Kresge Parliament –11/3/16

Meeting Start: 6:04    Quorum: 16    Ice Breaker: where/when would you go in a time machine?

Funding Request: Matchbox Magazine - Lauren: Editor and Chief of Matchbox Magazine and a Kresge affiliate, creating their 11 edition of this art magazine. The only publication distributed to all UC campuses is free. A lot of submissions are from Kresge students, staff too. Hoping to print 1500 books at $4.59 each plus shipping costs for a total budget of $6929.37. Requesting $400.

Indian Student Association: ISA hosts an annual spring Holi Festival where love and colors are embraced. Seventeen members work on this one event, putting 142 hours into it. Over 300 pounds of powder (biodegradable holi) is bought and more than 100 volunteers participate. Other expenses include field rental, advertising, sound equipment, porta potties, security and grounds. The purpose of this event is to bring all students together, regardless of race, color or social status and raise money for an Indian charity = Jaipur. Jaipur located in a rural region of India provides artificial limbs for disabled children. Planning on 6,500 students after educating the campus through workshops. Workshop attendees will get free recyclable safety sunglasses. ($1, for everyone else) Also asking Dean of Students, SUA and other colleges for funding. Requesting $1000. in a $16,180. budget

Q. Will sponsored get recognition? Only those who support at the $1000. level or higher.

Council of Chairs – Senate Mixer – Sawyer – The chairs have scheduled a campus mixer for Nov. 17th 7-9 p.m. in the Oakes Learning Ctr. Asking for $50.00 from each college to cover refreshments. Agenda will include Enrollment increase protest and suggestions for a Student Bill of Rights.

Deliberations: Treasurer reports $1000.
Matchbox Magazine: System wide publication from our campus. Product quality is very good and “cool”. Max motions to fund $150. Tara 2nds 8 Hoots 6 Abstain = Approved.

Indian Student Association: No event date yet for April. They are doing some cultural awareness before the event. We like how they are recycling the sunglasses at the event and they are organized. Members have attended and had a really good time. First time coming for funding. Tara motions $100. Toan 2nds, 8 Hoots. 7 Abstain = Approved.

Campus Government Mixer: Unfortunate it is scheduled during Thursday meeting times. Generally in support of organizing the student leaders. Celinda motions $50, Carl 2nds = 9 Hoots, 4 Abstain = Approved.

Budget Requests for next week: No requests

Approval of minutes: 10.27.16 Correct the treasury report from $1000 to $1150. Tara motions to approve. Toan 2nds 11 Hoots, 1 Screech, 3 abstain. = Approved

Parliament Business:
We need a SOFA Rep. Meeting is tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 4th 7-10 p.m. 3rd floor of Bookstore Bldg. in SUA meeting room. They meet twice per quarter. Quinn Chalmers volunteers – thank you Quinn.

Parliament meeting time for the year: Go back to 6:30 – 8 p.m. or keep new time 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.? Discussion of different commitments, pros/cons. Tara motioned for 6:30 p.m. Hana 2nd, 9 Hoots, 3 Screeches, 4 abstain. = Approved.

Guest: Ben Leeds Carson, Kresge Provost
Due to limited time, Ben opened up the floor to our questions:
Q. Is there any initiative to foster community here at Kresge? A. Community here should be collaboration with students, administrators and academics, not a top down process. We already have many small groups associated with Kresge like our Co-ops. Yet, others feel like outsiders finding it hard to break in. We are also disadvantaged by our physical location, a gulf divides us from main campus. As far as academic
initiatives, I am working on building programs like the current Media & Society Speaker Series. We are also working on the redevelopment of Kresge College where the co-ops will be a vital part of the new design. I see a lot of room to improve the co-ops, for example, the Music and Photo Co-op are current services available to affiliates, not true cooperatives. I would like to raise money and create small 2 unit Kresge classes with 15-20 students connected to the co-ops. I am also working on outreach to alumni, as this has not been done for many years. I have created an Alumni Group of 9 members with 2 student representatives.

Q. We have been working on a Book Bin for Kresge (Campus building quote $3500.) and I know you have been talking about providing textbooks for check out, could these go together? A. Yes, we have hopes of buying 1 text from 20 most popular classes for check out, not really geared towards a free book bin. I love the book bin idea, nonetheless, and would be willing to make fundraising a priority.

Q. Is there anything else being done for the Seminar Room remodel? A. The revision was a blessing, opening up the space for academic functions. We did fall short on money for new chairs, we did add rugs and sound paneling. Last spring, Beth and I invited Parliament to respond with suggestions to a Google Doc. that offer is still open.

Q. Activism, is there an issue we should rally around? A. Kresge has a long history of activism going back to the secession. I would like to hear from you, Parliament, like last year and the Seminar Room. My vision is that you make us accountable. Are you angry about something??? Build consensus. Personally, I am an anti-privatization activist.

Q. We have heard a lot about Kresge classes and teachers being cut in 2017. Will there be sonority and/or student priorities taken into consideration? A. That must be some misinformation. I haven’t announced there will be any cut backs. I did have a conversation with the lecturers because we are $49,000 in the hole on the academic side of the house. Seniority absolutely matters, as does student feedback. Core lecturers are centrally funded. Kresge classes are not and are optional. It is not a democratic process. These classes are overseen by academic professionals like myself. I want to provide new teachers, new energy and exploration.

Provost Office Hours or by appointment: Wed. 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. & Fri. 11 – 12 p.m. 459-4792

Report Backs:

-SUA: Tara – Committee week. I went to the first meeting of the Student Life Committee. We went over how we can help people with food insecurity and mental health issues. Both of these issues will be addressed by open to all programs, we will have training to create the best events using the How Are You campaign info. Committee chair will be hiring a paid intern for winter quarter. Next meeting is Nov. 15th in McHenry – talk to Tara if interested in attending.

-SFAC: Sylvia – The Quarry Amphitheater broke ground today after being closed since 2006. They plan on opening the space to all by fall 2017 with generous SFAC support of 6.38 million. During winter break they will start construction of new redwood benches, ADA access, lights and wi-fi. Fundraising will continue as part of the campus wide redevelopment project.

-LRDP Sub-Committee Meeting - Max : We met today and discussed why we are interested. When we will meet weekly. Focus on whole campus and planning an info forum. Enlighten students about environmental impacts. We exchanged contact information. See attached notes:

-SCOC - Quinn: Discussed roles and started planning our sister college outreach events. Met the Porter Rep. and we have a $1000. budget together. If anyone is interested in planning event, let Quinn know.

Announcements:

Fri. Nov. 4th Kresge Karaoke Night 8-10 p.m. Town Hall - refreshments
Sat. Nov. 5th Kresge Food Co-op Open Mic – time(?)
Tuesday Nov. 8th is Election Day – VOTE - viewing party at Porter Hitchcock Lounge 8-12 a.m.
(Also showing the results in the Kresge Student Lounge.)
Wed. Nov. 9th Caramel Apple Pops - 5-6:30 p.m. Kresge Student Lounge while they last...

Kresge Instagram is now available.
Carl’s Robot event is Dec. 2nd in the Media Theater

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 PM