

Kresge Parliament – 01/15/15

Start: 6:33pm **Quorum:** 12 **Ice Breaker:** If you could learn anything, what would it be?

Guests: Kathy Fowley – Kresge Interim Provost & Theater Arts Dept. Faculty

Kathy's introduction to Parliament started with her telling us she was not expecting to be interim Provost but has experience as Porter Provost and Merrill interim Provost. Her passion is for South Asian puppetry and drama. She has worked here at the University for a long time.

Kresge does not have an endowment as some of the other colleges do so campus resources become more important. As Kresge Provost, Kathy negotiates which spaces at Kresge have academic use and which belong to the Arts Dept. Currently, Provosts campus wide are looking at the overall picture and trying to share the wealth more evenly and make Core Classes more consistent. There is also discussion of how the AA's for Core are compensated. Should it be credit or pay status for their work which would include unionization. Focus is also on the 50th Anniversary of UCSC (1965-2015) Plans and events are ongoing. Kathy is also reviewing the Challenge Program and what revisions are needed. (program for academically motivated students who would like to connect with other students/professors who may expose & help them with field research) In honor of the 50th anniversary, there are plans to change the Challenge Program so it focuses on the transformation of public politics. The Provost is in charge of academic integrity and there is a small amount of grant money available by application. Kathy also mentioned the ongoing Housing Committee work charged with designing the retrofit and expansion of Kresge Housing. She encouraged students to get involved in the process and let their voices be heard. In conclusion, she would love to hear student opinions for updating our Core Course focus. She hopes to design a course with a wider perspective. She holds office hours every week on Wednesday mornings.

Funding Request: Japan Town Field Trip – CA's – Megan, Taj and Phil

Megan Taylor presented for the 3 CA's would like to expand students' idea of Asian culture by taking them to Japan Town in San Francisco. By talking to locals, eating traditional foods, going to a drum performance and a Japanese Temple, they hope 21 students will get a sense of Japanese culture. The CAs are asking for \$70 (\$50) gas (\$20) food. The students in their three buildings (1, 2-3 & 11) get priority and an info session for the fieldtrip on the 31st will be held on the 27th. Total budget is \$269. and they are putting in \$200. from their budget and asking KMEC for \$70.

Deliberation: Although Parliament usually does not fund transportation or food, these items are required to allow all Kresge students the same opportunity to go. Providing a free trip makes it worth it and directly impacts Kresge students. Lucas motions to fully fund \$70.00, Jackie 2^{nds}. 10 Hoots, 2 Abstain = Approved.

Funding Request for next week: Hermanas Unidas de UCSC – They work to connect Chicana students with opportunities to network, organize community service and gain leadership skills. Hermanas Unidas are going to an annual conference at UC Davis and are seeking \$500 for registration fees. Tara motions to invite, Nick 2^{nds}. 9 Hoots, 2 Screech, 1 Abstain = Approved.

Film Production Collation – They are seeking funding of \$50 for their Winter Film Festival, which will be held March 14th. If we support, they will include Parliament with a slide during the show. Jansen motions to invite, Gul 2^{nds}. 12 Hoots = Approved.

Thank you: Parliament received a photo Thank you from Anna D. and Ballroom Dance for our support of their completion last quarter at UCSB.

Community Service Project/Winter: Parliament discussed options for winter service. We will again host a baked goods donation table and sock drive for local homeless. We will look at the schedule next week for tabling.

Outreach Ideas:

Kresge Beautification- suggestions included an outdoor chalkboard for students to do homework outside. Do we want to try another Town Hall meeting, possible focus the housing planning? We still have our new Parliament cups – what to do with them? Members would also like to see the Parliament graphic on tees and/or sweatshirts.

Approval of minutes: 1/8/15. Gul motions to approve the minutes with corrections, Nick 2nds 7 Hoots, 1 Screech, 4 Abstain = Approved. (Correct Nickolas, include all 3 CA's for Japan trip)

Report Backs:

SUA – Jackie, Gul, and Winnie – Q&A with Chancellor Blumenthal included a protest with signs that required campus Police to arrive and escort the Chancellor away. A short recess followed. General business continued including meeting protocol specifically no snapping. SUA passed a unanimous vote of no confidence of the UC Regents related to proposed tuition increases. New student admissions goal; 40% next year after 65% this year. New - SUA Relevance Committee formed to promote resources for the students.

SFAC – Carl – SFAC went through all 27 applications which they will review/adjust for final recommendations to Alison Galloway. SFAC is looking for a student rep. to fill a vacant position in the Misc. (Courses) Fees Committee. SFAC does not support a SUA Resolution to remove a representative from March meeting. SFAC will meet with other UCs groups in UCLA in March.

SCOC – Jansen – SCOC went over sister college events and filled committee applications. They appointed a new Rep. for College 8. Discussed the issue of Rep's not reporting back to their student governments. Kresge Carnival will be the first sister event. A 2-hour event is being planned for March 31st, 3-5pm in Town Hall. A call for volunteers is coming soon.

SUGB – Tara – Tara has e-mailed but no response yet.

Council of Chairs – Lyle – The council met and are planning a February 28th event where all student governments will come together at the College 9/10's MPR (if available) 2-4pm for workshops and networking opportunities. Total cost \$250 - \$25 from each Gov. It is suggested that Kresge help improve the Porter Studying Slug at the dining hall by contributing \$100. Lyle and Allison are also working on a sister college event, maybe community service? Parliament is invited to Porter Senate's meeting with the Chancellor on February 19th. It is invite only, questions should be submitted beforehand and students will need to show ID.

Announcements:

Wed. 1/21: Cafe & Conversation: Town Hall, 8-10 pm - refreshments

Fri. 1/23: Bone Marrow Donor Registration Drive: Namaste & Hitchcock, 10:30-4:30pm
Volunteers needed

Fri 1/23: Game Night in the Recreation Room, 8-10 pm - refreshments

Tue. 1/27: Kresge only Hawaii College Night: P/K Dinning Hall, 5-7pm – live music

Meeting Adjourned: 8:11