

# Kresge Parliament – 5/19/16

Start: 6:33 Quorum: 13 Ice Breaker: If you could meet a fictional/historical character, who would it be?

**Guests:** Mike Yamauchi-Gleason: Porter/Kresge CAO

Mike came with a general update about what's going on around Kresge and the campus. The housing process is now over and UCSC is housing 3272 continuing with 727 on the guaranteed waitlist. About 57 are Kresge students with an additional 58 non-guaranteed Kresgians waiting. Those who are non-guaranteed should check their emails for answers to possible questions and updates on their status regarding housing. For those who are guaranteed but did not get the space that they entirely wanted, should accept whatever they get. Otherwise, if they cancel, they will end up at the end of the non-guaranteed list. The order of selection for Kresge goes guaranteed Kresgians, guaranteed non Kresgians, then non-guaranteed. There are about 498 beds in Kresge and they need to hold enough beds for incoming freshman. Kresge is third lowest first-picked college, being higher than Oakes and Merrill. With the Housing West project and our Kresge renovation, they are working to put more bed space on campus.

These questions are from Parliament brainstorming last week:

Q. With the housing crisis, how can you justify using a whole J bldg. floor for office space? A. We've always used bed space in the past. Eventually we had to find a housing office space for both Porter and Kresge to share and J was a good spot in the middle that did not need any renovation.

Q. Can we get clarification on the timeline of the renovation? A. Being hopeful, Housing West will start summer 2017 and Kresge in 2019. There are a lot of caveats to delay things, such as the Universities borrowing limit. We might be able to use a third party vendor but that might delay the start date.

Q. Why is there only one student rep. for Housing Committee? It feels like the other professional staff members silence the student voice? A. There's actually supposed to be three. One from Kresge, SUA, and Graduate Student Association. Both SUA and GSA have not provided a rep. Mike mentioned the focus groups are actually the most important for student input.

Q. What do you think about the campus police spending so much money on an unsanctioned event (420)? A. Okay, when I first came here, 420 was more of a rallying cry by students in their protests. It went from 500 students to 1000 throughout the years with networking and now about 70% are not UCSC students. Police have been increasing their presence as a result. I would rather be spending the money on academics and support services. Students should speak peer to peer to try to reduce attendance and the cost.

**Franklin Williams:** Kresge Community Service Learning Instructor

The Homeless Garden Project has been given new land at Pogonip. Over the years, Franklin has donated over 140 tools with many of them funding by Parliament. Now, there are about 6 left because people aren't returning them. Thus, Service Learning is looking for funding to buy permanent tools made from cast iron. They are asking Parliament and two other colleges to fund 2 digging forks each. The cost is \$100 for two. The vendor is Bully Tools from Omaha, Nebraska. Next year, Service Learning will be focusing on a campus wide fundraising effort for a fence for the new property. The whole fence is estimated at \$17000.

**Budget Requests:**

Platypus Society: This student group housed at Kresge holds weekly meetings at 7 p.m. in Rm. 356 to discuss Marxism. They also print periodicals and host discussions. They are requesting \$400. for printing costs. Each printing costs \$500. with campuses splitting the expense. They would like to cover 2 = \$1000. and copies are provided at the Owl's Nest. In October they will be hosting guest speakers from the bay area will who will cover a wide variety of politically left side topics, such as Anarchism or Marxism ideologies. They have gone to SUA and Stevenson for funding. They have 6-7 people in their UCSC chapter and last year a similar event had about 25-30 people attend. We informed them that if we do fund them, they would have to spend the money before July 1<sup>st</sup>. With this in mind, they would use any funding for printing.

Q. Why a platypus? A. Like how the platypus defies scientific logic, we want to talk about ideologies that defy most of society's logic.

Parliament Swag: Carl – Carl presented the expense for Parliament sweatshirts from Customink.com for the participating members. Members will voluntarily cover half the price or \$11. each. He included reasons why we should ½ fund the sweatshirts such as it is living, moving advertisement, they represent Power and Representation and many of us get cold here in the woods. It will take about two weeks to ship. The total requested for ½ of 10 sweatshirts is \$135. with free shipping.

**Deliberations:** Shayne reports that we currently have \$814.91.

Service Learning with Franklin: They are requesting \$100 for 2 digging fork tools. We like this effort and want to support students and community service. Tara motions to fully fund \$100, Hana 2nds. 10 Hoots, 3 Abstain = approved.

Platypus Society: They are requesting \$400. Having done this in past years, they definitely know what they are doing and know where money would be spent. Concerning the deadline for spending, they can pay their printer in advance and get their PR's next school year. Reported by our SUA reps., they requested \$1140 from SUA. Liza motions to fund \$100, Hana 2nds, 2 Hoots, 4 Screeches, 7 Abstain = motion fails. Hana motions for \$75, Liza 2nds. 2 Hoots, 3 Screeches, 8 Abstain = motion fails. Jansen motions not to fund, Toan 2nds. Reason: We are concerned with the spending deadline and would rather have them come back this fall. 5 Hoots, 3 Screeches, 5 Abstain = motion approved.

Parliament Swag: It sounds good to us. Carl gave very good reasons as well. Hana motions to fully fund at \$135. Tara 2nds. 10 Hoots, 2 Abstain = approved.

**Budget Requests for next week:** There were no budget requests this week.

#### **Parliament Updates:**

Executive Nominations: The floor was opened for Chair and Vice Chair nominations for next year. Sawyer Simmons and Tara Parcella were nominated for Chair. Carl Eadler and Ian Gregorio were nominated for Vice Chair. All 4 nominees accepted the nomination and will prepare a short speech for next week. Parliament will vote next week as well.

**Approval of minutes:** Corrections: One of the questions for Mike used a wrong “there”. The date was also missing from the header. 8 Hoots, 4 Abstain = approved.

#### **Report Backs:**

SUGB: Juan could not attend the meeting this week.

SUA: Tara, Max, (as alternate for Hana) Juan – The Platypus Society came for funding. They looked at correcting bylaws and will deliberate next week. There was a presentation regarding election measures for Santa Cruz County including Measure Q for Cabrillo (borrow 310 million) and S for library funding (67 million). A funding request for Camp Kesem. The Armenian Student Association presented their event, a remembrance gathering including a moment of silence for the Armenian genocide victims. They hope to raise awareness locally.

Campus Elections Committee: Sawyer – Voting has ended and UCSC had a 36% voting turnout. Sawyer cannot give out details, they are still meeting, having hearings regarding officer candidate campaigns.

SCOC: Hana – Science & Engineering Library Renovation Committee – Appointed. Undergraduate Health Insurance Program (UHIP) – Appointed. Hana may also not be our SCOC rep as she may move up to SCOC Community Vice Chair (CVC)

Academic Senate: Ian – Concerning admissions, UCSC has broken both its records for percentage of frosh and transfers applying. The UC system has put a target number of students and it will put a stress on the campus. Blumenthal and many others acknowledge that this cramming is not sustainable. With the students' opinions concerning our NCAA sports, they will take their time with the final decision of whether or not to disband them. The campus is trying to increase summer session enrollment this year. A motion to

discuss UCSC going zero fossil fuel passed. Child care for the campus would cost 5 million, be it on or off campus. There is a desire to change the regulation of students and the ELWR. Students who do not pass the ELWR before coming to the campus must enroll in an entry level writing course that would not qualify as satisfying the C1 requirement; theoretically, it would take effect in 2017. The Committee on Teaching has decided to make the slow transition from ecommons to Canvas.

**Announcements:**

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Porter Palooza 1-5 p.m. on the quad. Music, games, food and fun

Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Poker Night 7-9 p.m. in the Rec Room with raffle and refreshments

Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Frozen bananas 3-5 p.m. in Upper Street this Thursday.

There is still a need for more graduation/commencement volunteers June 11th. Talk to Pam if interested.

The order for the sweatshirts is due tonight so place your order if you would like one.

There is Active Shooter training by the UC Police Department next Tuesday 5/24 from 7:30-8 p.m. in the 9/10 MPR. Shayne has been working on this event for months. There will be another, bigger training scheduled the week after graduation at OPERS including a helicopter.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10