

## Kresge Parliament – 5/6/14

Meeting Start: 6:33 Quorum: 12

**Guest:** Gerald Greenleaf – Physical Planning & Construction – Associate Architect  
Visiting Parliament today and supporting take out dinner for 16. Gerald is representing the Housing Consultant firm under contract starting in July to envision the future of the west side of campus. A follow up to the recent Housing survey, he is pulling together feedback before students leave for summer. Looking for value of campus housing, to help guide the design work for our campus. His focus area is Family Student Housing and everything west of Heller Dr. Shared two satellite enlargements of the area under discussion. Big challenges are cost, as expenses get passed along and underground caves in this area.

Opened the floor for comments;

- ~ We feel it is important to fix up existing housing already in use.
- ~ Concerned about moving students around during construction – where will they go?
- ~ Don't want all suites with a shared kitchen, we prefer apartments with kitchens @ Kresge.
- ~ Hoping you will try and save open spaces and trees.
- ~ Use sustainable/green practices and upgrade Kresge for ADA access.
- ~ Keep in mind building location orientation with water drainage issues.
- ~ Aesthetics are important, we don't want to be another Porter College with skyscrapers.
- ~ Kresge's character is the redwood trees – save the trees!
- ~ Community building also needs a kitchen – no late night or weekend dining hall here.
- ~ Windows are important for natural light and better ventilation
- ~ Better thermostats with timers to fine tune heating options.

Q: Is there an east - west disconnect? What do we need as far as services on the west side?

For example – a convenience store, gym, bookstore substation, running track etc.

Is part of the disconnect the time it takes to get across campus, do you need more paths and/or more transportation options?

- ~ Transportation is an issue – buses are full and it takes a long time to walk to OPERS
- ~ It would be great to have a convenience store on the west side and a track.
- ~ We would like more study space on the west side

Survey revealed upperclassmen want more affordable housing options on campus and apartments over dorms. Required meal plan is also an issue for continuing students. Room sizes are also not consistent across campus but rental fees are similar. There is a need for more classroom space.

In conclusion, Gerald welcomes any comments. He may be reached by email: [geraldg@ucsc.edu](mailto:geraldg@ucsc.edu)

Timeline: consultants start this summer, in fall there will be more feedback meetings scheduled and they hope to wrap up this part of the process by November 2014.

Icebreaker: What are you looking forward to next year?

Parliament Photo: Group shot on the staircase

### Parliament Updates:

Study Center Update: Bailey shared a project board with carpet, paint and chair colors. Committee is suggesting blue chairs for easy identification, navy cushions, beige color tables, new lighting for each table and a darker color for the multiuse carpeting. Entrance way will have heavy-duty carpet. Walls painted white with one accent wall at stairs landing = light green. Also discussing possible mural space addition.

SUA Israel Divestment Referendum: Lyle updated Parliament that our SUA representatives, from fall, directly received a complaint email from a CJP member. Nothing was sent to our official Parliament address. Lyle read aloud the email and her official response that included an another

invitation for CJP to come to Parliament next fall. Note: SUA has yet to announce if the voting process that resulted in the referendum passing was approved or denied. Chair Umer will release this information after commencement weekend.

Parliament received a response email from the Owl's Nest Manager, Jeff Wildenboer. He appreciated our comments and is looking forward to next year. (Response below)

**Outreach:** Next year we should make our meeting minutes more available. Right now they are on the Kresge website under activities, under student leaders, under Parliament and hard copies are posted in the mailroom. Look at dining hall location and/or Parliament Facebook page.

**Certificates:** Pam handed out Certificates of Appreciation to all the members of Parliament for their time and service this year. A big thank you from Kresge Programs.

**Approval of minutes:** 5/29/14 – Jansen motions to approve, Sawyer 2nds, 9 Hoots, 2 Abstain, 1 Screech = Approved.

### **Report Backs:**

-SUGB/Tara – A reminder about free Breakfast at the Student Union – Monday 6/9, 10 – 11:30 a.m. The remodel plans for the Student Media Center were approved. Remaining budget money will go towards new recreation equipment for the union = pool table, darts etc.

-SCOC/Jansen – Reviewed applications @ their last meeting. More positions are available – go to web site = <https://www.sa.ucsc.edu/scoc/editCommitteeApplicant.cfm>

### **Announcements:**

-Strike actions planned for finals week by the UAW have been cancelled. – negotiations ongoing.

-Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Late Night Breakfast – Kresge Town Hall 10 p.m.

-Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Kresge 2014 Commencement – 5:30 p.m. East Field

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 p.m. Happy Summer!

Next meeting October 2, 2014

### **Owl's Nest Response:**

*Thanks for sharing Parliaments thoughts on this years Owls Nest. I appreciate our dialog and look forward to continuing the conversation in the near future. A couple responses to your comments:*

*We are very pleased with the response to our new menu and special items. As a whole, the entire Owls Nest staff shares the credit in the good run of success we are having this year. We have input from both full-time and student employees on what may work for specials. Everyone is having fun in creating this thing we call the Owls Nest! Most of the successful items will be added to the upcoming Fall menu. I am having some conversations with the Director about possible equipment improvements to further expand on our offerings. Those things are all dependent on the budget for the next school year.*

*As for consistency, we will continue to strive for that goal. With constant rotating students on 4 hour shifts, communicating consistency and updates/changes has been a struggle. But we continue to have that conversation and practice. As for the Acai bowl, maybe knowing the distinction in the size of the container may help in the appearance of quantity. The red bowls we use for Dine In are 22oz containers. The closest sized compostable To Go container I could find is 16oz. The 16oz container definitely looks fuller with the same amount of food than the 22oz container. I will look into gluten free bread, the only issue I have is that there will be gluten contamination due to the small size of our operating kitchen line. Its a similar problem we have with not being able to claim our fries are vegan/vegetarian due to the size/multi-use of our fryer.*

*Ice cream is a concept we put on paper last summer. There are some equipment needs that I will investigate. How does the Kresge Creamery sound?*

*Vendor contracts are campus wide and go thru a bid process with the Purchasing Dept. I believe Pepsi's contract is currently up for renewal. We'll have to see on who wins the bid. I hope this answers some of your questions.*

*Thanks again for supporting the Owls Nest thru this growth period. I look forward to next Fall! Jeff*

