Kresge Parliament – 02/20/14

Start: 6:35  Quorum: 11  Ice Breaker: If you could have any pet, real or fictional, what would it be?

Budget Request: Korean American Student Association – KASA
-Hosting a Korean Cultural Banquet with food and performances. They are one of the least represented groups on campus and are hoping to outreach a lot through this event. The Korean Consulate General should be in attendance. Tickets are $12 presale and $15 at the door but they usually sell out (200 attendees). Asking $100 from us and every other college to help with their $4500 budget. There are Kresge students within the org. Banquet will be on May 31st at the P/K Dining Hall. Faculty, staff and students are welcome.

Guest: GROW Referendum- spring ballot
-The GROW organization is a student coalition of gardeners on campus. They are proposing a new fee of $2.95 per student/per quarter in order to fund workshops, classes, more student employment, a garden for each sister college, collaborations between gardens and a tool library. The fee will also go towards helping UCSC reach its goal of no waste by 2020. Percentage will return to aid for those students receiving financial assistance. Asking for Parliaments support to put this on the spring ballot.

Deliberation:
-KASA – Reasonable request for event in our neighborhood – underrepresented students Bella motions to fund $100. Carl 2nds: 11 Hoots 11 = Approved!
-GROW – Gardens are good, very UCSC and will help with 2020 zero waste goal Bailey motions to support, Anna 2nds. 9 Hoots 2 Abstain = Approved!
-Learning Support Services LSS (tabled last week) Lyle sent out survey for questions – Miina clarified tutor pay rates are set by the school, not LSS. Miina motions to support, Bella 2nds. 10 Hoots, 1 Abstains = Approved!
-SUA Student Government Fee Increase (tabled last week) Not enough student outreach has been done. Perhaps student feedback would be better received through petitioning for signatures. Too great of an increase $7 to $36. Anna motions to not support for ballot, Bella 2nds. 10 Hoots, 1 Abstain = Approved!

Parliament Update:
-Winter Community Service - Sock Drive raised $280 total = socks will be bought soon and volunteers called for delivery to St. Francis Soup Kitchen and S.C. Homeless Srvs. Ctr. Good job Parliament members who made baked goods and tabled in support of this project!
-SCOC Carnival – Jansen – Update, March 2nd event has been postponed for paperwork approval. Event will be rescheduled and will include games, food, a DJ, Rock Wall and Jump House.

Approval of Minutes: 2/13/14 Anna motions to approve with the stipulation that under SUA Report Back it says “SUA will be voting to approve $7200 (not approved) Bella 2nds. 7 Hoots, 1 Screech, 3 Abstain = Approved!

Report Backs:
-Study Center Facelift - Bailey met with Mike, Beth from Common Ground and Diana Rowan from Physical Plant. They talked about redoing the entrance with heavy duty carpet since it gets the most foot traffic, getting new efficient lighting, bringing in tables with outlets and perhaps painting the walls with a bit of color. Diana will be doing a cost breakdown.
-Academic Senate – Gul – Ms. Napolitano announced part of her 10 Initiatives plan. She is interested in the budget, school quality and health care issues. Chancellor Blumenthal spoke – we
get a 5% funding increase but not stable, no tuition increase next year. Announced Faculty awards and discussed 2015 fundraising campaign = Give back. UCSC has its most applications ever for ‘14/’15 = 49,000. Increases in international and out of state student applications. His trip to India. Report from Committee on Committees, Ongoing issues with school funding and faculty salaries. -SUA – Bella, Gul & Miina - Half the meeting items were tabled because reps did not get to discuss details with their colleges about the referendums proposed for the spring ballot (Slug Shuttle, GROW, Stud. Govern Fee, Measure 30, Library Fee. (Note= library hours will be for undergraduates only). Funds were approved for the spring concert, HOLI Fest. and UCSC’s Got Talent. The New CA Education Master Plan and Bylaw Amendment resolutions were also tabled. In response to a question on the SUA Fee Increase and why it is so much, one presenter said, “Things cost more, we want more things.” SUA retreat this weekend at Mt. Herman Adventures. - SOFA – Miina - Met for the last time and decided funding numbers. Will be presenting to SUA next week. (Heard from Ethics Bowl members and presentation was still self centered but approved funding for entrance fee.) -Core Council – Spencer - Met and discussed high/low numbers for funding requests. Decided to have one more meeting next week to officially decide but will need to go with low figures to stay in budget.

Announcements:
Friday 2/21 – Bella’s Birthday – Happy Birthday Bella!
Friday 2/21 – Open Mic – 7-9 p.m. in Town Hall - refreshments
Saturday 2/22 - CA’s Paris Casino Night in the Town Hall from 7-10pm – party favors!
Tuesday 2/25 DIY Tile Art in the Town Hall from 6-8pm. Make a tile coaster or two.
Thursday 2/27 - Mike Yamaguchi-Gleason will be attending our meeting – quarterly check-in.
Friday, March 14th – C4 is coming – good food and SCOC report backs.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.