

Kresge Parliament – 4/19/18

Meeting Start: 6:44 pm. Quorum: 11 Ice Breaker: Favorite piece of advice and why?

Budget Requests for next week:

-Service Learning Instructor, Franklin Williams, contacted our Chair to request \$50.00 for supplies/tools for this Sunday's community service event at the Homeless Garden. Numerous issues; request was not submitted in writing, the event is Sunday, how this expenditure would benefit the greater Kresge community was unclear. Request Denied.

-Film Production Coalition is requesting \$150. for their film festival being held June 9th. Jos motioned to invite, Liza 2^{nds} 9 Hoots, 1 Abstain = Approved

Parliament Updates: Spring Quarter Community Service Project – Sunday, April 22nd – Earth Day Parliament will be joining the Kresge Service Learning class at the Homeless Garden from 10 – 2 p.m. Please dress appropriately, wear sunscreen and bring gloves if you have any. Franklin will be providing snacks. Bring your own water bottle. Meet at the main Kresge parking lot for rides at 9:50 a.m. on Sunday. Pam and Liza driving.

Parliament Swag: Celinda only member to send in an option for swag – gray/black windbreakers with a small logo on the front. Other options still on the table; beanies, crew socks, stickers. Hana will resend the Google poll. By next week, vote for item(s) and design (old one or new one)

Parliament end of year dinner – Google Poll results = Hawaiian for May 17th 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Pono's downtown. Possible themes; Hawaiian, denim, 70th, cowboy, formal, Halloween = popular choice: Halloween. Ian, Liza and Pam will be able to drive. Meet 6:30 p.m. at main parking lot.

Outreach: Kresge Free Book Library Social was tonight 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Lower St. Great food and social time for Parliament members, low to no turn out from the greater Kresge community. Short falls included time of day and late advertising. Ideas moving forward – outreach via flyer(?) for the library to our residents for end of year book drop off.

NOTE: Termite droppings are in the wood cabinet, Pam will submit a fixit ticket.

Community Improvements: Mike purchased a trial white board for the Study Center, maintenance is putting it together and Mike would like feed back before buying any more. A snack machine, Kresge needs one! Closest machine is at Oakes. Parliament discussed possible locations and agreed the laundry room is best, the wood bench, no one uses, could be removed to make room. Pam will check with Mike about the details.

Request to present: Max and SUA is working on a student power document to spell out how the administration announces, works with and includes student voices in big decisions like the LRDP, Housing West, the Academic Integrity policy. Representatives would like to come to Parliament to explain the details & build support. Jos motions to invite, Liza 2^{nds} 7 Hoots, 3 Abstain = Approved

Approval of minutes: 4/12/18 Nick motions to approve the minutes as is, Gavin 2^{nds} 8 Hoots, 1 Abstain = Approved

Report Backs: Council of Chairs finally met, first meeting was last week. Chair turn over this quarter is causing organizational difficulties. Still working on a spring mixer, open to ideas, pool party still popular. A hike or picnic also suggested.

The officers in SUA would like help getting students registered to vote for the June elections. Rent control is supposed to be on the ballot. Request is for tabling one day each, the two weeks before the registration deadline of May 21st. Porter and Kresge could split the tabling and cover one-week day each. Forms will be provided and picked up. Registration rules and best practices will also be provided. Parliament is in favor of one day of tabling.

-SUA – Ian, Jos, Nick – another long meeting 8-11 p.m. – Disability Student Union, Prism is starting a subgroup about gender & sexuality, SUA election bylaws updated and passed, African American Cultural Center + Blackout Conference – Pro African American identifying & Queer student space – redefines intersectionality. Requesting \$250. Tabled to next week, Officer request for more operating budget money, Diving In – debunking myths about the arts funded \$1000., Students for Justice in Palestine conference requesting \$648. – funded, Voter registration drive for June election rent control and tenant protection act. Bus driver presented against TAPS referendum – stated the deficit was/is mismanagement and warned of giving TAPS a blank check, SOFA recommendations shared.

-SCOC – Gavin – One application for the Education Policy Committee, openings for committees and SFAC reps. for next year –info and application on SCOC website. C4 coming up – formal with pizza and cake, Cowell/Stevenson sister event is May 5th 2-5 p.m. is a pool party with slushies. Spotlight this week: Bookstore Review Committee – meets Tuesdays 10 – 11 a.m.

-SAS-Nick – no meeting

Current Affairs – Liza – see attached.

Announcements:

Fri. 4/20 – police will be on campus, be forewarned, pot is illegal at our federally funded institution and we have a no smoking policy all year round.

Tues. 4/24 – College Night – Monsters & Myths of Latin America – P/K Dining Hall 5-7 p.m.

Wed. 4/25 – Walking on Sunshine – DIY photosensitive totes – 1-3p.m. Upper St.

Fri. 4/27 – Outdoor Movie Night on Lower St. 9 p.m. – Lady Bird with refreshments

4/28 & 29 – Alumni Weekend – events going on all over campus – check Alumni Weekend online.

Tues. 5/1 – May Day call for strike activity in support of the dining hall and custodial workers.

May 19th – Jos will be performing at MCF on the Oakes lawn. – all cultural org.s represented with entertainment, food, crafts etc. All are welcome...

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

Current Affairs – Liza

LOCAL NEWS: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's detectives arrested a 15-year-old juvenile for the murder of Ivan Villalobos. Villalobos, 26, of Santa Cruz, was shot to death while he was eating nachos at the Emerald Bay Apartments complex on the 2500 block of Soquel Drive on April 8. The 15-year-old suspect was in custody at the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall where he was being held for a probation violation arrest that occurred just a day later on April 9. This investigation was a joint effort between the Sheriff's Office and the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's Office. The Sheriff's Office said in a statement, "Our investigators have spent many hours piecing this case together and I am pleased they have arrested the suspect responsible for the senseless murder of Ivan Villalobos. I hope this arrest gives the Villalobos family some level of closure in this tragic case." Neighbors said the victim was not a gang member.

BIZARRE NEWS: Neopets made its way into the public eye during the wild west of the world wide web. Like many other dot-com founders, co-creators Adam Powell and Donna Williams took a grassroots approach to creating the virtual pets website. Powell was working two jobs he hated when Neopets was just a twinkle in his eye, and, to his surprise, soon saw his creation grow more rapidly than he had ever expected. Just over 18 years later, Neopets is still lauded as one of the most important sites in the development of children's entertainment in the online realm. The site was (and still is) one of many portals that elicits nostalgia for people who grew up online in the early 2000s — a colorful safe haven where kids learned how to code, spell, and do math while taking care of adorable virtual pets. But underneath Neopia's rainbow-streaked fictional world was an open secret: for at least five years, the company employed business practices directly connected to the Church of Scientology. It may sound like an urban legend, and rumors surrounding the connection between Scientology and Neopets did indeed exist: Some have inferred that the popular Neopet Xweetok was named in the vein of Scientology-lore figure Xenu, but, as Powell told *The Outline* over Reddit, it's not true. There were also unsubstantiated claims that employees were pressured to join Scientology, documented in a Kotaku article that was later removed. However, it's verifiable that Neopets's business practices were connected to Scientology.