

Kresge Parliament – 6/1/2017

Meeting Start: 6:30

Quorum:

Ice Breaker: What are you most looking forward to in the summer?

Guests: Porter/Kresge & Owl's Nest Cafe Dining Services Manager - David Steinmann

Big growth year – David's 1st full year as our manager, he is working on leadership from the top down – Pro staff to student supervisors. "The goal is to organize both places." The dining hall and Owls Nest need a strong foundation after years of the previous leadership. Joseph, Owl's Nest Supervisor, is revamping the menu now to include \$8 equivalents. Customers should get the most for their card swipe. And dining wants you to get your full value.

Q. Why so long for Café Brazil at Porter? A. Outside vendors take a long time – opening for the last 5 weeks of the year. But the Porter Cafe will be open this summer for summer session, staff and paying customers (not Summer Conferences) There are 675 summer session meal plans so we are excited to see what it will be like, not closing this location.

Q. Owl lines tend to be really long, are you planning to expand your kitchen? A. We have a small kitchen and there is nothing we can do about that restriction. Looking at it differently - perhaps coffee & grab and go frig with its own cashier. Dining Services has also contracted with an off-campus vendor for fresh sushi next year.

Q. Is there any way we could have healthier food options? A. Yes, we added staff this year – we were down 25% across the board. We are working on better quality control and will strive to do better (We heard what the students said in the survey).

Next year we will add a night chef for the dinner shift.

q. With more students, will the hours be extended? A. Hours will not change, dining is not allowed by the college, to stay open past 7 based on a facility agreement. Porter Programs hosts/rents the space for evening events starting at 8:00 p.m.

Kresge Provost - Ben Leeds Carson – One main question – How Kresge Core Class is evolving and how Parliament can play a part? Our faculty would like a more seamless connection to being a Kresge student. We want Kresge core to represent our theme. AM's (academic mentors) who are student driven, developing activities that go with the plenary sessions. The course would not be all about reading and writing but include creative electives, possibly film showings or small groups meetings to discuss issues that interest students on off weeks. Ben requests Parliament brainstorm how this process would work. (Perhaps a Parl. Rep. for the end of this year or early fall to work directly with Ben.) Activities and activism that would interest all class levels and continue throughout the year. The goal is to stay involved, attend forums, collaborate on projects like the Practical Activism Conference at 9/10.

Q. Core/plenary is scheduled at the same time as Parliament and we do want first year students to be a part of Parliament. Is there any options here? A. The classroom schedule is very complicated and impacted. We share space with Porter and it depends on the class space and other class time conflicts with first year students. I do appreciate Parliament moving their time up to 6 p.m. of fall quarter so students can attend half of the meeting time.

Approval of minutes: 5.25.17 With corrections of Hana, not Hannah and Bradley did accept the nomination for Vice Chair, Ian motions to approve the minutes, Liza seconds. 13 Hoots 1 Oppose 1 Abstain = Approved.

Parliament Business: Will Parliament be purchasing swag this year? Sawyer researched the baseball tees. The body of the shirt has to be one color choice – light or dark gray. The sleeves can be any of the available colors. Start price is around \$16. (members pay half) Design will be the parliament logo on the back, not a Senate on the front. Sweatshirt orders are about \$20/ (member pays full price) minimum order is 6. A list is going around with for sign ups and payment for the tees goes to Pam once we make the order.

Report Backs:

Election Commissioner – Ryan – The elections are over – Max is now SUA President – Yeah!!! Quinn was a write in win for SUA Rep. (Carl was actual write in winner but he is ineligible as an alumni)

C4 was last week – Quinn - discussed the issue of more international students/out of state students impacting enrollment. UC is thinking about lowering the GPA for these students. Also discussed CS students declaring major before acceptance due to impaction in the major. Would like a check/balance system to see how students are doing in their classes before they fail and giving them some type of help. Raise student's happiness by lowering class sizes. Including a diversity statement for admin. applications. UCSC has the highest percent of women professors (26%) in the system. Special salary practice to set yearly wage increase. (Would reduce applicant pool and UCSC would fall behind other schools in recruitment.) Canvas enrollment system – new and better for spring 2017. Suggested flat fee for all students to have printing access for those who need it. Combating SPAM, Library survey results, after the book purge, the interim EVC said library spaces are changing to community spaces, more chairs, quiet and load areas, new study hall spaces.

TAPS trying larger buses and a shoppers shuttle next year but will need more \$ to keep them. Consolidating the required writing classes, after three fails academic expulsion. No set plan for on-line classes – not successful to date.

SUA – Ian, Quinn, Celinda – meeting ran late (11:00 p.m.) IPA Cultural night in MPR (9/10) Friday. The Society of Hispanic Engineers presented. Reviewed the GSA Resolution created about the negative flyer incident but was not written in correct form – rewrite for next week. Adding additional spaces for organization representation in SUA. Six of seven orgs. presented (Muslim Student Org. was unavailable due to Ramadan) Reviewed budget for next year in light of Measure 67 not passing.

Tough cuts coming us, at least we do not have USSA dues anymore. FSA (Filipino Student Association) changing their name TBA. (confusing with Food Service Advisors.)

SCOC – Quinn – Quinn has been elected SCOC Admin for next year (glorified secretary) They appointed Cowell SFAC Rep. Cowell/Stevenson cookies and ice cream sister event is this Saturday from 12-1:30 pm (week 10) outside the dining hall. A Kresge Student was selected to be on the committee choosing the constructions company for the west infill – P3 project.

SFAC – Sylvia – Election of officers is tomorrow, discussed CAPS, presentation from construction lead on Cantu/KZSC project.

2017-2018 Officer Election

Nominated for Chair; Danny Aholt, Ian Gregorio and Hana King. All three gave speeches on their qualifications and service to Parliament. Parliament deliberated for a long time – all good candidates. Toan motioned to elect Hana King, Carl 2nds, 12 Hoots, 1 Abstain = Approved.

Nominated for Vice Chair; Michelle Hue and Toan Vo (Bradley had to leave the meeting early.) Michelle stepped down from the nomination. Toan gave his speech. Carl motioned to elect Toan, Ian 2nd, 14 Hoots, 1 Abstain = Approved.

Announcements:

Fri/Sat 6/2 & 3 Rocky Horror Picture Show - 7pm - Media Theater - \$5. at the door- come support Ryan!

Sat. 6/3 – Senate Splash at the OPERS pool 1-3 p.m. with other activities in addition to swimming & food.

Sun. 6/4 Santa Cruz Pride parade and celebration 12 – 4 p.m. downtown.

Tues. 6/6 – Kresge Redevelopment meeting – 6-8 p.m. I-lounge with pizza

Sat. 6/10 – Late Night Breakfast – 10 p.m. Town Hall – last one of the year!!!

Mon. 6/12 – Pizza @ the Provosts – 8-10 p.m. Provosts House

Recently the Chancellor sent out an email stating he does not endorse activism by students that disrupts or impacts the day-to-day operations of our school. Such actions will now have consequences. (In response to the ABSA reclaiming Kerr Hall)

Parliament group photo - steps outside our location this year – the student lounge.

Current Affairs - Liza

LOCAL NEWS: A calculation error results in \$400,000 shortfall for Santa Cruz City Schools.

As Santa Cruz City Schools puts together its 2018 school year budget, district leaders also will need to reassess this year's revenue assumptions. A midyear audit by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education uncovered a roughly \$400,000 calculation error overstating the districts' expected revenue for each of this and the next two years, officials recently told the school board. The error, where "wrong numbers were plugged in," according to Superintendent Kris Munro, was brought forward during recent board budget meetings. The issue appears to have begun this year, officials said this week.

US NEWS: A Republican congressman told his constituents that he believes God will "take care of" climate change if it proves to be a "real problem." Michigan Rep. Tim Walberg said during a town hall in Coldwater, Mich., on Friday that while he believes climate change is real, it is not something for humans to solve. "I believe there's climate change. I believe there's been climate change since the beginning of time," Walberg said. "Do I think man has some impact? Yeah, of course. Can man change the entire universe? No." He continued: "Why do I believe that? Well, as a Christian, I believe that there is a creator in God who is much bigger than us. And I'm confident that, if there's a real problem, he can take care of it."

BIZARRE NEWS: Every clown has a down day occasionally, and Orlando Melendez had one this week in Springfield District Court. During a pretrial hearing Thursday, a judge rejected Melendez's plan to showcase his juggling skills for jurors at his upcoming trial. "The keystone to his defense is: He's literally a clown," the defendant, writing in the third person, explained in a motion that elicited a one-word response from Judge Robert Murphy. "Denied," the judge wrote on the motion. Melendez, 20, is charged with using a toy gun during an attempted robbery of a Forest Park convenience store in December. He pleaded not guilty to two counts of attempting to commit a crime and was ordered held on \$5,000 bail. Jury selection is scheduled to begin on June 8. Melendez, who fired his court-appointed lawyer, has represented himself since February. During Thursday's hearing, Melendez outlined his defense strategy in a hand-written motion declaring he was, in effect, just clowning around when he walked into a Cumberland Farms store at 3:15 a.m. and allegedly demanded money from the register. Juggling three wads of paper for 20 seconds would show jurors that Melendez is a serious clown, and prove the attempted robbery was just a misunderstanding, the motion states.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.