the end of January and it is impacted a lot of the Merrill Community. Because of this more additional space for programs such as : the Hub and Dining Hall(strict hours Saturday mornings-2pm and after 7pm).
- b. November 4 Asian Americans will host a program about Black Lives Matters at 2:30-4:30pm in Ethnic Resource Center

### **5. Announcements**

Jay: November 8th is the election, it is very important. VOTE. Also vote for Measure D.

Kenly: North Dakota Access Pipeline is where Native Americans and allies are protesting the pipeline and trying to save their water and sacred land.

Jaime: On Sunday Sigma Phi Zeta is having a fundraiser at Chipotle from 6-9pm.

### **6. Adjournment**

Brian: Motion to Adjourn

Yesenia: I second