

Kresge Parliament – 2/11/15

Start:6:30

Quorum:11

Ice Breaker: What are you doing in this nice warmer weather?

Guest: Porter/Kresge/Owl's Nest Café Dining Services Manager - David Steinman - dsteinma@ucsc.edu
David, the interim manager, came to talk about how the Dining Hall/ Owl's Nest is doing and if there's anything new. He talked about his background, previously working eight years at Cowell/Stevenson and Colleges 9/10 Dining Halls. He has also worked plenty of years in hospitality services in general and thinks of himself as a cook. David believes in the saying "Customers are the most important", which is great. The staffs at the other dining halls have to be very focused on production rather than customer service. David has a four-part philosophy: fair, honest, open and transparent. Everyone trying their best to give the customers what they want and he will do his best to measure up and improve things at the Owl's Nest. Due to inconsistent management, the Nest is "fractured" and he wants to improve communication. David believes there is always another view and that is important. He also believes in change, even if it can be difficult. He doesn't want his workers to be "robots". He would really like to hear directly from students. You may talk to him in the hall or email him directly with any comments pro or con = dsteinma@ucsc.edu

Q: Any changes planned anytime soon? A. I would like to experience where I am first before I change anything. And sometimes there's nothing to change at all.

Q: What about Porter Cafe? A. It is not a part of the UCSC meal plan. It's owned by an off campus vendor, therefore you cannot use your meal plans.

Q: It's kind of hard to work with a 55-day meal plan at \$8 at the Owl's Nest. Have you thought about doing a combo-type thing, like a half-sandwich and soup? A. Note taken. I'm not at all against that and will review.

Q: Do you have any specials going on right now? A. Right now we're running our regular menu. I'm looking into strengthening the breakfast menu but I don't want to change things too soon.

Q: You said the Owl's Nest is fractured. What do you mean? A. It's busy and has had staffing issues. The staff care about what they do and want to do it as efficiently as they can. Unfortunately that leads to people doing their own thing instead of communicating with each other. I want them to communicate more so we can relieve pressure and work as a team. With this, we'll be more efficient and happier.

Q: Do you know how long you'll be around? A. It's indefinite. The previous manager is on leave.

Q: Why are the café lines so long this quarter? A. The cause could be the fracture, another could be staffing considering we can't just "moved" people. We use one register because people are more willing to wait *before* they order and we want to keep them happy. If you disagree, please use the on-line dining comment link.

Q: During certain times the lines are especially long and that makes it hard to decide between eating and going to class. Is there anything you can do about it? A. Owl's Nest will always have lines and the past managers have had to deal with them as well. There's a certain ratio between the production output and the size of the crowd. We can only do so much during certain times like noon. I advise you come at other times, go other places or even just checking in every now and then to see if it is busy.

Q: Would it be possible to offer express items? i.e. soup, pre-made sandwiches A. I would need to observe our space, specifically the refrigerator for grab and go items.

-People don't understand why run only one register; you should pro-actively educate your customers.

-There is enough space inside to make the stanchions as an S curve so students don't wait in the rain.

-The food quality has definitely increased since David started three weeks ago. Good job!!!

Reminder: David wants everyone to use the UCSC Dining website comment link and his email ongoing.

Budget Requests: UCSC Chapter of the Vagina Organization - Tyler and Sarah

Vagina Monologues will be happening Jan. 26-28 at Stevenson Event Ctr. They are requesting \$200 of a \$3190. budget. All proceeds from the production will go to local women's shelters. The production discusses issues such as sexuality, domestic violence and other things "not brought to light". They have women from all across campus to tell their inspirational stories. It works both as entertainment and education. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$10 for community members.

Q. There is a budget mismatch? A. Remaining budget money from last year is included. Q. Are you working with any other orgs.? A. It is run by us, but CARE and SHOP table at the event. Q. How are you advertising and where? A. We are about to start with things like fliers, promo video and our Facebook page. Q. How many Kresgians? A. One, she is co-director and has been a member for 2 years. Q. How is the turnout? A. Very good. We expect 1000+ over the weekend. Q. Where will tickets be sold? They'll be sold outside the Bookstore the week before and possibly at the door of the show.

Colleges Against Cancer: Relay for life - Jade

Requesting \$400. of \$4520.budget to help with expenses like venue, lights, bathrooms, etc. With the American Cancer Society as a partner, they are hosting this 24-hour event April 30th - May 1st from 10am to 10am. All proceeds go to the ACS. The aim of this event is to create a greater community that is supportive of those who have cancer. OPERS is also hosting a Frosh Field Day to boost attendance. Q Are you looking for volunteers? A. Yes, we meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in McHenry Library. Anyone can be a part of a subcommittee. For more info: comormer@ucsc.edu or 951-236-9396. Q. How is your funding raised? A. The teams are encouraged to bring their strengths; attendees donate for games, food and other activities. We also do bake sales. Q. How many Kresgians participate? A. Last year 35 of 190 and this year we hope for 500 in total. Q. How do you advertise this? A. Events/rallies/tabling that build up to cancer week, the week before the event.

CSA has pulled their funding request for Kresge Parliament

Debrief: David's visit - He sounds SO much better than past guests. He says customers come first and that is amazing. From people's experience, he's a chill dude. We all are happy with him and can't wait to see what he is going to do with the Owl's Nest Café.

News Flash: We are visited by Alumni Lucas Holifield and he came with candy!!!!!!

Deliberations:

Vagina Org.- Good presentation even if their budget seems "outta whack". We have supported them in the past. Hana motions to fund them \$200. However after discussion, the motion dies. New motion by Hana to fund them \$100, Jansen 2nds . 7 Hoots, 4 Abstain = Approved.

Colleges Against Cancer- Very well prepared presentation. And it is not the same day as Pride like last year. Last year we funded \$100. Now that it's not the same day as Pride, more students can go. Sawyer motion to fund \$150, Florence 2nds . 8 Hoots, 3 Abstain = Approved.

Parliament Business:

Name Plates: Parliament would like to replace the 3 missing desk nameplates for SUA and purchase a funded by Parliament plate for the new ping-pong table. The 3 desk plates will be copper color and the holder will be black = Kresge College. The ping-pong table plate will be gold colored with black words. "Kresge Tested, Parliament Approved". Estimates were discussed from on-line and local vendors. Brinks Trophies of Santa Cruz was best option with a cost estimate of \$95. Hana motions to approve \$95. Jansen 2nds 10 Hoots, 1 Abstain = Approved.

Parliament Updates:

Winter Community Service Project: St. Francis will let us volunteer on the holiday Monday, Feb. 15th. Carl, Jeff and Sawyer will go for sure. The following Thursday we have Ian and Max available – do we have a third? 8:45 a.m. at St. Francis Soup Kitchen, 205 Mora St. off River St.

Approval of minutes: 2.4.16 - Jansen motions to approve, Max 2nds. 9 Hoots, 1 Screech, 1 Abstain = Approved

Report Backs:

SUA: Hana, Liza & Max - A Resolution was presented opposing the 20% enrollment increase next year and the following 2 years. The resolution included reasons why it is a terrible plan including housing and class issues. It was clearly stated in the resolution that SUA is against the increase demanding the Chancellor step down and classes stopped by protest if not corrected. The vote was held before the Reps. could bring the issue back to their governments. During the vote, two of our Reps. abstained passing and one voted yes. After discussion, Parliament agreed this resolution is not directed to the correct office and we shouldn't fight for education by disrupting it. Not to mention there's no "after" if we do protest.

Request for funding for SUA Historian to get a DSLR camera \$600-\$1000, instead funding for a "point and shoot" camera was approved at \$350. Registrars transcript fee discussed – do we want an annual fee of \$140. or split quarterly. Parliament prefers the quarterly charges.

SCOC: Hana - A presentation was given regarding committee appointments and stipends. It has been proposed that they reevaluate and restructure appointments due to discrepancies in workload and compensation. They have also thought about creating two-year positions instead of one. Committee appointments and denials: both Natural Reserves and OPERS applicants were denied with the stipulation to reapply. COLASC (Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications): denied. UC Arts & Lectures: approved and appointed. C4 will be in March, date/time TBA but Pono Grill is catering. Feb 25th is Battle of the bald event to raise money for cancer research at 9/10 Namaste Lounge. 9/10 SCOC outreach event rescheduled to March 4th. Crown/Merrill's event is on March 11th and will have a study theme since it is close to the end of the quarter.

SOFA: Max - In short, almost all requests were funded either fully or partially. The only ones not funded at all were the Surf Club and Sailing Team. SUA has a problem with Surf Club's lack of diversity and will be taken up by SUA. The Sailing Team was denied for the same reason and when asked about the issue, they dodged the question.

SFAC: Jeff - Just finished recommendations, forwarded to Alison Galloway, details can't be disclosed yet.

21 Days of Kindness: Carl – group meets tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 12th at 4 p.m. in Seminar Room 159.

Hope to finalize 3-4 events in support.

SUGB – Juan reported by Hana – Report of seismic retrofit of Student Union – tenants moved out, building being strengthened and cleaned out.

Core Council: Juan reported by Hana -They received a lot of funding requests, reviewing.

Current Events: Liza – Local: A woman's body was found in a car at a Salinas Wal-Mart parking lot. The employees called the police after noticing the vehicle was parked for a long time. After investigating they realize that it was a women's body that appeared to be there for some time. National: The city of Ferguson Missouri was being sued for Police brutality being called "black racists". The City Council denied the suit. Bizarre: A Florida man was in serious trouble after tossing a 3.5' alligator through a Wendy's drive through window. He was charged with illegal possession of an alligator and assault with a deadly weapon.

Announcements:

Fri. 2/12: 32nd MKL Jr. Convocation – 7 p.m. S.C. Civic - Alicia Garza, co-founder of #blacklivesmatter, is keynote speaker.

Thurs 2/18 – Cross College Government Mixer – 8 p.m. 9/10 MPR Pacific Thai and Pizza provided.

Fri. 2/19: Kresge Casino Night 8-11 p.m. Kresge Town Hall - hosted by the RA's – refreshments

Campus Provost and Executive VC Alison Galloway will be our guest at our March 3rd Parliament Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12pm