

Merrill Student Government Meeting October 13, 2016

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

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Bianca
- ✓ Brian
- ✓ Thomas
- ✓ Amanda (Core Council)
- ✓ Rebeca Mu (Academic Senate)
- ✓ Marin Gamboa
- ✓ Mila (Community Service)
- ✓ Nicolas
- ✓ Yessi (RA Liaison)
- ✓ Mario (MAC)
- ✓ Chandler (SFAC)
- ✓ Itai
- ✓ Greg (SUGB)
- ✓ Lily
- ✓ Jaime
- ✓ Ire Gomez Chavez (SUA)
- ✓ CJ
- ✓ Jay (SUA)
- ✓ Morgan (SUA)
- ✓ Jasper (Measure D)
- ✓ Kimberly (Chair)
- ✓ Karina (Treasurer)
- ✓ Alex Balisario (Advisor)
- ✓ Maurice
- ✓ Kenley
- ✓ Lily (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Lucia Ortiz

2. Dissussion of the Day: **What are your thoughts, concerns, questions etc. on the future of Campus Transit?**

Karina: Rough with all the new freshman coming in, no offense, there are a bunch of people on the bus. I had to go catch the bus 40 before my class just to make it on time

Mario: It is worse if you live off campus especially where you live on routes where the bus doesn't pass by often. I was late to class 15 mins the first day and the bus stop is like 5 feet in front on my house. The bus was late and they wouldn't let us get on because it was full. A bunch of us had to walk all the way to the base of campus.

Rebeca: This year we accepted 680 more students than we usually do. Side note: There are just going to be more students coming with every year.

Thomas: I don't even take the bus because it is overcrowded. Faster to walk.

Brian: I live off campus and live at a stop that after 6pm I can go home because of the bus cuts. SO if this keeps on going, more bus cuts, I can see a disasters.

Bee: It is not our faults and I don't think that we should suffer considering how much that we pay. We don't have the luxury to ride the campus to go to class.

Jay: Being new I didn't know what it was like before. I learned to not depend on the bus to class. I don't mean to Plug Measure D but the solution is in it.

Itai: I didn't have a problem with the buses because I walk everywhere. I take the car now and since my classes are West remote parking lot and that is microscopic. There are ways to expand it but not happening.

Kimberly: **What are your thoughts on Night Core, Night Owls, have you ever used them, do you find them useful? Do you have concern with the bike routes and bike shuttles? Has anyone used the SAFEWAY bus? Did you know about it.**

Mario: **It is the new 20 Route after 6pm takes you to Safeway Bus.**

Lily: The times that I have taken the bus I have found them unpredictable. One week or two ago we took the bus to the Porter area and waited at the stop for 45mins and no bus showed up. We could have walked back up instead of waiting for it since it never showed up.

Rebeca: The Night Core bus?

Kimberly: Mini loops that go to the circles on campus for us it stops at Crown circle not Merrill. It is free.

Rebeca: I have a class in the music center and I have been late to class even though I took the bus early and I have to miss the quizzes and **it is frustrating because my Grade depends on the bus schedule.** We definitely need more transits.

Yessi: I wanted to hype up the core bus. It is a life saver. It is really scary at night with Raccoons and stuff. But everyone is really nice. And they take you to the circles and the apartment circles too. SO its nice to have for the people who are afraid of the bus and the raccoons.

Bee: During the rainy season it gets really packed more than right now. I would suggest to get a parking map and it has some walking routes and it is really useful if you get lost in the forest. It is in the HANS and Housing office.

Itai: First with the core bus I feel like it is hidden in a way. I only found out about it because I happen to see it and I didn't even know that it was a thing. My main point: was that its annoying that there is only one bus stop here and if you go on the opposite direction you have to walk up to Merrill.

Kimberly: Questions to keep in mind

- a. Increase Transit Fee?
- b. Reduce transit service?

3. Tabled Discussions:

a. Parliamentary Position

-keeper of the constitution: the chair of the constitution, and fact checker

-I think that next week we should take nomination from the space and then all the nominations will make a quick speech and then we will vote with a 2/3 vote.

-Open it up to all of Merrill or keep to the space?

A: I think that we should keep it to the space because we are going to need them soon.

A: Our own bureaucracy and we are the ones directly affected by it.

Rebeca: **I motion to keep the parliamentary position nomination from within the space.**

Bee: **I second.**

No objections. Motion passes.

Karina: If a position in the space wants this position can they still be nominated for it?

Itai: There is no issue with you putting up candidacy.

Thomas: will this be a core position?

Kim: Yes.

Jay: I motion to allow for the parliamentary position to be someone who already holds a position in MSG other than the member at large.

Yessi: I second.

Marin: I object. I think it should be one person per position.

Rebeca: I think it's another leadership position and I think we should give another person who doesn't have a position a chance.

Lily: it might be too much for a person who already has a position. They could use that time to do something important for the position that they already have.

Jay: I argue that the parliamentary position be doubled up wouldn't distract from the quality elsewhere. I think it is a good idea to have someone who doesn't have a position the opportunity.

Kimberly: We are going to open it up for anyone in the space. Doesn't mean we know who will get it.

Thomas: Voting next week anyway, so anyone should be able to apply.

Itai: historical context: the head of the constitutional committee was the Vice Chair of MSG. Moved it to an actual position because it was in the background,

VOTE ON: If you are okay with them having a position and still being nominated raise your hand.

Yes (9)

No (7)

Abstentions (4)

Motion does not pass.

Marin: I motion that parliamentary procedure nominations is only available to members at large and not people who already have a position.

Chandler: I second.

Jay: I object. It doesn't distract from someone's quality if they already have a position.

Thomas: why don't we wait and see until we have the candidates instead of banning half the room from applying. We don't even know who is applying yet.

Bee: I motion to call the question to have a vote.

Marin: I second.

Bee: I rescind my call to questions.

Vote on Marin: I motion that parliamentary procedure nominations is only available to members at large and not people who already have a position.

Yes (6)

No (10)

Abstentions (3)

Mario: I motion that the position of the parliamentary is open to anyone in the space.

Nicolas: I second.

Marin: I object.

Vote on Mario: I motion that the position of the parliamentary is open to anyone in the space.

Yes (14)

No (3)

Abstentions (3)

The motion passes to open the parliamentary position to anyone in the space.

4. Presenters

- a. Measure D Campaign 7:45pm

- What is it? Transportation Measure
- Infrastructure key part of campus
- half cent sales tax
- divided into various pots (neighborhoods projects, highway, expanding bike lanes, safe routes to school for children)
- widely supported: every major official has voted (Jimmy Kaput hasn't voted)
- Compromise: Auxiliary Lanes (Shuttles traffic more efficiently): Does not encourage people to drive on the freeway (completely false). There hasn't been more cars on the road.
- allocated money to bike only lanes (Protects them from injuries etc.)
- Maintaining Senior and disabled transit "Liftline"
- Fix potholes
- speed up emergency response
- invest in transportation projects that reduce dangerous pollution causing global warming
- the money from the sales tax is controlled locally, stays in the county
- encouraging people to ride buses
- also goes to improving conditions on the highway 17, to ensure that animals do not get hit
- Vote if you want safe infrastructure in the future! If you like the compromise make sure to Vote.

Q: If we are interested in helping out?

A: will be given an internship. Next 25 days I have internships forms with me. I accommodate with schedules.

Q: The 20% was the highway and Auxiliary lanes that they are against right?

A: Yes. What we are also trying to do is Bridge North County with South County.

Q: The bill would help for preventing animals from road kill?

A: there are tunnels that go under the freeway so that they don't go on the highway and get hit.

Q: Does the money from the wild animal fund goes towards that?

A: yes. There are already organizations that will make sure the money is being used effectively towards these things.

JAY: Personal Question: AM I an Intern?

A: Yes. *Everyone laughs*

5. Community Agreements

Brainstorming:

1. **Address the idea not the person (YAY)**
2. Take Space Make Space / Sub Caption: Feel comfortable to voice your opinion but also be respectful when others are voicing theirs?
Itai: Let other people talk
Rebeca: Just be aware of the time that you do use.
Jay: Wait. Why am I talking.
Marin: voice your opinion and also let others voice theirs
Take Space Make Space, "Voice your opinion, and also let other voice theirs" (Yay)
3. Respect Mic on Stack/ **respect the stack (YAY)**
4. Self Care/ **Treat Your Self (YAY)**
5. **Use Gender Neutral Language (YAY)**
6. **Be Aware of Language Usage (YAY)**
7. **Agree respectfully (spirit fingers, nods, snaps) and applaud when necessary YAY)**
8. **Respect the order of the stack (YAY)**

9. One person speaks at a time (YAY)

10. Use "I" Statements(YAY)

11. R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

Kimberly: A vote will be made next week

Jay: I motion to table the discussion of the community agreements until next week

Lily: I second

No objections. Motion passes

6. Officer Reports

a. Student Union Assembly

-community announcements: Asian American Pacific Islander Welcome Oct. 14th 5pm-8pm at the College 9/10 multipurpose room

-Pilipino Student Association Bar association Wed. 19th 7:30pm-10pm

-Townhall for athletics: Cervantez room Oct. 19th 5:30pm-7pm

-**Night Owl: available on Halloween Night**

-SOFA: senate treasurer being part of SOFA, elected SUA will substitute if treasurer chooses not to do it. Oct 24th 7-10pm

b. Academic Senate- Rebeca Mu

-brainstormed about 680 more students this year and 5,000 coming in within the span of 5 years

-thinking of replacing ecommons with Canvas

-UCSC exclusive Books: supporting small businesses so students can get a discounted price on their books, centralizing the text books

-want the teachers to agree on a system (iclicker and top hat) so every student doesn't have to buy a different system for every class

-renovation of classrooms, needs more funding.

c. Community Service Rep

-Santa Cruz Center opportunities, will bring a list next week

d. Core Council- haven't had a meeting yet, but want to discuss the TAPS system because a lot of first years have frustrations getting on the bus and getting to placing on time, providing safer pathways for bikes

e. Student Committee on Committees

f. Student Union Governance Board

-Meetings have been set

g. Student Fee Advisory Committee

-You all received an email for campus executive vice chair candidates, they are speaking and accepting feedback

-Monday speaking with Allison Galloway

OH: Thurs, 6:30-7:30pm at the Crown Fireside Lounge

h. Public Relations

i. Merrill Activities Committee

- Past Monday: Posters for the Halloween Dance "Stranger Things",

- Finished planning for our first event: MAC Monster Mingle oct. 24th 7-9pm at the Merrill Plaza (Four Stations: Mac mud, Rock decorating, DIY, cookies and donuts)

- Monday 7pm in the art rooms our Meetings

j. RA Liaison

-Thank you for Voting for me: It was a close race. I wanted the new RAs to come to the space so im kind of sad. Still asking the new RAs to come out because I am probably not going to come back as an RA next year.

-Halloween weekend, Triple Fine Area, Really Expensive. Be Safe and if you do choose to go out there and do knotty things be safe.

-Oct. 23rd : Dia de los Muertos alter in the community room: Can bring pictures and names and come out from 7pm-9pm. Movie in the background explaining what it is.

-Nov. 1st 8pm-tbd: Community Room outside giving out hot chocolate, pan de muertos, and piñata.

k. Secretary

l. Treasurer- no funding requests today but a lot next week.

m. Vice-Chair

-no place like home: social and ecological crisis, not enough affordable housing in Santa Cruz

-to pay rent you have to make \$30 an hour and no one in Santa Cruz makes that much. It would be equivalent to working two jobs.

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-Saturday: Native American and Mental Health at the Cervantez rm from 1-3pm

-Wed. Oct 19th 6pm-9pm Civil Council Candidate at downtown (Main focus: housing Crisis at Santa Cruz)

n. Chair

i. Retreat

-Next week our retreat

-meeting at the provost house, time to bond as a space, food, fun, games, chatting

-same time as our meeting location

-email will be sent out.

ii. Council of Chairs

-Student governments want to put together a student's bill of rights: a document of all the things that student want and need.

-Meeting Next Wednesday at 7pm the location TBD, I'll send out more information once I know more.

-Educate the Vote: Stevenson Event Center Monday Oct. 17th from 7:10-8:45pm, education on the things that you are going to be voting for.

-Thursday Nov. 17th Student Mixer 7-10pm going to a student mixer instead

-Oaks Oct. 28th Halloween Dance 8-11pm at the Oaks learning center. NO MASKS.

-Kresge benefit Dance Oct. 22nd 9-11pm at the Kresge Townhall

o. Advisor

-Halloween Dance Sat. Oct. 29th 9-11pm "Stranger things" themed

7. Announcements

-Monday Rachel Carson field House: Grad School Fair

-Tues at 4pm: Cervantes conference room resume workshop

-Thurs: DRC at 3pm

-Sunday: Studying at Mchenry with Bee

8. Adjournment

Rebeca: I motion to adjourn the meeting

Karina: I second

No objections. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58pm