

Kresge Parliament – 10/27/11

Start: 6:35 Quorum: 13 Ice Breaker: If you were teaching a class, what & why?

Guest Juan Poblete - Kresge Provost

- Juan has offered himself as a possible conduit for student services

- Provost for 7 years. Came in with the idea that he would have a close relationship with students/student government. He is interested in cultivating this relationship to the extent that we are. He is interested in hearing from us how we envision this potential relationship. Provost is in charge of the academic side of the college including academically oriented community building activities like non-major lecture/movie series. He has an interest in intellectually stimulating programs of interest to Kresge students (i.e. film cycle of social activism, giving social activists a safe space). Interest in providing students strong intellectual content.

Juan Q. What would UCSC students like to see in forms of intellectual activities?

- A. Classes on food science, intergenerational education, gender. Possibly extend Kresge projects like the Kresge garden and Pride to allow for intellectual activities

Parl Q. Is there any possibility for funding?

- A. Juan doesn't have much discretionary funds but can enable and provide administrative support so that students can self-organize. There is always possibility for an elective activity that is centered on a common interest between a group of students and his office - might evolve into something more formal but he is not pushing that. He is here to establish forms of collaboration between Parliament and Provost's office.

Parl. Q. What about a lecture series that is available for Kresge students extending CORE

- A. There was such a project organized several years ago when Kresge had the support of Alumni funding (rotates every five years). Annually, Kresge does not have the money.

Parl. Q. I've noticed that science is not well represented in CORE labs, is it possible to change?

- A. It's not always easy to engage scientists but we could have scientists come and do a lecture series

Parl. Q. Specifically about the Occupy Movement, we had the Chief of Police in last meeting, could we host a talk between the Chief of Police and the students and his role in student activist movements? A. It's a possibility

Parl. Q. Where is your office? A. The Kresge College Office here at the Piazzetta.

Juan Q. What is Parliament's role? Does Parliament see itself as an active or passive body?

- A. - A key component of Parliament is representing the Kresge student voice. Sending reps. to campus organizations to bring back information and keep involved on larger world issues.
- Kresge Parliament is a break from the academic side, an alternative activity for students.
- We support students in their endeavors by helping with funding for student orgs./media orgs. and OPERS activities, we also help fund events that are held here at Kresge.
- We do a lot of community service projects. Last year we were awarded a campus service award for our efforts raising funds for socks and wool blankets.

Juan Q. Would Parliament like to work with the Provost on a project like an educational series or something to improve the social space of the Kresge Meadow. etc.? This could require fundraising with parents, alumni and students. It could include a survey of the students and their ideas/interests?

- A. Parliament will discuss next week and get back with the Provost.

Last but not least 2 things:

- Juan is available anytime to come back to Parliament
- This project idea is something concrete that he will be pursuing regardless of our participation but he would like to offer this opportunity to co-create.

Approval of minutes Oct 13 & 20

Oct 13: 13 hoots, Oct 20: 13 hoots – both minutes approved

Budget Request for next week CoCKS Consortium of Concerned Kresge Scientists

Request funding for four Monterey Aquarium admission tickets (\$111.18) for field trip of 10
Justin moves to deny because of UCSC purchasing policies with the Programs Office Anna 2nds.

Outreach Community Service Project for fall

Parliament will have their 2nd Annual Sock Drive with tabling on Upper St. and button making

Parliament Updates Parliament Core Night will be Nov. 15th at the Media Theater M110

Volunteer members: Lyle, Edward, Misha – K.C. the Owl will be included

Report Backs

SFAC: Edward – no report

SUGB: Misha – meeting are every other week – no report

SCOC: Lisa - no contact yet regarding meeting time or place.

Core Council – Anna - no meetings yet

SUA: Doug, Justin and Kevin(alternate)

- Chief of Police visited
- Funded \$1,850. GROW (Grass Roots Organizing Weekend)
- Budget was discussed; Kresge shared their own budget cutting suggestions with 54 changes including student fees; SUA made their own changes; budget was balanced but several objections remain regarding certain line items: Elections Commissioner, parking pass funds, software funds, SCOC funding – question was raised about money spent last summer on officer retreat/location rental?
- Suspended bylaws and approved resolution for legislation involving Peace CORE
- Justin objected since bylaws were suspended and they were not given required advance notice to review legislation.
- Treasurer was selected but has not been announced

Announcements:

Haunted House & Festival: Saturday, October 29 (5-7 & 8-10pm) at the Town Hall

Porter Circus: Friday, Oct. 28 (6 p.m.) at Porter Quad

Day of the Dead Skull decorating - Wednesday, Nov 2, (2pm-4pm) Upper St.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.