Kresge Parliament — 11/19/15

Start: 6:32 PM     Quorum: 10
Ice Breaker: What is your favorite holiday season tradition?

Funding Requests:  Porter/Kresge Zine — Roan
Collaborative art magazine from Porter and Kresge students. Small format ¼ page, 40 pages, 300 copies Porter already funded half and there are already submissions – word is out. Deadline is this weekend 11/22. Requesting the other half = $150. Q: What is your budget? A: It is all for printing = $300 Q: How many Kresge students are in the Porter/Kresge Zine? A: 60/40 Porter/Kresge.

Kinetic Poetics Society — Billy — Asking for help with venue expenses for 13th Annual Spoken Word Festival to be held Jan. 29 – 31 in the Porter/Kresge Dining Hall. Winners will represent UCSC in intercollegiate poetry competition in Texas. Students will showcase their talent, good history of attendance 200 + for free event. Requesting $750. of their $10,895 budget. Also asking SUA, Porter, CAD Board and Provost. 5 Kresgians are part of the leadership and volunteers. Q: Why is it $750 when it’s only $450 to rent the venue for 3 days? A: the rest of the money will be used to pay 2 technicians. Q: Have you tried waiving the fee to rent out Porter Dining Hall? A: No, but will look into it. Q: How do you plan to advertise? A: flyers, talk, through RAs and KZSC.

OPERS Fencing Club — Diana & Weber — Money is needed to fund tournaments and equipment. New members do not have enough equipment to practice weekly. There are two members currently affiliated with Kresge. A tournament will happen here winter quarter. Requesting $450. Practice is Tuesdays and Thursdays at OPERS Racquet Ball Court from 8 -10 PM, M-M-F at East Field House Multi Purpose Room from 4 – 7 PM and Sundays from 1- 3PM. Contributors will get credit for support - How many members? A: 25 consistent and 20 that attend sometimes, in total 45 +- Do you have the complete budget? A: No, but swords are $70 and complete gear is $200 - $300.

New Funding Request:
Fitlife/Cruzfit — This annual OPERS program promotes better health including 3,000 participants. During winter quarter, teams of 4-5 help each other exercise and keep track of progress. Each participant gets a tee shirt. The budget is $19,400 and they are requesting $500. Tara motions to invite, Max 2nds. 6 Hoots, 4 Abstain = Approved.

Deliberations:
Zine — They have good, local product and they work within a small budget. It’s free and they take all submissions without restrictions. Tara motions to fund $150, Hana 2nds. 4 Hoots, 5 Abstain = Approved.

Kinetic Poetics Society — Their event is successful every year, is close by and interesting to many students. Tara motions to fund them $150, Liza 2nds. 7 Hoots, 1 Screech, 1 Abstain = Approved.

OPERS Fencing Club — Great presentation but there was no budget provided. Incomplete request overall. Tara motions to table until more information is provided. Jansen 2nds. 8 Hoots, 2 Abstain = Approved.

Parliament Business
-Community Service Project – Got Socks Tabling at P/K Dining Hall — In two days, six hours, raised $70. to go towards socks. Had some no shows and one difficult interaction with a male student. Pam will purchase the socks and hand them off to Franklin Williams, Kresge Service Learning Instructor.
-Provost Visit debrief — Encouraging participatory democracy where all Kresgians are involved in decisions. He does not like that the different colleges are no longer distinct. It is preferred to have the academic departments and faculty housed at the colleges. Pam reviewed his main points: participatory, consensus, distinguished.
- Outreach — There is a new Facebook page called “Kresge Parliament” – thank you Florence
- 21 Days of Kindness — Subcommittee members: Carl, Max, Liza, Jackie and Tara. Carl will contact the CAO to set up a meeting. Committee should reach out to Porter Senate and Thrive/David Shaw.

Approval of Minutes 11.12.15 — Kim motions to approve, Florence 2nds. 8 Hoots, 2 Abstain = Approved.

Report backs/ New Business:
SCOC — Hana — There is now a representative for OPERS and SFAC still needs a representative from Kresge. C4 is on December 4. Sister college outreach event will be at the end of May. The budget is $1,000. There is a tradition of having a carnival event and Jansen is our local expert.

Council of Chairs — Carl — 1st meeting of the year – reviewed attendance = Merrill manage to get 44 members this year. Porter is hosting a 24-hour study event in P/K dining hall weekend before finals. Crown is much more a programming body. College 8 wants more murals but the Architect has restrictions so they will sponsor an inside mural in the Red Room. Stevenson is working on bike rack lights and expressed concern with PRIDE/Rock n’ Roll on the Knoll on same date May 14th. Cowell has a new entertainment Co-op with equipment checkout. Students are held accountable for the items they borrow.

SOFA and SUA — Liza, Tara — There were 39 fall funding presentations. Too many to list here. SUA meeting scheduled for 8 - 11 PM but by 11 PM, only half the agenda was completed. Someone motioned to table the rest of the agenda and it passed. The appeal over the way the passed Divest in Israel Resolution was overturned two years ago was approved. So, the majority vote agreed the way the student body amended the bylaws was in good faith. Both sides presented and hard feelings were left in the wake.

Academic Senate — Max - Chancellor Blumenthal spoke, discussed 50th anniversary our how UCSC has been recognized as best business in the county. Faculty award process reviewed for flaws, there was commotion over how the Dickson award is run and there is an appeal to change the process. VC of Academic Affairs, Seamus, spoke about class size issues, how they are unfair. SUA Survey results showed we are doing a disservice to our customers = students. Students are feeling class size impacts and have issues with the enrollment system. UCSC wants to increase number of Grad Students A study was noted where 44% of Grad students are diagnosed with depression, with housing being a major issue. There is a request to have more psychologists and counselors specifically for Grad students – CAPS is overwhelmed. Discussed city collaboration over transportation.

Current Events — Liza — Local ballot measures O & P was approved by voters. This increases property taxes in support of elementary through high school education. There was the SUA Housing Forum in Kresge Town Hall Wed. night to discuss community wide issues – 52% of students are housed on campus but with a proposed enrollment increase to $19,250, more beds are needed. In Indonesia there was a call to have crocodiles as death row guards because they can’t be bribed. Comment made in jest but follow up included suggestion for tigers and lions too.

Announcements:
Treasurer — Jansen Luu is stepping down winter quarter. (Also stepping down from VC of SCOC)
SUA Rep and Vice Chair opening for winter quarter
SFAC — Kresge still needs a rep. to replace Carl. Paid position = $500. per quarter
SUGB — Kresge will need a rep. Parliament told Winnie is stepping down.
Fri. Nov. 20th SmashKart Fest — Kresge Town Hall from 7 PM - 9 PM
 Tues. Nov. 24th Community Dinner — Porter/Kresge Dining Hall from 5 PM - 7 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM