

Kresge Parliament – 02/22/18

Start: 6:30pm Quorum: 9 Ice Breaker: Share one thing you love about yourself.

Funding Requests: Platypus Review – Printing expenses \$100. and speaker fees \$100.

This reading group also hosts discussions to talk about politics. Turned in two requests but changing back to one, printing expenses and increasing the amount to \$200.

-Open publication for members across the US and world, talks about “Ideas of the new left” in politics. Each month a different location takes on the \$600. printing/ mailing fee. Pamphlets are available here at Kresge and across campus. Money raised will go towards their month of printing and distribution costs. Also, everyone is invited March 7th, Sem. Rm. 159 for 1968 – A discussion. Hosting numerous speakers (TBA). Received enough funding from other college requests to cover the expenses. Will talk about hippie movement of the 60's and the culture of UCSC.

Deliberation: Current Budget: \$1475

Platypus: Requesting \$200. Organized and collaborative and copies are available at Owl's Nest.

Jos motions to fund \$150, Nick 2^{nds} 5 Hoots, 4 Abstain = Approved

New Budget Requests for next week:

Kalopsia New undergraduate group creating an academic journal. Would like to print 500 copies and is requesting \$500. of \$2075. budget to help with printing expenses. They will take stories from students across campus and other universities. Celinda motioned to invite; Ian 2^{nds}, 7 hoots, 2 Abstain = Approved

UC Santa Cruz Zero Waste Team Annual Campus Clean Up Event on Earth Day, April 22nd Quarry Plaza 10 AM - 1 PM. Requesting \$200. of \$1525. budget. Will have food, hand sanitizer, reusable bags, a raffle, posters/printing. Ian motioned to invite, Jos 2^{nds}, 7 hoots, 2 Abstain = Approved

Muslim Student Association: MSA - Spoken Word Event April 26th in the MPR

Hosting Muslim spoken word artists for this event. Requesting \$300 for their total budget of \$10,000. Expenses include speaker fees, airfare and hotel. They want to provide a diverse student experience for the expected 400+ attendees. Jos motioned to invite, Quinn 2^{nds}, 7 Hoots, 2 Abstain = Approved

Parliament Business: Provost Ben Leeds Carson: Discussion on visit last week.

Hoping to engage students in process to create Kresge Principles of Community. Looking for student input, what are our principles of community for Kresge? Concern is how we will keep some kind of community together when Kresge is being remodel? Spring Staff retreat will start process, looking for student volunteers to continue the process spring and fall quarters. Will also include the new frosh class next fall in this process. If interesting in volunteering, please let Hana know.

Funding approval – Carry Forward Account – Krege Self Guided Tour Brochures

Pam is charged with printing and providing the college tour brochures. A color, 2 sided printing of 500 copies is \$262.76. Requesting approval for expense. Nick motions to fund the print cost, Liza 2^{nds}, 9 Hoots = Approved

Outreach: Speaking of the carry forward account, ideas to improve our community?

Pool Table – current one is old and felt is ripped.

New Game equipment for rec. room

Board for advertising programs

Kresge Parliament Calendar (Monthly)?
Clean up Mayor's Stand

Spring Outreach Ideas

Something to advertise the Kresge Book Bin, a book donation drive with food?

Community Service Project – Spring Quarter

Blessing Box, beach clean up, work with Franklin on another fundraiser

Approval of minutes: 2.15.18 Ian motions to approve, Nick 2^{nds}, 5 Hoots, 4 Abstain = Approved

Report Backs:

SUA: Ian, Quinn, Jos and Nick – Chancellor Blumenthal & EVC Tromp were guests. Responded to prepared questions but were unable to answer with comments like, out of our control, confidential and someone else hold that responsibility. Full house but no one got out of hand.

Deliberated on old business; Holi Fest funded \$8500., MSA asked for support for a meditation space on campus,

SCOC: Quinn - Got an application for the Financial Aid Committee but did not appoint, Discussed changing the application to be more specific, Next sister college event is Monday 6 – 8 PM at C9/10 Rec. Room - screening *The Incredibles with* free Pizza. C4 will be Friday, March 9th from 6 – 8 PM, Mexican food, probably will be enchiladas?

SUGB: Ryan - Going over Mission Statement

Core Council: Hana – Done with presentations, next mtg. will allocate funds.

AS/SAS: Nick – Academic Senate met talked about LRDP, talked about how the LRDP could affect the environment, the enviro. report is binding, hesitant to add resolutions. Strategic Academic Plan includes enrollment of 28,000., SUA Report Back. Student Academic Senate will host a spring mental health event at Merrill Cultural Ctr., working on petition to stop over enrollment.

Transfer Community – Toan – no report

Current Affairs: Liza – see attached.

Announcements:

Fri. 2/23 West Fest – 4 – 6:30 p.m. RCC Upper Lawn – music, food, tabling

Fri. 2/23 Laser Tag – 8-10 p.m. Town Hall – refreshments

Mon. 2/26 Frances Lappe – Common Ground speaker – 7 p.m. Town Hall

Tues. 2/27 College Night – Italiano – 5-7 p.m. P/K Dining Hall

Fri. 2/23 Diplomacy and the Feminist Voice - 7:30 PM MPR – RSVP to attend - Bradley

Franklin and I purchased food goods for No More Hungry Slugz – please pass the word to those students experiencing food insecurity. Franklin's Office is open Tues & Thurs. from 2-5 p.m. for free food packs. Franklin said these supplies will last into spring quarter – Thank you Parliament!

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49 PM

Current Affairs: Liza

Local News: An unarmed 11-year-old Bay View Elementary School fifth-grader ransacked a classroom, throwing papers, books and displays across the room and schoolyard, and barricaded himself behind desks and chairs before police contained the outburst in about 15 minutes on Tuesday afternoon. According to a press release issued by the Santa Cruz Police Department, officers were called to Bay View Elementary School at about 2:20 p.m. Tuesday after reports of a student exhibiting aggressive and threatening behavior. School officials said the 11-year-old male student physically acted out, causing concern. School officials followed established protocol and guided the other students from the room for safety's sake as they waited the arrival of police. Officers were on the scene within minutes and detained, the student who had barricaded himself in the classroom. The student was safely removed from the school and taken to a mental health care facility. Further investigation revealed that the boy planned to harm three specific students, and he had access to a firearm at home, according to police. A psychologist told police investigators about the boy's threat, but declined to elaborate to police because of HIPPA patient privacy laws. At the child's home, officers seized one firearm that belonged to his parent, Mills said.

National News: Young survivors of Wednesday's school shooting in Florida have announced a national march on Washington to demand political action on gun control. Student organizers told US media that they were determined to make Wednesday's shooting a turning point in the national gun debate. The attack, which left 17 students and staff members dead, was the deadliest US school shooting since 2012. Yesterday protestors chanted "shame on you" to US lawmakers and the president. Mr. Trump said last year he would "never" infringe on the right to keep arms - a long-running and contested debate within the US. In his first public comments on the gun control issue since the attack, Mr. Trump blamed the Democrats for not passing legislation when they controlled Congress during the early years of Barack Obama's administration. He also rebuked the FBI for missing signals before Wednesday's school shooting, after the organization admitted it had failed to act on a tip-off about the suspected shooter Nikolas Cruz. Speaking on US television networks on Sunday morning, student survivors from Marjory Stoneman Douglas announced their March for Our Lives campaign. They are planning to march on Washington on 24 March to demand children and their families "become a priority" to US lawmakers. They want other protests to happen simultaneously in other cities on the same day. It is one of many student-led protests amassing support on social media in the wake of last Wednesday's attack. On Saturday students and their parents - as well as politicians - took part in an emotionally-charged rally in Fort Lauderdale, close to Parkland. Arguably the most memorable moment came when high school student Emma Gonzalez took to the podium and attacked the US president and other politicians for accepting political donations from the National Rifle Association (NRA), a powerful gun rights lobby group. "If the president wants to come up to me and tell me to my face that it was a terrible tragedy and... how nothing is going to be done about it, I'm going to happily ask him how much money he received from the National Rifle Association," said Ms. Gonzalez. "It doesn't matter because I already know. Thirty million dollars," the 18-year-old said, referring to donations during Mr. Trump's presidential campaign. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the NRA spent \$11.4m supporting Mr. Trump in the 2016 campaign, and \$19.7m opposing Hillary Clinton.

Bizarre News: Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner (R) on Wednesday took a gulp of chocolate milk to demonstrate the positive effects of corporate diversity and inclusion. During an appearance at the Thompson Center in Chicago, Rauner joined Hyatt Hotels diversity and inclusion executive Tyrone Stoudemire to discuss diversity in the workplace. Thompson poured a glass of white milk to demonstrate that most organizations are led by white men. "This chocolate syrup represents diversity," Stoudemire said, pouring some into the glass. "When you look at most organizations, diversity sits at the bottom of the organization. You don't get inclusion until you actually stir it up," he continued, prompting Rauner to stir the syrup into the milk. "Diversity is the mix, and inclusion is making the mix work," Stoudemire concluded, inviting Rauner to drink the chocolate milk. "It's really, really good. Diversity!" Rauner declared to the crowd. Rauner is up for re-election in November. He's facing a primary challenge from state Rep. Jeanne Ives (R). Among the Democratic challengers are Chris Kennedy, the son of Robert Kennedy, and J.B. Pritzker, whose family owns Hyatt Hotels.

SUA Notes – Visit by Chancellor Blumenthal and EVC Tromp 2/20/18

Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) - Blumenthal

Hired consultant, formed campus committee chaired by vice-chancellor. Acknowledged very little input opportunity. "Many things are controversial, probably the biggest was that we were considering an enrollment envelope of 28,000 by 2040." Discusses community impact. "We need to identify and mitigate the impacts of growth." 20,000 number may be subject to change. Original LRDP goal was 27,500 students. Modest growth of 1-2% a year. "Would allow academic programs to flourish." Notes that UCSC is smaller than all AAU public universities. Bemoans lack of funding/capital. Unlike SUA presentation, does not mention lobby the state. "As an institution, we are charged with providing education." 50,000+ students applied for frosh, 11,300+ for transfer. Draft Environmental Impact Review (EIR) completed before 2019. Feedback will be solicited from senates, etc.

Questions:

The 20% growth of students but ~4% increase of faculty/Resource-student ratio investigation: “We shouldn’t grow without investment.” While it won’t be covered in the EIR, it will be handled on a policy level. Questioner asks if these commitments could be embedded in the (legally enforced) EIR. Blumenthal says it will go in the plan, probably won’t go in the EIR because not directly environmental.

Do we really need to commit to grow? State legislature applies constant, semi-funded, demands for growth. UCSC needs to manage the growth so “we do the best possible job for our students”

What’s the role of colleges in the future? College system should be enhanced/preserved going forward. Notes that Student Housing West isn’t in the college system, is for student-family or upper-grads who would otherwise live off campus. Residents there will still be affiliates.

“Current students don’t know what’s best for them,” increase alumni feedback? Turned into an anecdote, was not actually a question.

College common spaces conversion to housing permanent? Per SUA: still yes. They will be returned to being common space when there are new beds. Notes that libraries have become central spaces for studying/meeting space not just at UCSC but nationwide.

Why can’t we get resources without growing? As it turns out, UCSC funding is a complicated issue and Blumenthal says that growth’s the best path forward.

It costs more to teach a student than we get funding, administrators can’t share confidential information to give context on decisions: will Blumenthal be as transparent as possible? Blumenthal: Yes.

Aesthetic considerations might fall into non-mitigated circumstances, can you clarify? Everything is open to discussion. There will be a childcare portion of Student Housing West.

Why don’t we have a campus architect or faculty on the committee? Didn’t get answered as far as I could tell.

If we grow, we need resources, how can you clarify what commitments would be required at different levels? LRDP has to consider current needs, i.e. infrastructure. EIR can be done in stages, “clear demarcations of what would be needed.”

Ben Carson asks for clarification on the public/private partnership (PPP) in the LRDP, is alarmed that so little focus has been on it. Can we have more PPP transparency? There will be more open sessions. Attempted plans without a PPP couldn’t be made workable. UCOP certified 8 developers, UCSC has selected one of those 8. Funding scheme only possible because of PPP. Specifically due to policy about debt capacity & bond ratings.

Strategic Academic Planning Presentation – EVC Tromp Lots of meetings/people involved. Community e-newsletter. 322 people responded to the survey. Committees may work over the summer. Timeline has been lengthened for review/feedback periods.

Questions: Biased feedback as students polled were in leadership, how are you dealing with retention? Polling more students who aren’t in leadership.

What’s the relationship between all the meetings and information and how are the 5-minute lightning-talks going to work? Martin has looked at all the info. It’s very complex. There will be a plan that summarizes it in broad terms. It is very big. Also connecting similar working groups together. Also ten minutes completely irrelevant to the actual question.

What’s the plan for transparency in research? Methodology has been changed. Committees are on this issue. There was a Google doc.

More information on your openness, in this case the working relationship Senate and also you might have to redo the entire plan because? Deadlines are being worked around, trying not to “truncate the Dean’s process.” Senate will be involved.

A guy just tried to talk without speaking rights and got booed to the end of the meeting.

Is UCSC a liberal arts university or a research university, and what’s the role of colleges? “Have we not leveraged colleges in a way that really impacts our students and helps our university thrive?” There’s apparently enough discussion around this issue it cannot be answered in brief here.

How will there be an opportunity to change teaching styles for the better? “One thing that strikes me about this faculty is their commitment to teaching that is truly transformative to students. That theme has been throughout this project, folks have talked about how pedagogy has been in the questions. One of the reasons people raise the issue of colleges is about the issue of how we’re teaching out students...” Mention

of Jody Greene and Center for Innovations in Teaching and Learning. "There's a role for really radical rethink in how we deliver our curriculum and how we deliver our curriculum." Apparently it has already been "integrated into the process."

Values and Silicon Valley, how is SV Project relations being addressed? There's a games and runnable program thing already up!

UCSC is in a great environment and also combines a cozy college system and research university. Should we promote what we're doing more distinctively? Yes, promote all of the good and distinct things.

Guy from earlier has appeared! "Oscar" from legal studies, part of METRO a latinx org. It's difficult getting involved in this, a meeting is scheduled during finals and it's hard getting solid times for the others? Tromp will set up a meeting. They are aware of the scheduling conflicts.