

Kresge Parliament – 5/6/10

Meeting Start: 6:34 PM – Ice breaker; What is your favorite weather and why?

Quorum: 8 voting members

Budget Request:

CJP - Community for Justice in Palestine – SOAR Org representatives

During Palestine Awareness Week, event being held in T.H. on Wed. May 12th – 6-11 p.m. to shed light and humanize the Palestinian situation.

Speaker Norman Finkelstein and UK Rapper Lowkey.

KMEC has sponsored the hall – CJP is requesting funding to pay for rapper \$500.00

Referendums: - 3 sustainability measures this year – more info on SUA web site

43 – Health, Food & Wellness - \$3.75 a qtr. to expand healthy choices – gardens, organics, OPERS fitness – No sunset clause

44 – Renewable Energy Fee – amendment to fee passed years ago for carbon neutral credits = cash
Currently funds go out of state, this would bring money back to S.C. – Will form council of students from the 8 environment org.s to decide who gets funding and for what projects.

45 – Sustainability Office Support - \$2.75 a qtr. till 2020 to fund the office, staffing, engaging student projects etc. will be matched up to 75% by UC Administration. Currently, our Sustainability Office is only funded until 2012.

Looking for Parliaments endorsements –

Deliberations:

CJP - Justin motions \$250.00 – no second

Jackie motions \$100.00- Edward seconds – Justin amends to \$200.00 – Devina seconds

Vote: yea 3, nay 4, 1 abstain – motions dies

Nestor motions \$125.00 Vote: 7 yea, 1 abstain – motion passes – we still need their SOAR form.

Referendums: 44 supported – Nestor motions, Devina seconds

43 & 45 not endorsed

Updates

Student Lounge TV upgrade letter coming next week – Anna

Woodstock's Senate mixer is off – no available dates

Tee shirt order is coming – Kameron will get the quote for 50 shirts

Our mail room is supervised by Kia Parks Burton under CAO M.Y.G. It would require Kia to initiate a new computer request to upgrade the service. No action

Report Backs

SUA – Justin – Long discussion regarding Senate endorsements and conflict of interest for SUA sanctioned polling places at the colleges. Held closed session to further discuss and our SUA reps. could not attend due to their election candidate status. Large gray area here regarding official and unofficial polling stations – basically colleges that endorse a candidate are not suppose to have an official polling place – but unofficial polling places can exist if they are at least 20 ft. away in distance.

21 students came as a group to protest the 33% voter threshold stating it was not fair and did not include the SUA office positions. They requested a longer voting period, however, current officers are out of office as of 5/25. This would leave SUA without official representation. After long debate, a compromise was reached adding three days to the election. It is still unclear if this will be allowed at this late date. Two extra questions will be included in the election, What do students feel about the 33% threshold and what should be the length of the election? Academic Senate did vote to end written evaluations and the Kerr Hall student demonstration fines were discussed. Funding requests: Alay's Publication Celebration, HSA Year End Celebration, Bill Monning Forum, Cal. College Republican Convention, Glogal Brigades, MFS

SFAC – Edward – Summer fees need to be reduced – too high, Theater Arts fees – students need to know there are free tickets available for campus shows.

Announcements

Parliament will be nominating candidates for Chair next week.

Josh will have a polling station near the Owl's Nest in the afternoons of 5/19-21. He is still looking for volunteers to help get out the vote.

The student days of action planned for 5/18-19 have been canceled

Edward motions to end meeting, Devina seconds. Motion passed by consensus.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm - Next meeting 5/13/10, 6:30 PM, Kresge Seminar Room 159