

## Kresge Parliament — 11/12/15

Start: 6:30 PM      Quorum: 12      Icebreaker: Skipped due to agenda

**Guest:** Ben Carson, Kresge's new Provost

Excited to be here and help establish a connection to our mission statement = participatory democracy. Interested in how Parliament is run and the legacy of consensus not majority rule within collaborative learning. How do we distinguish ourselves from other colleges? Do we or don't we? If yes, do research and make a plan to be participatory.

Kresge updates: The Kresge rebuild is a part of the whole west side-envisioning plan. 2020 is when rebuild officially begins. Winter admissions are a current topic. We have 77 frosh starting in January. Is it a good idea to start students mid-year and miss Core. The college is not in favor and Ben and Kalin have written a letter explaining that position including the concern for breaking up the 4-year experience and sophomores in CORE. Kresge Core curriculum will be reinvented in order to expand and diversify material that students will be learning. Freshmen are currently taking a survey in order to help improve the curriculum.

Q: Updates about fundraising for Kresge? A: Reaching out to alumni to find those to donate. Meeting with 3 such donors now. We really need money to offer more Kresge sponsored classes – curriculum

Q: Elaborate on the new Kresge Core curriculum? A: More reading on smaller texts to provide a wider variety of exposure. There will also be more essays assigned. Non-fiction not fiction for examples.

Q: Will college name change if we get a big donor? Q. Question back – What does Kresge mean to you – is it important? Do we need to be K-mart College? A: It will encompass students' feelings and views about changing the name but wouldn't advocate for a name change. Instead emphasize our experimental history. Things change, grow and expand – donations will not limit our vision. Ben is available and welcomes students to his office (Kresge main office) – how can he help us – just let him know.

Joseph Galera Owl's Nest Manager & Sean Carroll Porter/Kresge Dining Hall and Café Supervisor

Introduction of Joseph, transferred over from the Oakes College, worked all over campus.

Very busy and sales are up at the café. Losing student staff due to schoolwork priorities.

There needs to be more staff in order to provide good service. Rolling out new menu items and evening activities to entice people to the Owl's Nest.

Q: What will the new menu items? A: A possible addition is a turkey cranberry sandwich and on holidays, there will be seasonal drinks. New additions to the bowl offerings – sautéed veggies.

Q: What kind of activities? A: Music nights on Thursdays and events like May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you and looking at student art showcase displays.

Q: What is going on with the coffee? A: The coffee filters did not fit correctly but are O.K. now– will look into coffee quality.

Q: Can we try a new coffee vendor? A: It is not possible since there is a campus wide contract involved.

Q: Is there a new Director for Dining Services yet? A: No – still in hiring process.

### **Funding Request:**

Red Wheelbarrow — Kayla and Vivian — Nonprofit magazine that showcases art, poetry and other types of prose. They are made by students for students, which only involves UCSC students - serious about distribution and submission advertising. Looking to print 1,000 copies with 150+ pages, 24 in color. It will cost \$6,200 and they are requesting \$500. Asking other colleges, funding bodies and off campus.

Distribution will be spring quarter.

Q: What do you print? A: Anything that can be printed.

Q: How many submissions and how many are rejected? A: A lot of submissions. They accept at maximum 3 literature works per student, art is unlimited. Thinking about eliminating staff submissions for fairness.

Q: When is distribution? A: Spring.

## **Deliberations:**

Red Wheelbarrow — Good at distributing and they only print 24 pages in color. Jansen motions to fund \$100, Florence 2nds. 6 Hoots, 6 Abstain = Approved.

## **New Funding Requests:**

- UCSC Fencing Club, OPERS — In need of equipment, new jackets and tournament expenses. Meet weekly on Tuesdays – all are welcome. Requesting \$400. Tara motions to invite, Liza 2nds. 5 Hoots, 3 Screeches, 2 Abstain = Approved.

- Porter Activity Office - Zine — Publishing 3<sup>rd</sup> volume, accepting submissions of art and writing. Will distribute in dining hall. \$300 budget requesting \$150. Tara motions to invite, Jansen 2nds. 5 Hoots, 6 Abstain = Approved.

- Kinetic Poetic Society — Showcase student art and presentations in a 3-night poetry festival Jan. 29-31 in the P/K Dining Hall. There will be a competition and winners will be in National Poetry Slam. Budget is \$11,000 requesting \$750. Hana motions to invite, Jansen 2nds. 9 Hoots, 2 Abstain = Approved.

## **Parliament Business**

Community Service Project: Sock the Homeless — Tabling Wednesday 11/18 and Thursday 11/19 in Porter Dining Hall from 11 – 2 p.m. Please keep the moneybox safe and transfer to next person. Florence will post to Facebook group.

Wed: 11 Liza, Tara, 12 Bianca, Liza, 1 Max, Florence, Winnie, John

Thurs: 11 - 1 Tara, Sawyer, 1 Carl, Winnie

21 Days of Kindness — Need to form a subcommittee next week – want to invite Porter Senate and Common Ground Thrive too. Outreach could include a big poster is sign, events every week like a social and a on-line challenge calendar, door-to-door ¼ sheet advertisements. Outcome: build community. Goal: Determine a plan, what is kindness? – Hard to measure.

Outreach Officers — Brainstorming ideas to encourage folks to attend Parliament. Florence is working on our Facebook group page. A social event like the KMEC Mixer. Presentation to Core Class – next Tuesday. Ben can give us 2 minutes – Carl and Tara will represent. Think of ways to entice students to come to the meetings – why do voices matter? Argue about something? Examples from the Provos - Kresge falling apart, fountain not running, \$ for rebuilding is limiting options, Why Kresge has less money = no endowment etc. Big issues; class sizes, enrollment numbers too large, Different funding at colleges etc.

Approval of Minutes: 11.5.15 Liza motions to approve as is, Florence 2nds, 6 Hoots, 4 Abstain = Approved.

Report backs:

SCOC – Hana & Jansen – C4 is Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Bookstore building.

SUA — Liza, Tara, Winnie — Funding UC – requesting money for shirts, SOFA meeting is Friday - Liza will represent, Protest today at Quarry – Million Student March for free education, Student of Color Conference Report Back. There is a SUA Housing Forum in Town Hall, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. USSA SAGA presentation – Resolution for students to help pay annual membership fee with opt out of fee option. Costs run from \$22,000. - \$31,000 depending on membership level. 2 Parliament representatives should vote as they see fit. Constitutional amendments and Student Regent proposal for Advisor position.

And Students for Justice in Palestine debate – request to renew Resolution to Divest from Israel that was overturned 2 years ago. Three attendees identifying as Jewish students came to voice their concern for this action – uncomfortable with original resolution, current SUA is not the same group as two years ago and

current SUA members asked to vote without enough information – cannot make an educated decision. The following points were presented on their behalf.

- The way the vote happened was not-transparent and unconstitutional --
  - No advice notice
  - Not on the agenda
  - You don't have a copy of the proposal and neither do we.
- Issue is from 2 years ago
  - SUA By-laws say that issues should be resolved in the same school year.
  - Not the same students in the senates or SUA (voted on 2 years ago)
  - at least half of the participants from that hearing have graduated.
- This is actually divestment, and it's deceitful to say that it's not.
  - Divestment is opposed by every mainstream Jewish organization on campus and in the Bay Area
  - Divestment raises issues that make many, many Jewish students uncomfortable.
  - Divestment is divisive and corrodes the climate on campus
- SUA exists for the wellbeing of students, this bill doesn't help students in any way
  - Doesn't create educational dialogue for students to understand conflict
  - BDS creates a negative environment on campus, instead of fostering a positive environment
- This is the wrong way to approach a complex issue.
  - First choice is to reject the application since procedures were not followed
  - Second choice is to table until at least next quarter to give students and the senates a sense of what this is all about.

So how should our 2 SUA Representatives vote on the issue? It is unclear if a vote will be held next Tuesday but Parliament prefers to table the vote until more information is available. Kim motions to table, Jansen 2nds. 6 Hoots, 4 Abstain = Approved.

- Academic Senate — Maxine — Will be attending the fall meeting on November 13.

SUGB — Tara - Rats got into the storage area holding snacks – had to be thrown away.

Current Events — Due to late time, Liza will email them.

### **Announcements:**

Fri. Nov. 13 Hot Chocolate Bar – 7-8:30 p.m. Student Lounge

Mon. Nov. 16 Cards and Cookies — 7-8:30 Kresge Town Hall – donate a card and get a cookie!

Wed. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> KMEC Mixer — 8 PM in the I Lounge

SUA Rep. and Vice Chair Tara Parcella — Will be stepping down due to conflicting classes winter quarter.

**Meeting Adjourned : 8:30 PM**