

## **Kresge Parliament – 5/23/13**

Start: 6:33 Quorum: 14 Ice Breaker: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

**Guests:** Council for Justice in Palestine: They want to divest from multinational organizations because these are companies who are profiting off of occupation and human rights violations in Palestine. They feel that by investing in these companies support is being shown. Arguing against the anti-Semitism of the bill. In their eyes this bill would show that UCSC does not support human rights violations. Looking for support for this non-violent option in this ongoing conflict in Israel. For more information contact [Nelias@ucsc.edu](mailto:Nelias@ucsc.edu) or look up online at [sjpwest.org/bds](http://sjpwest.org/bds).

Jewish Student Union: Representing students argued that Palestinians are treated fairly being provided with food, water and medical supplies. Admitted the system is not perfect but economic cut back will go against future aid. They also do not feel there are major human rights violations and this divestment is directly targeting Israel's and not helping with dialogue between people.

### **Parliament updates**

Community Service: Spring project to raise funds for St. Francis Soup Kitchen Part II. Tabling again next week with Otter Pops. A doodle has been sent via email for Wednesday through Friday outside the Porter Dining. Pam will get dry ice for cooler.

Parliament has been nominated again for a UCSC Community Service Award from the Student Volunteer Center via Franklin Williams. The award ceremony will be Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm – next door to Terra Fresca. Mariah is unavailable so Lucas and Pam will attend – we have room for one more student rep.

Academic Senate meeting is Wed. May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Stevenson Event Center from 2:30 to 5. Lisa is willing to represent. Anna nominates, Carl 2nds. 12 Hoots. 2 Abstain = Approved. Pam will notify the Senate of your rep. change for spring.

Commencement honor cords for our graduating members; Mariah and Lisa cost \$27. Lucas motions to fund, Jansen 2nds. 13 Hoots. 1 Abstain = Approved. Mariah will get the paperwork to Pam.

### **Nominations for Chair 2013-2014**

Parliament Chair nominations for next year, Lyle nominates Lucas and Lisa 2nds. Bailey nominates Rachel, Lyle 2nds. Candidates will present next week on why they should lead Parliament and we will vote, elect next year's Chair.

### **Outreach**

Swing Force – Lucas – no updates – swing proposal for the Meadow is with Risk Management and M.Y.G. is in touch by email.

Parliament has been invited on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to the SUA banquet located near Terra Fresca. The event is semi formal so please dress accordingly. Great food and networking.

Kids @ Kresge: Came last week and today with Franklin. A big thank you to Parliament for sponsoring the transportation and seeing the big picture in support of higher education.

## **Report Backs**

SCOC: Lucas - Covered two main points. C4 is Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Redwood Lounge (across from the Bookstore) 5-7pm. It is the cross committee student caucus. There is a huge food budget including a three-tier cake from the Buttery. Also everyone can apply right now to be on committees next year. The soft set deadline is tomorrow but apply online at the SCOC website.

SUA: Lyle - There will be an event called Where are the students of color? The event funding was granted \$150. Budget for next year ongoing - SCOC's idea is paying the same rate to the IVC salary and the SUA would have to match half of that amount and contribute it the IVC's budget. This is currently under discussion and Parliament is in favor. Parking permits, they discussed using scratchers and/or half expense is paid by SUA and half by the officers. Some feel there should be no passes. Outgoing Officers transition salaries for summer – reduced hours + pay discussed. USSA increase in active membership fee – only 23 UC's are direct – Santa Barbara, Merced and UCSC. What is the benefit vs. cost? May not be worth it? By-law currently has the \$4000. fee covered not \$8000. Presentations were made by both sides on the UC Divestment proposal for companies profiting from the Israel/Palestinian conflict. Very heated discussion included un substantiated accusations. Conflict Free Campus Initiative also presented. Congo mining conditions are terrible and this group hopes that we would only support conflict free companies. Their website is [www.raisehopeforcongo.org/campus](http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/campus). We need more information before we can make an educated decision.

FORKS - Carl: Met in the Owl's Nest. Looking into more sustainable foods, especially fish from farms instead of the wild. The last weekend of the quarter (June 8/9) 5-day meal holders will be given access to the dining halls to eat up the food. May 28<sup>th</sup> through the following week, there will be a meal plan holder survey with a chance to win one of three \$100 Best Buy gift cards. Tomorrow is Farm Friday at Porter Dining Hall. There will be new specials at Terra Fresca. Owl's Nest has been getting a lot of good feedback. Porter Patio Parties on Fridays have attracted a lot of non-Porter/Kresge students. Over the summer 9/10, 8/Oakes and Cowell/Stevenson will be the only dining halls open. The next meeting will be at the 9/10 dining hall at 8 am – great food!

SUGB: Jane - Student Union Lounge will be offering breakfast during dead week and a dinner on Friday, June 7th for those who attend a breakfast and pick up a ticket. 9 – 11 a.m. Quarry Plaza.

## **Deliberation on guest presentations**

Parliament discussed the presentation including reviewing the long list of companies with whom the University invests. Are all companies the same – computers vs. rockets? What is the financial consequence of an across the board divestment from the identified companies? Will other UC campuses join the movement? Parliament does not feel they have enough information to take a stand at this time.

## **Announcements:**

C4 is May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Redwood Lounge 5-7 p.m.

SUA dinner is May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9/10 dining hall – upstairs – semi-formal

Kresge Pizza Party – Wed. May 29<sup>th</sup> 6-8 p.m. in the Town Hall + party favors.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04pm.