

Merrill Student Government September 29, 2016

Meeting called to order by Chair Kimberly Runyan at 7:37pm

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Lily- Vice Chair
- ✓ Patty- Secretary
- ✓ Lily Green-1st (meeting)
- ✓ Rebeca Moo 1st
- ✓ Brian Lederman 2nd
- ✓ Marin
- ✓ Itai
- ✓ Morgan
- ✓ Mario- MAC
- ✓ Amanda- 2nd
- ✓ Diana-PR
- ✓ Chandler-SFAC
- ✓ Tias- Crown Student Senate
- ✓ Dasiy- 2nd meeting
- ✓ Nicolas-2nd meeting
- ✓ Jeremy-Substitute Advisor
- ✓ Karina-Treasurer
- ✓ Yessi
- ✓ Jay-2nd meeting
- ✓ Erin
- ✓ Emily
- ✓ Bianca (Bee)
- ✓ Amber 2nd meeting
- ✓ Kimberly-Chair
- ✓ Eden-2nd meeting
- ✓ Thomas
- ✓ Mila

2. Presenters:

a. SAS Presentation 7:45pm

-SUA representative

-Jessica Shu- Why Merrill should send someone to Student Academic Senate?

-Last year: Academic Senate has been brought back

-This year: Academic Issues: Crowding issues going straight to the academic senate

-Important that SAS is the most representative so student voices will be heard, you have a vote, voice and can take action as necessary

-Please consider it: Send someone to SAS

Mario: Goal of SAS brainstorm and bring up the issues that we as students are facing in classrooms. What is affecting the students? What should be done about it?

Working on workshops that are general issues and affect our learning experiences here at UCSC.

Kimberly: SAS wants a representative every week. Really what the SAS candidate to attend these meetings and beneficial to Merrill College.

3. Deciding to Hear

-Two week period. Week 1: decide or not to hear. Week 2: Invite them to present.

-Always keeping the best interest of Merrill in mind.

Q to Ask:-Does this go with our ethos? Will it benefit the greater Merrill Community?

a. Students for Sensible Drug Policy

- Drug safety
- \$0 cost
- Advertise methods: flyers, print media, word of mouth etc.
- Merrill Ethos? Reached out to many Ethnic Orgs on campus, want people to know about other places like Portugal, Switzerland, and Canada
- Merrill Student Participation: 40
- Requesting: \$200
- Event: Oct. 16, 11am, Stevenson Event Center
- Other Funding Sources: SUA (\$1000)

Discussion on Whether or not to hear

Brian: For an early on event I think it is a really good one to have. A lot of people do have to educate about the drug use in College. But they don't have an itemized budget. Also not going to be a super popular event to go to. But I do think that we should hear them out at the very least.

Mario: I think that it is important especially with the issues in the past that have happened with drug use. They are having people come in to talk about it from the Capital. Itemized budget is needed.

Chandler: I motion to hear Students for Sensible Drug Policy with the condition that they provide an itemized budget.

Mario: I second.

Bee: I object. Drugs are bad.

Marin: Point of clarification they are against drug use.

Rebeca: As a freshman, fresh out of orientation, I feel like it wouldn't be as effective as they say it will be. Even though students use them or don't they know enough or at least they think they do.

Itai: Well it could be argues that it is targeted for returning students that didn't have that orientation. Are talking about countries where they are decriminalizing drugs.

Morgan: Because this is a funding request, we are deciding to hear not whether or not to fund this week.

Bianca: I had a change of heart. Knowledge is power. Give presenters a chance. I yield back my objection

Lily: Hearing the information from Student Lead vs. Police lead is more of an advantage.

Taking into a Vote of Whether or not to Hear

Motion: Having org come in with itemized budget next week

In favor (13)

No (1)

Abstain (3)

Kimberly: The motion passes. Will be hearing the Students for Sensible Drug Policy next week

4. Review:

a. Parliamentary Procedures

- “I call this meeting to Order”- meeting has begun
- Decision: Need to make a motion, motion will need to be second by another individual
- To make a motion or vote you must attend 3 consecutive MSG Meetings
- Next meeting you will be a voting member if you came to the Open House and this meeting.
- Anyone can participate in a Straw poll (this is not official voting but it is like it)
- Anyone can speak
- If objections occur the person who stated objection must state a reason.
- When speaking or voicing an opinion or responding to a motion or objection always address the Chair and not the individual

-**Yield:** If someone has already said what you were going to say.

b. Funding Procedures

-\$1300 per quarter for funding requests

-Separate pot of money \$1500- sponsor money (for our own events or more enthusiastic for an event: Crown/Merrill Super bowl Party)

-When we sponsor them we ask to be recognized as so

Jeremy: When MSG agrees to fund an org, is it a requirement that that Org acknowledges we funded them?

-another Sub pot for Merrill Activities Council (Ex: Lip Sync Battle)

Daisy: What was it of why you were so passionate about the Super Bowl?

Bee: Extremely Successful, food, fun, educational, impact, outcome

Bee: Are the quarter divided evenly by money?

Kimberly: yes, typically uneven distribution of events that happen every quarter .But money is distributed evenly. Left over money rolls over.

-Only think about the funding request and do not compare it to another or how much money we have left.

Rebeca: How do we get more money for events when we run out of money?

Kimberly: If we really want to fund we pull from a sponsorship pot. Usually don't run out.

Nicolas: What is the average request of money we get?

Mario: every week, but it ranges as the quarter progresses. Fall don't get that many, Spring a lot more (20 or so throughout the quarter)

Jeremy: The school has annual events throughout the quarter so they generally tend to ask the same amount of money when they come in again so that is helpful in planning the budget.

Kimberly: How much money do we have left? IS NOT a question we want to ask, if you ask we won't answer. We do not base out funding request on that.

-When presentations occur: This is the time to ask any questions we might have to the presenters about their event. (**Refer to the:** "Questions to Ask During a Funding Presentation" Sheet)

Bianca: Do we only have to answer these questions?

Kimberly: No but they have to be on topic and professional

Nicolas: Do people ask for only \$200? What happens to the money that they do not use?

Kimberly: Max is \$200 but it is a safety net. Sometimes it will not be appropriate to give them the full amount. If they don't use all the funds then I believe the rest comes back to the space.

Jeremy: Miss spent? They have an advisor that is also the person who is coordinating the purchasing. So it is unlikely that someone will take the \$200 for something else. We don't ask for receipts back but there are also other systems that hold them responsible.

5. Officer Reports

-When representatives will speak about what they heard in their organization that they are part us. You get to voice and collect from the space about how we feel about the issues that are presented to us by our representatives. SUA we will have more conversation about compared to the other representative just because it is Campus wide,

- a. Student Union Assembly-nothing to report
- b. Academic Senate- Open Position
- c. Community Service rep- Open Position
- d. Core Council-Open Position
- e. Student Committees on Committees- Open Position
- f. Student Union Governance Board-Open Position
- g. Student Fee Advisory Committee- Chandler

- h. Public Relations-like Facebook, Tell everyone to Declare candidacy on open positions
- i. Merrill Activities Council- Past Monday First meeting, great turnout, introduction, 1st event: Halloween theme event, Mon Oct. 24th is our tentative date (Décor event: decorate food, Fall Décor for your dorm rooms, Rock decorating stations, MAC Mudding Jar)
–Every Monday Night B door Art room
- j. RA Liaison- Have our first event at the apartments: Sat. Oct. 1st: Pumpkin craving Event, community room at 7pm-9pm or until we run out of supplies. First come first serve: all the tool and pumpkins are provided
- k. Community rooms, parking lot, pit, stairs, left and have ping pong and games.
- l. Secretary- MSG minutes posted on the Merrill Page, Make sure to email if you're going to miss otherwise if you miss two meeting and are unexcused you will lose voting rights.
- m. Treasurer-We will be hearing people next week so right now we have all the money still
- n. Vice-Chair- First: bus stops there are TAPS posters. Decrease in buses Meeting Monday Oct 3rd 12-1pm, Oct. 6 6-7pm, Oct. 13th 12-1pm, Oct 18th 6-7pm. TAPS will explain while buses are crowded, why parking is hard to find, and more. Pizza will be provided but you have to register to attend the meeting
Second: MSG has been signed up for St. Baldrics foundation: shaving head for pediatric cancer, if you want to be part of this by raising money or shaving your head, let me know, spread the word, join the team. **Event: October 28th J Baskin Court Year 11am-3pm.**
Raise money to hopefully find a cure for Cancer.
Kimberly: UCSC homes for the Genomics institute, branch for the pediatric cancer group and they have received large grant for it.
Taps representative is reaching out to Student government because they want to hear back from the students because they want to create a referendum to raise our student fee in order to bring back certain things that they have cut. They are way early in the process of creating this that is why they are having an open meeting. Great time to ask Questions. Great to have Merrill Reps in the space.
- o. Chair- Friday is the last day September 30 to declare Candidacy.
Brian: Motion to table discussion on Parliamentary position until next meeting.
Mario: I second.
Motion passes
-Encourage everyone to declare their candidacy and encourage other students who haven't come to MSG to declare.
-Important that we have all 8 position filled because we need Merrill Reps to represent us in other spaces and inform the rest of Merrill College, otherwise we are shut out of the information.
Open Position are available on the declareMSG2016 tinyurl page
Ballot Open Procedure:
-Poll will be created after declare closes, **Mon Oct 3rd Ballot is Out, closes on Friday at 11:59pm**
-All Merrill Students Vote
-Super important that it is Merrill's decision on who represents them.
Yessi: **You can campaign in the dorms you live in only and if you are the one running for a position. If you are going to get people to register to vote you can otherwise you cant. If you want to put up a poster get it approved by you RA.**
Council of Chairs meeting: Sounds like there are going to be some really big things that are going to happen on campus.
The Ten College Governments: Creating Student Bill of Rights, there will be a committee to draft this, if you are interested let me know.

- p. Advisor-Download the College APP, MAC and MSG meeting will be up on the app, any events that MSG and Mac are doing can go in the College app,
-you all find programs that are worthy of funding so we can put those up on the app as well
-Next week: Kristin Mann will be the Advisor: **Maybe bribe her to bake and bring you cookies**
-Encourage everyone to go to Focus Groups: Housing, student fee, coffee shops, TAPS (go and contribute)
-Money: MSG gets few of tens of thousands of dollars every year and goes to the Programs Office, this Spring the programs office is going to bring a proposal to MSG and you have the right to ask how much money we are putting into our events because the money come from you all and your student fees.
6. Announcements
- a. MSG and Crown Student Senate has been reached out to By SUA on providing info on Voting and how to vote, tabling event Thursday Oct, 6th 11am-3pm outside Crown Merrill Dining hall. Sending out volunteer list. Other people will train us to give the information. I will send it through email.
- b. Oct 11th 4pm-9pm \$1 pizza and drink at Woodstock with valid ID
7. Adjournment
- Karina: I motion to adjourn this meeting.
Brian: I second.
Motion passes. **Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm**