

Kresge Parliament – 6/6/13

Start: 6:40 Quorum: 15 Ice Breaker: Done with finals & looking forward to this summer?

Open Letter to Parliament

There was a two-page document distributed before Parliament tonight. Authored by Nick – Comm. for Justice in Palestine Rep. who felt wronged because of our official SUA vote on the Israel divestment resolution. Parliament approved a 2 yes /1 no vote and it ended up voting 2 no/1 yes as our elected rep, Lyle, changed her vote after further discussion at SUA. Nick did not know Lyle had this option and detailed our general lack of knowledge on this important issue. He also felt Parliament acted unprofessional and in the future, we should better research such important topics in advance. He would also like to see us reach out more to the Kresge community at large to spread the word about these topics. Lyle read an email from Nick and her response to his email. Newly appointed Chair, Lucas, went over all the bullet points in the letter in detail – Parliament agreed we could explain things better to new attendees and share more information with our community, if giving a time to do so. Parliament will invite CJP to a fall meeting. Forums are always a good way to educate our community, again, with enough lead time. Additions comments included all Kresgians are welcomed at Parliament, the letter was rude in nature, a sandwich board with current Parliament topics would be useful next year.

Guest Visit

Newly appointed Pres. Shaz and Max touring college governments – thanking us for our endorsements and keeping the lines of communication open in prep. for next year -

Constitution - update

Lucas reviewed our constitution and created a new version and plans to send both the old and new versions to everyone with the changes highlighted. He would like to update verbiage, add positions and institute regular reviews of this document. TBD discussed and voted on next fall. Carl motioned to create a committee for this constitutional review. Aimee 2nds, 15 Hoots = Approved.

Outreach

Our spring community service efforts (Round I & II) collected \$215 for the St. Francis Soup Kitchen. Franklin W. suggested buying laundry detergent with this money. Pam will finalize the purchase and paperwork.

Parliament Photo

Members gathered in the entrance stairwell to take the 2012-2013 Parliament photo – thank you Lyle for use of your camera. The photo will be posted on our Kresge web page.

Approval of minutes:

5/30/13 Minutes: Lyle motions to approve, Lucas 2nds, 9 Hoots, 6 Abstain = Approved.

Parliament Budget

Parliament has \$646.83. remaining in the budget this year. Members discussed possible outreach expenditures = cups, socks, pins, water bottles. Carl motions to let \$ transfer to the carry forward account, Jansen 2nds. 14 Hoots 1 Abstain = Approved

Report Backs

SUA: Lyle - Discussed election by-laws and made word changes to clear up loose ends. Reviewed the voter approved changes to their constitution now a Presidential system. Passed the

Immigration Reform Resolution, which helps students who are immigrants gain citizenship. Discussed the Israel Divestment Resolution, many people disagreed with the term apartheid in the resolution and a vote to remove it failed and the Resolution vote itself failed. Will be on the table again next year for further discussion. New officers for next year were introduced – adjourned.

Forks: Cark - Met at Crown/Merrill Dining Hall. A big push for sugar free drinks in the dining hall. Farm Friday this week will be at Cowell/Stevenson tomorrow. It will be meatless Monday at Porter/Kresge Monday. 5 day meal plan holders can go to the dining hall this weekend before finals. Finals week, dining hall meals will be \$3. Made a sustainable fish company purchase and trying their Arcadia Redfish at Terra Fresca tomorrow – high cost issue. Amnesty period for returns of D.H. service ware – no questions asked. Meetings next year will continue to be at 8 am.

Academic Senate: Lisa - Met on May, 29th. Mainly discussed the new website for online education. Hoping to attract more international/graduate students to the campus and to elicit more support from alumni. Congressman Farr attended. Highlighted Astrophysics Dept. and Award winning faculty member. Chancellor Blumenthal talked about more focus on alumni and donations. Operating budget the same for this fall – not worse/not better. Accolades for UCSC; commitment to students, staff awards, research papers ranked nationally 11th out of 500. Some fac/staff recruitments going on. Looking to start faculty lecture sharing next year. Efforts to go paperless continue. Community Studies major reinstated for 70 students this fall.

SCOC: Lucas - Discussed swag funding for outreach for the summer and fall. Approved \$250 for two summer intern positions and funds for snacks. Approved \$2000 for the next committee Chair to plan a fall outreach event.

Announcements: Late Night Breakfast – Sunday June 9th at 11 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Awards: Certificates of Appreciation handed out to all long-term members and Lisa and Mariah received their orange honor cords for graduation. Congratulations Class of 2013!

Last meeting adjourned: 8:07pm.