

Kresge Parliament – 3/8/12

Meeting Start: 6:32 Quorum #: 13 No icebreaker

Guests Dining Services – Owl’s Nest Café - Scott Berlin, Bill Prime, Sean Carroll, Cori Doninelli and CAO Mike Yamauchi-Gleason

Q. Parliament has heard rumors about the closing of the Owl’s Nest Café – 5 years in business

A. Retail operations are challenged now – it is cost vs. production but the café is part of the community – D. S. has a commitment to the students. O. N. offers individual orders instead of cafeteria style dining. It will stay open for now and the foreseeable future.

Important goals: service levels, community aspect, customer satisfaction

Q. Is using the 55 meal plan good or bad for business?

A. About the same – good question. D. S. is not really a profit business – all funds go into all services on campus including coffee carts, cafes and cafeterias. Cash sales are down 10%

Q. Does McHenry’s Global Village take business away?

A. Not sure but it is a private vendor not associated with D.S.

Q. Does the Food Co-op or Taco Trucks make the University money?

A. Food Co-op is charged a dollar per year for rent. The food trucks are newly being organized through the Real Estate department but are not a revenue source.

Q. Quality issues with café – incorrect orders, not enough staffing to correct orders, to go items

A. When busy – problems arise and sometimes we are not able to immediately address – this is good for us to hear.

Q. In the past four years, we have seen the quantity of food servings go down – economy?

A. We are serving correct portions now with a greater eye on the budget – this may look like we have reduced size but it is just coming into line with campus expectations for servings.

Q. Why close breakfast at 10:30 a.m.

A. We have a very small kitchen in the O.N. We close from 10:30 – 11 to prep for lunch

Q. What happen to the sub sandwich station in the café?

A. The numbers were down so we decided it was not cost effective

Q. Would it be possible to add more salad options – choices of items

A. Again a space issue and a time issue for service to custom make each order. Give and take.

Q. What about the long lines during rush hours of lunch and dinner?

A. This is an ongoing staffing/budget matter, watching expenses but also providing service.

Q. Why are items so expensive, some things more than others – inconsistent

A. When UC took over dining services, the students made a choice to provide good jobs with benefits for all food service workers. This kind of employment does come with a cost – we do our best to keep costs down and we continue to update and change menus.

Q. Has there been a change in the number of student staff positions?

A. D.S. is the largest student employer on campus – 150 positions consistently but 1000 students applied for work this year. We wish we could hire more.

Q. The Programs Office and Café are neighbors, who is suppose to oversee the patio area?

A. M.Y.G. – original contract has the patio under Dining Services –

Suggestions: Breakfast all day, themed evenings, coffee cart to handle special orders, build your own salad bar, burger bar, more Gatorade flavors, Coke, household items – cereal.

M.Y.G. – announced the Provost is working on making the Seminar Room kitchen certified so folks could reserve the space for commercial food prep. for events.

Budget Requests Film/Poetry Reading - Porter College - Alissa

Individual student bringing a film/poetry reading to P/K Dining Hall – April 17th 8-12 p.m.

Collaborating with Kinetic Poetics for SOAR Org. account status only

“You Belong Everywhere: Portrait of a Living Poet” (Discussion with Derrick Brown)

Requested: \$300-\$400 – total budget \$1239.00 includes rental, tech, honorarium, advertising
Free to students – received \$230. from Porter.

Deliberations Porter Poetry Event – Parliament supports the arts
Lyle motions \$200. Edward 2nds - 7 hoots, 6 abstain - Approved

Budget Requests for next week

Kresge Party Sheep – shirt order requesting \$400.00 for print costs
7 hoots, 1 screech, 3 abstain – Approved

Parliament Updates

Next week is our last meeting for winter quarter
The Swing Force appoints team leader – Kevin will schedule the next meeting time

Approval of minutes 3/1/12

Amend the minutes to say we invited Porter Poetry reading to this weeks meeting
Doug Academic Senate Rep. should be Reid
6 hoots, 7 abstain – Approved with amendments

Report Backs

Core Council: Anna was not informed there was a meeting. They want to meet again next quarter?
SUGB: Misha - next Friday March 16th, 9-12, Student Union, SUGB is giving away free Night Owl
Cookies with milk.

SFAC: Edward reviewed meeting minutes – still going over summer money utilizations and
stipulations. Working on a department question standards to make sure money is going to dept.s
that are making a difference in a meaningful way.

SCOC: Lisa - C4 Sat. 3/10 at College Eight Red Room at 5-7pm. Woodstock's Pizza + dessert
Committee report backs – ongoing planning for SCOC out reach spring quarter.
Student Academic Senate – Lucas – meeting canceled on Wednesday.

SUA: Lyle gives the floor to Doug - Doug – lost it twice at Tuesday's SUA meeting – really has had
enough with the inability of the campus student government to conduct business and get things
done in a timely manner!

SOFA: Has to approve funding request amounts: Indian Student Association asked for \$8,880 but
received \$2,500 (4-3). Colleges Against Cancer was asking for \$5,000 even though this was more
than their budget. They received \$1,300 with stipulation that funds were not spent on a rock wall.
Los Mejicas received \$1,700. (tie vote) Filipino Association - \$2000. \$2600.00 remaining
SUA - working out concerns for Constitutional Amendments but veto power still an issue. Veto
power was killed by one vote (14-13 with 9 abstentions). So now, 75% of the amendments need to
be re-written. Asked for suggestions – no ideas so there will now be two amendment choices that
will be introduced for a vote. Very frustrating. The general student body will have to decide
between the two – 20% vote required. Constitutional Taskforce will be tackling this tomorrow
Friday outside the SUA Office(2-4pm). Justin asked for feedback about the middle class
scholarship fund where \$135 million would be generated for support of education by closing loop
holes in tax breaks – Parliament supports – Tiffany was a guest (last year's Chair) reporting about
USSA and Pel Grants and the concern regarding getting rid of 6 month grace period for student
loan payments and a move to end subsidies for these loans. There was a discussion about SOFA
funding practices and content neutrality. All suggested funding was approved except for the
Vietnamese Assoc. due to numerous issues with this particular request and counter points made
about the actual funding amount - - - opportunity for Doug to go off on another rant...

Announcements:

Acquire a cepella in Town Hall Saturday Night 8-10 p.m.

CoCKS – 6-8 p.m. Sundays in the Student Lounge

Guerilla Dance – Blues - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Town Hall

SAFE – Post Secret call for entries – SHOP Office in Student Health Bldg.

Karaoke – Sunday – Town Hall 5-7 p.m.

KMEC – PRIDE planning – Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. in Student Lounge

Late Night Breakfast – Sunday March 18th at 11 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.