

Kresge Parliament – 10/20/11

Start: 6:34 Quorum 16 Ice Breaker: What is your major and what keeps you interested?

Guests Nader Oweis (UCSC Chief of Police) noweis@ucsc.edu & Officer Todd

Chief Oweis is visiting student leaders to introduce himself and answer questions. He has been on the force here for 6 weeks after serving UC Davis for 17 years. He spoke about his role as a resource with two goals: caretaker of life and property and educator on how to keep safe. He welcomes additional questions and gave us his email address.

Q. - Anna: What are the police's steps in response to protests?

A. We are for protecting Constitutional rights and keeping all sides of a protest (protestors, anti-protestors, bystanders) safe – safety comes first.

Q. - Justin: How has the UCSC police department/Davis handled the budget cuts?

A. Davis lost 20% of budget. Budget at UCSC has been cut significantly and he worries about liability of shortage. This was expected and he is trying to prioritize and find cost-neutral solutions. He believes the department doesn't have enough officers (17 currently). This affects everyone (including the students). The problem is world-wide. "We are trying to be creative. We're trying to do the right things for the right reasons." He hopes he will be able to hire one more officer (announcement comes out next week) **Q. Pam:** How big was the force at Davis? **A:** 50

Q. - Lisa: Esp. with Occupy Wall Street and talks about police brutality, how do you know your police officers will behave appropriately?

A. Believes in officers. All officers are experienced. He would not put officers in a situation that would put them in danger. Judge on what is appropriate and reasonable. Nader truly cares and his officers care about the students of UCSC. He is concerned about the violent attitude towards police and money that is spent working overtime for protests to ensure safety for all. This money could be spent for education.

Q.-Scott: Is mutual non-violence an acceptable policy?

A. Yes, we are there to ensure safety not to arrest people. Not usually students/faculty/staff that are the violent ones but outsiders. As long as there is no need for an ambulance or other safety issues involved, we are there to watch. If you want to work with us, that's great.

Q.- Lisa: When someone is trying to shut down the campus, what is your decision?

A: Again, it is a safety issue. If life or property are in danger he has the authority to act. If it is less threatening, a policy group, consisting of the Chancellor and others, consults with Chief of Police about the best possible action. Truly comes down to safety. An unlawful assembly can be dissolved by the Chief of Police going through this series of steps. Students have to be warned and not until all the legal steps have been gone through can he make an arrest. Todd added: If you use too few people to do what you need to do, it can be worse sometimes. Officers feel defensive if they don't have enough officer resources/support, it can get worse.

Q. -Justin: How do you feel about video surveillance? (Police surveillance & protestors videotape)

A: If lines have been crossed, police need to provide evidence to District Attorney. Nader needs to be certain officers are appropriate and he needs evidence in case of complaint. If there is an unfounded complaint, he needs the tools to prove that. He has a legal responsibility to prepare a criminal case. If officers are in public, then they are likely to be caught on tape and that is likely to occur. There is no problem with this and it can help resolve issues.

Q.- Anna: What is the appropriate behavior when students are interacting with police officers?

A. Be honest and be friendly. If police asks you to do something, don't question it because you may not be privy to certain information. If you have a question, ask not during an urgent situation. Don't refuse to give the police your name. This turns an infraction ticket into a misdemeanor and a trip to jail. Todd added: Generally for us, if you're looking to get out of a ticket, don't give police attitude, be friendly and accept responsibility. This will buy you more mileage than playing dumb.

Q: Pam: If you get stopped at night, should you turn on your overhead light?

A. Yes, but don't fidget. Don't reach under your seat or into the glove box for your wallet, wait until the officer approaches and tell them what you are doing in plain sight.

Q. Justin: Have you heard about the proposal to merge UCSC FD with the city? How do you feel?

A. There are pros and cons. The one thing that won't change is the dispatch center. The police currently don't get called to all fire calls. They are in discussions about if FD is farther away (in the city), the police may begin to respond. There will still be a UCSC FD, yes. The things that will change are duplicate positions on the administration level. One person, instead of two, will assume duty responsibility for both departments.

Budget Requests Moshe- Porter CA budget request for circus in Porter Quad (October 28, 6pm)

- Hired circus performers (Fire breathing, aerial acts, clowns, face painting, popcorn etc.)
- Approved by ACAO Kathy Cooney and Risk Services – no animals
- Supported by Porter Provost, Porter Programs and Porter Senate
- Open to all students/faculty/staff (free admission)

- Asking for \$295 from Kresge including an opportunity for Kresge publicity

Deliberations

Concerns about quality of presentation to Parliament but point made that all of Kresge will know that the event is going on regardless of late advertising or this presentation. We would like Kresge students to get some sort of priority on entrance.

Justin motions \$250 with stipulation that Kresge students get priority Will 2nds
(6 hoots, 7 screech, 3 abstain) – not approved - Motion failed

Justin motions \$200 with same stipulation Edward 2nds
(11 hoots, 2 screech, 3 abstention) – Approved \$200.00 to Porter Programs

Parliament Updates

Student Academic Senate has announced they will be meeting every week after SUA at 8 p.m. Since Reid is our SUA and Academic Senate rep, this would change his which committee he sat on at SUA. (Kresge becomes underrepresented on the other committees - Diversity Commission)
Reid said he was OK with the change - will represent Parliament on the Student Academic Senate.

Provost Juan Poblete has accepted our invitation for next week – please come with questions. We have been invited to present Parliament at Core on Tuesday, Nov 15. (7pm).

No budget request for next week

Report Backs

SFAC- Edward - Student Fee Advisory Committee: debating where to allocate extra summer money. Debating whether to create work study jobs over summer so students who stay have an opportunity to work. Edward supports it.

SUGB - Misha - First meeting today. Met SOAR coordinator (Leo). Will be hosting events and keeping colleges in touch in regards to events. Justin: SUGB may become the planners for the new Student Union; this should be brought back of the committee.

SUA – Doug/Justin Committee week at SUA – Lobby Core - mostly introductions, discussion of current state of bills (e.g. California DREAM act was passed, Senate Bill vetoed by Governor). On Monday, Lobby Core received goal cards to pass out (such as reforming Prop 13) and discussed how to disperse them. Student Academic Senate working on new by-laws as is the Student Organization Funding Advising Committee. (SOFA) Monthly reports will be posted on the SUA website. Interviews for Treasure happened last week. We may have a prospective Treasurer by Tuesday. There is a rule that states by-laws need to be sent out a full week in advance, they weren't sent out until Wednesday when they should have been sent out Tuesday. Will is going to forward by-laws to Parliament members.

Ongoing discussion for reducing the SUA budget - suggestions:

Parking allowance, reduce officer stipend in half, remove office furniture/computer budget
\$9,000 cut out of LegCon- grassroots legislative convention, Reducing committee budgets
Reduce Travel and Transport/ Fundraise + Outreach
Save RSO funding

Note: Student of Color Conference budget - cannot be reduced, hard funding

Approval of minutes

Announcements:

Caramel Apples – Friday, 10/21 - 5:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge

Pumpkin Carving – Wednesday, 10/26 - 4pm-6pm - on Upper St.

Los Hoots won first game – another game tonight – go Hoots.

CoCKs meets every Sunday in the Student Lounge - 6:00 p.m.

Haunted House Saturday, 10/29 8-10 p.m. in the Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14 p.m.