

Kresge Parliament – 4/14/16

Start: 6:32 Quorum:11 Ice Breaker: What's your ideal weekend?

Guest: Ben Leeds Carson: Kresge Provost – Academic head of the college

Numerous initiatives this year = Kresge as an academic destination being one. Kresge does a great job being a home of self-determination but not a campus wide location. We have no department here, no research mentors and a small Core faculty. No place to invite a guest lecturer in a room for 50-60 people. Town Hall is too big, not appropriate for intimate gatherings. So, he and others in the academic department are redesigning our Seminar Room 159. They have decided to renovate the space to be like other small conference rooms on campus where small conferences, presentations or even just a seminar can happen. Ben acknowledged the fact that no one thought to consult Parliament about the renovation and he now comes to us willing to take comments and questions about the new space. He asked us how it can be improved and if we should redevelop the student lounge for more student use. Currently, sound tiles have been ordered and a 16' x 10' rug for the acoustic issues caused by the removal of the carpet.

Q. Are you O.K. with this change? What about the chairs? What about a lounge upgrade? A. Parliament understands the change and we still want comfortable chairs. The lounge is the lounge.

Q. Why spend \$ with the remodel coming up at Kresge? A. The remodel has been going on for 7 years now with at least 5 more years to come. We have decided not to wait anymore and numerous improvements like the big screen TV and the new flooring will last.

Q. It's a little strange, you call us a very self-determined community, but when something like this happens and the students were not included is a little shocking. A. Yes, I understand. We really overlooked that. All I can do is apologize again and move forward. (This is Ben's first year as Provost.)

Q. You said you want to make the space a more professional setting that can reduce the barrier between students and professor and have various set ups. Can't this be done in the Kresge classrooms? A. The other rooms have defined desk–chairs that would not lend themselves to flexibility. Q. Will the commercially approved kitchen be changing? A. No, it is in pretty good shape so we will leave it as is. Q. Is the TV really going on the wall across from the windows? A. Yes. We had a long conversation about that and we somehow resolved that wall being the best place to put it – but I will double-check that with your concerns about sun and glare.

Q. We hear campus groups might have to start paying for the space? A. I do not charge for the space right now. Some miscommunication there and Kresge affiliates are always free.

Comments:

- Glad the acoustics are being handled. However, your vision and what [the space] was conflicts with each other. Maybe the Student Lounge could be developed to try and find a happy medium between formal and casual. There is also the main office Red Room.
- Comments concerning the type of chairs in the space: they need to be moveable, they need to be stackable, light sofas around the walls might be a compromise?
- Other ideas to help make Kresge a more 'academic destination' would be to have internships and a DIY culture, it would also be nice to have a more successful Food Co-op.
- Suggestion for department participation - the math faculty, most of them are never in their own offices in the library because they cannot open the windows.
- Audio foam on the ceiling would also be a great and efficient way to improve the acoustics. Also, a lighting upgrade would be nice – even an area lamp in the corner would help.
- An under renovation sign for the Seminar Rm. was also suggested.

Franklin Williams: Kresge Service Learning Instructor

Franklin came to talk to us about Kresge Community Service Day this Saturday, April 16th. Seven members have volunteered to go to Bay View Elementary 9:30 – 1:30 p.m. This is the biggest community day event Kresge has ever sponsored with 4 locations. He has other groups like the VSA volunteering with about 100 in total. Franklin will be providing lunch back here at Kresge, snacks and he has a van for the day.

Additionally, the Human Race for CARE is coming up. Internships over summer for credit for Kresge affiliates is also being offered in service learning, record your hours with Franklin. Next year, he and his class will be working on a fundraiser for the new homeless garden location in Pogonip. They need a fence estimated to cost \$1300. They're going to raise the money campus wide and he hopes Parliament too will take on this project in the fall. Hoping for a concert in Town Hall.

Budget Requests for next week

QFS got back to us with a budget – event May 11, 13 & 14 in the P/K Dining Hall. They are requesting \$300. out of a \$4000 budget. The details say \$2500 for venue expenses, which seems a little expensive. Also paying for props, printing and raffle prizes. Juan motions to invite, Liza 2nds 6 Hoots, 4 Abstain = Approved.

AARC (African American Resource Ctr.): Hosting a keynote speaker event – Active Equity. The speaker is Kevin Powell, a well-known activist. The event will be April 26 at 7pm in the 9/10 MPR. They are expecting 150+ people. They are requesting \$300 out of \$4000 (they have noted the facility fee has been waived). Hana motions to invite, Sawyer 2nds, 5 Hoots, 5 Abstain = Approved.

Parliament Updates:

Available Positions (SUA Rep., Housing Committee Rep., Student Academic Senate Rep.): Jackie has stepped down from her two positions and Sawyer cannot make the meeting time Wed's 5 – 6:30 p.m. at the Cowell SUA Office. Housing meeting times vary with Mike Yamauchi working with everyone's availability before making the schedule. This representative will give their input on the Kresge renovation for all the students. The meetings are about an hour long.

- Max Jimenez has volunteered for the SUA position. 9 Hoots = Approved.
- Liza Mednikov has volunteered for the Housing Committee.. 8 Hoots, 1 Abstain = Approved
- The Student Academic position is left vacant with no volunteers for Wednesday evenings.

SUGB requesting endorsement of referendum: This endorsement would be for SUGB's request for an additional \$10 in student fees per quarter for the upkeep of the Redwood Building, Student Media Building and the Student Union Building. Discussion has led to us to believe that as a body and a college, we should remain neutral, letting the students make their own decisions. Jansen motions to not endorse, Tara 2nds. 7 Hoots, 3 Abstain = Approved.

Community Upgrades: Max shares here research on book boxes. One is a small premade box with the lowest being \$150 in a birdhouse style. A second idea, a refurbished cabinet. A third idea, to use the old phone booth niches, build shelves and add a clear, shatterproof swinging door.

Ian (the maintenance man) would love to help us with this project. We could possibly add another "Kresge tested, Parliament Approved" plaque over the box. Pam will check with Ian.

Approval of minutes: Juan motions to approve, Hana 2nds, 7 Hoots, 3 Abstain = Approved.

Report Backs:

Council of Chairs Summit – Carl – The Summit is right after the meeting 8-10 p.m. at Stevenson Event Center and includes \$2012. in food from Taqueria S.C. Some of us should go. The main breakout is to plan a campus wide letter writing campaign to the UC President (the one we came up with during the EVC Galloway guest visit last qtr.).

SUA - Jackie, Tara, and Hana:

Black Sistahs United and Rock n Roll on the Knoll had funding requests. CFA strike discussion for CSU prof.s' wages. Campus Clean Up was funded \$300. SUA now endorses SUGB's Measure 68. The Automatic Voter Registration Resolution was debated (a lot) & a committee was formed to figure out the language so that it will become opt-in instead of opt-out.

SCOC - Hana: No committee appointments, just talked about sister college event updates. The Kresge/Porter sister event will be an Art Show from 1-3 pm on May 6th in Porter Quad.

SUGB- Juan: There was more talk about campaigning and training for it. (16th & 18th 7:30 - 8:30pm) for those who would like to campaign with them. They talked about their roles. Juan is working with the College 10 Rep. to have a Block Party at the Quarry to promote the measure.

Current Events - Liza: Local: The AMBER alert from this morning was thankfully resolved. A two-year-old was in his grandmother's car when it was stolen in Soledad. The robber saw the child and left the car abandoned by a barn. Luckily the child was found safe. World: An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.2 occurred in Japan - 9 have been reported died and multiple aftershocks occurred. Bizarre: Golf is no longer a crime in China.

Announcements:

Fri. 4/15 - Math Club meeting at 5pm - 3rd Floor with Carl

Tues. 4/19 Catch the Sun - DIY sun catchers in Town Hall 7 – 8:30 p.m. with Sawyer

Thurs. 4/21 DIY ice cream – Upper St. 3-5 p.m.

Friday 4/22, Kresge Strikes Back II – laser tag in Town Hall 7-9 p.m. – refreshments

Sun. 4/24 – 21 Days of Kindness Open Mic – 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Upper St. - refreshments

Meeting Adjourned: 8:09pm