

## **Kresge Parliament – 4/20/17**

Start: 6:32 p.m. Quorum: 14 Ice Breaker: Study anything other than your major?

**Guests:** SUA Referenda for spring ballot information—Tamra VP of Student Life Measure 67 – SUA needs more money to replace important cuts from the last few years. Requesting a fee increase \$7. to \$20. a quarter to support staffing, programs and clubs. SUA also started a food pantry this year at OPERS. Only getting the space for 3 years, hoping to move off-campus. They need \$20,000. a year for operations and \$100,000. for an off campus location. Their adviser also gets an annual raise of 3%. Meeting with all student governments, student orgs and advertising @ the Pantry. SUA dues are the lowest compared to other UCs. Current operating budget is \$350,000.

UCSC Athletics – 2 athletes and an Alumni sponsor are requesting endorsement of their referenda to raise fees in support of NCAA Division 3 sports here at UCSC. They need help with expenses to continue the 15 teams/300 students. They feel sports drives student success, allows youngsters to go to college and actually gets students up each day. Motivation is very important from high school to college. If UCSC lets this go, we will all miss out. Budget deficit is currently \$500,000. In a sustainable model, an increase from \$5 to \$38.50 will allow teams to continue. Student fees would raise \$150,000. each year. Fundraising, Chancellor support and team fees will make up the total annual budget of \$2.3 million. Referenda includes return to aid and EOP student outdoor trips support. The measure has a sunset clause in 25 years when athletics hopes to be self-supporting. The budget will be overseen to stay on course, something called a covenant.

**Deliberations:** NCAA Div. 3 sports fee – Fellow students would be paying for these teams. Cool that a Kresge Alumni crafted the measure and was thoughtful about the amount. Diversity, in all it's forms, is important at UCSC. Sport teams do bring school pride and brings the students together. Some concern about budget management the next 25 years... Hana motions for Kresge Parliament to endorse the fee measure. Ian 2nds: 7 Hoots, 2 Screeches, 5 Abstain = Approved.

**New Budget Request:** Black Men's Alliance – Hosting a spring dance that allows students to enjoy themselves while raising money for the Boys & Girls Club. Dance is 9 p.m. -12 a.m. May 5<sup>th</sup> in the P/K Dining Hall. Expecting 200 attendees. Requesting \$300 of \$1060. Budget. Expenses include venue, DJ, tech and supplies. Asking all colleges – Good event, close to Kresge. Danny motions to invite, Juan 2nds: 15 Hoots = Approved.

**Approval of minutes:** 4.13.17 – Danny motions to approve, Ian 2nds: 10 Hoots, 2 Screeches, 2 Abstain = Approved.

**Parliament Updates:** Class survey is out and SUA Rep. Jessica would like to come and present to Parliament – group concern if this would be the best use of our time? Perhaps tabling in front of the dining hall would be a better idea. Ian motions not to invite, Bradley 2nds: 12 Hoots, 3 Abstain = Approved with suggestion for tabling and we would welcome an informational blurb to read in Parliament.

Campus Election Commissioner – each college needs to provide a rep. to oversee the voting process, rules, debates and any election week issues. Some bit of a time commitment especially election week. Two candidates: Ian G. and Ryan M. Membership discussed merits of both. Bradley motioned to elect Ryan Melton, Toan 2nds: 10 Hoots, 3 Abstain = Approved.

**Outreach:** Kresge Town Hall Meeting – Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall. We will educate students about the redevelopment of Kresge and the LRDP. Max has a slide show about the process. We could invite someone from Maintenance to talk about housing issues & bathroom reader? Kathy Cooney would be a good choice for administration representation. Jos & Michelle will work on flyer. We will make a funding request for snacks next week.

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> is National Volunteer Day. Unfortunately, Bay View has cancelled this year. We have four other locations to volunteer – after a vote, the Homeless Garden Project will be our location – 9:30 – 1:30 p.m. We will fine tune rides next week.

**Report Backs:** Due to time constraints, we tabled report backs. Representatives can send reports via email for our meeting notes.

**SUA – Ian, Quinn & Juan**

A professor presented a resolution to SUA for adoption. It was about the situation at S&E Library. He talked about how 75% of the books were pulped and it cost \$50,000 to do so. The resolution would immediately stop the current plan of reducing the remaining 25% to 8%. And any other decisions about the library must be consulted amongst a set group, not by a single person. He mentioned that **no one knew about the decision to pulp the books until the last second, including the librarians.** There was a motion to bypass the constitutional rule of waiting a week for deliberation to adopt this resolution on the spot. This was due to the urgency of the matter. It passed and we approved the resolution. The Parliament is free to talk about this, if need be.

We passed a CALPIRG resolution and passed all SOFA funding recommendations. Any details about SOFA feel free to talk/email Ian. We talked about "the future of SUA". Meaning, there was a talk about what the space should be doing as a whole, whether it be for the students, focusing on activism, etc. In the end, the space felt many problems start with elections/voting, regarding representatives, officers, etc., as they are supposed to represent the students who elect them and people need to talk to them when need be. In the end, SUA will continue to talk about this issue and will create a subcommittee moving forward.

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**Announcements:**

-Fri. 4/21 – Earth Summit 10 – 3 p.m. RCC quad

-Fri 4/21 – Outdoor Movie Night – Before the Flood w/ Leonardo DiCaprio – 8:30 – 10 p.m. Lower St. Refreshments

- Sat. 4/22 – March for Science – 10 a.m. at City Hall (Friday at Noon – poster making at Porter Quad.
- Tues. 4/25 – Spring Fling – Frisbee decorating – 1-3 p.m. Upper St.
- Wed. 4/26 – Kresge Mexico College Night – 5-7 p.m. P/K Dining Hall
- Wed. 4/26 SUA Steering Committee 7:30 – 9 p.m. Humanities bldg.
- 2017-2018 Orientation Leader applications, we are short – still accepting apps late.
- Fridays – Math Club 5:15 p.m. at McHenry – questions = Carl
- Sat. 4/29 – Alumni Networking Dinner brought to you by Slug to Slug. Check with Jos for more information.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

### Current Affairs - Liza

Local News: Vowing regional action to combat worldwide climate change, the Bay Area's air pollution board on Wednesday approved a blueprint to reduce greenhouse gases, smog and soot in the next three decades. Bay Area Air Quality Management District officials called the plan a pioneering and ambitious road map for reducing pollution and fossil fuel use, and steering the nine-county region toward a carbon-free future. All told, the 247-page "Spare the Air, Cool the Earth" plan calls for 85 measures to protect public health and the planet. They include stricter controls on oil refineries and other industries, clean air grants, innovative technology projects, and partnerships with cities and counties to promote energy-efficiency standards and greater use of electric cars.

NATIONAL NEWS: Weed is in the air this 4/20, and not just literally. Sixty-one percent of Americans are now in favor of legalizing marijuana for recreational use, according to a CBS News poll released Thursday. That's the highest mark this particular poll has ever found, and it's not an outlier. Similar surveys taken over the past year have shown that public support for legal cannabis is higher now than it has ever been before. Widespread acceptance of legalization — itself a rejection of the longstanding federal prohibition on marijuana — is a relatively new phenomenon in the U.S. The nation first reached majority support for legalizing weed in 2013, when polls showed slightly more than 50 percent of Americans favoring the move. Although approval fluctuated somewhat after that, a number of surveys conducted over the past year have shown support for legal recreational marijuana crossing the 60 percent threshold, with fewer and fewer Americans expressing opposition. Just 33 percent of respondents oppose legalizing marijuana, according to the most recent CBS poll. Support for legal medical marijuana was overwhelming, with 88 percent of respondents expressing approval.

BIZARRE NEWS: This week's synchronized hijack threat on major Indian airports has turned out to be a hoax with a Hyderabad man telling the police he pulled it off to cancel a pleasure trip with his girlfriend. Police said Vamshi Chowdhary, a transport agent, was facing financial problems and wanted to cancel his trip to Mumbai and Goa with his girlfriend. What Chowdhary did to achieve this led to panic in the Indian security establishment as the 32-year-old purportedly sent a hoax mail warning of simultaneous hijack attempts at Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad airports. The email was generated from Hyderabad. A task force team, with the help of cyber experts, traced the IP address to a local cafe in SR Nagar area leading to Chowdhary's arrest. "His girlfriend stays in Chennai. She proposed a trip to Mumbai and Goa. He requested his girlfriend to cancel the trip but she declined. As he was facing financial problems, he hatched this plan to make her believe that flights have been cancelled because of high alert at the airports," said B Limba Reddy, DCP Task Force. Police found Chowdhary was an accused in two cyber cases earlier as well.

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