

Kresge Parliament – 05/31/18

Start: 6:31 PM Quorum: 9 Ice Breaker: How do you relieve stress?

Guest: Mike Yamauchi-Gleason – Porter/Kresge CAO Quarterly visit

Update: new snack machine is here in Lower St. laundry room, purchased 2 additional of dry erase boards for the Study Center. Kresge Redevelopment is rolling along, Past Friday there were interviews for our construction vendor. Most have built on campus people before. We have a 50% solid design now, will be posted on-line soon. Check in about Banana Slugs for Animals and their Plant Based restaurant idea for Kresge. He talked with the Dining Director, Bill Prime, about this request. The Food Co-op has not met with them yet. Starting next fall, we can host focus groups to get student input before a final decision. If not approved, we can always ask for more plant-based items in the café. This is a dining services space that has to make money.

Q: Housing points: how do they impact students if the housing sign-up time is done in a lottery style fashion? **A:** Priority points, if students have the same number of points- they randomly select those students in a lottery system.

Q: The 600-person auditorium at Kresge, is that the best use of academic space? **A:** There is a need for a bigger lecture hall. The Academic Senate doesn't want 600 seats but rather they want 525 seats. I would like at least 520 seats so all of Kresge could meet together. The size is not being driven just by classes, the architects are trying to incorporate a design that accommodates multiple stakeholders like Conference Srvs.

Q: Do we have any say in Zip Car locations specifically Kresge 143/145 lots? **A:** We can talk to TAPS. TAPS probably put them where people needed them the most. I will ask them.

Q: Can we get more reflective mirrors/lighting on Porter-Kresge Rd., specifically the part of the road that leads to the camper park? **A:** With redevelopment, P/K road is being discussed. The ravine keeps us from expanding. we're debating whether to keep it, make it one way or only pedestrian. We could add extra lighting and this is a good time to ask since we are starting this project.

Q: There was a ballot question this year about support for SHOP at Kresge. This "climate" question included CAPS, CARE, The COVE etc. and whether students would be willing to help pay for it.

A: It's a proposition – some existing academic buildings might be changed for these student services. SHOP doesn't have money to pay for this project and they wanted to float what interest students might have in an additional fee.

Approval of minutes: 5.24.18 Nick motions to approve. Jos 2^{nds}, 7 Hoots, 1 Abstain = Approved

Swag Update: Seven orders this spring makes the total for each windbreaker \$53. (\$26.5 each) After discussion, interested members decided not to order swage this year.

Report Backs:

-SUA: Quinn, Ian – Short meeting, we had election results. A write-in, unknown to Parliament, is the Kresge SUA Elected Rep.(Quinn and Hana won but rejected) TAPS measure did not meet the voting threshold. 23% turn out (3846 students) Results are on the SUA FB page. CALPIRG came.

-SCOC: Quinn, (Gavin absent) Trying to appoint a Metro Board intern. Twenty applicants, we decided who to interview. This Friday is C4 at 5:30 - 7 PM. Food will include different cakes third floor of Bookstore.

-SFAC: Ian - Did not meet.

-SUGB: Ryan - Talked about funding requests and repairs on the Student Union building. They voted on funding free printing and hand sanitizer dispensers for finals week.

-AS/SAS: Nick - We talked about reducing textbook costs. We have posters to advocate for that conversation. Nick will bring the poster that has how they plan to lower costs. CALPIRG same project.

Current Affairs: Liza – see attached.

Announcements:

Sat. 6/2 Rock n' Roll on the Knoll – 12 – 6 p.m. Stevenson

Sat. 6/2 Incredibles – 8:30 p.m. Porter Quad with hot chocolate

Sun. 6/10 – Late Night Breakfast – 10 p.m. Town Hall

Sat. 6/16 – Kresge Commencement – 4 p.m. East Field

Farewell from the Chair - Hana

Hana made and presented certificates with a person forward for each member of Parliament. A first for Kresge Parliament!

2018-2019 Officer Elections

Chair – Michelle Hua and Ian Gregorio– each gave their nomination speech to the membership including their experience, passion and abilities. The membership deliberated for a long time, very hard decision, both are great candidates with years of Parliament service. Finally, Jos motioned to elect Michelle Hua, Bradley 2^{nds}, 3 Hoots, 2 Screeches, 2 Abstain = Approved.

Vice Chair – Nick Zandbergen and Bradley Jin – again, each gave a nominations speech. The membership deliberated, both good candidates. Ian motioned to elect Bradley Jin, Liza 2^{nds}, 4 Hoots, 3 Abstain = Approved.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56 p.m.

Postscript

Thank you, Hana!

As the Secretary, I would like thank you for being on top of Parliament. Thank you for always being on time. Thank you for being so organized and thank you for being such a wonderful Chair. I will miss you. Thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,
Michelle Hua
Parliament Secretary
2017-2018

Current Affairs: Liza

Local News: Several masked suspects who entered a garage in Aptos early Monday morning and attacked three teenage boys with a hammer are still at large, according to the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. At 1:41 a.m. Monday, the suspects accessed the garage in the 100 block of Monte Vista Drive and assaulted the three victims, including two who were asleep, deputies said. After the assault, the suspects stole several items in the area and fled in a vehicle, sheriff's officials said. A 17-year-old victim was taken to a trauma center for significant head injury and is in critical condition, according to the sheriff's office. The two other boys were taken to a hospital and have since been released. Deputies began investigating immediately after the attack and the home was processed for forensic evidence. The surrounding area was canvassed in pursuit of a surveillance video that could have captured the suspects fleeing the area, according to the sheriff's office. The suspects are described as males in their late teens or early 20s, deputies said. The motive for the attack has yet to be determined.

National News: (WARNING: GRAPHIC CONTENT, MENTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE)

Outrage After Man Gets 90 Days For Sexual Assault Of 5-Year-Old Girl. A retired California businessman has accepted a controversial plea deal that spares him prison time for sexually assaulting a 5-year-old girl. Lyle Burgess, 79, of Stockton pleaded no contest to unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor on May 23, for which he received 90 days in jail and five years of probation. According to the terms of sentencing, he isn't required to register as a sex offender and may serve his sentence under house arrest. His home is in an upscale gated community. "The sentence is absurd," Kenneth Meleyco, a lawyer for the victim's family, told Huff Post. "The man pled guilty to statutory rape, which normally involves someone older than a 15-year-old girl. A minor can't consent, but in this case the district attorney amended the complaint and allowed him to plead guilty to a charge that has no factual basis. He should be in state prison and should have to register as a sex offender so people know who he is." If convicted at trial of felony sex with a child under age 10, Burgess could have faced significant prison time. State sentencing guidelines call for a prison term of 25 years to life.

Burgess was arrested on Nov. 23, 2016, and initially charged with four counts of lewd acts upon a child, according to the district attorney's office. The arrest was made after the child's mother reported seeing Burgess put his hand down her daughter's pants. His attorney, Gregory Davenport, told The Associated Press that his client denies molesting the child and accepted the plea deal because he is in frail health and wants to put the allegations behind him. "The whole case was based upon some minor touching," Davenport said. In a Friday press release, the district attorney's office said the allegations would have been difficult to prove in court, adding that the child was not sexually penetrated. Meleyco disagrees. "It wasn't weak," he said. "The little girl told police what he did. She told the police therapist what he did, and she testified to what he did. The mother also saw one of the [incidents], and when he was confronted with all this, he asked for a lawyer, so we never knew his position on all of this." The district attorney's press release says the plea deal was "agreed upon by all parties, including the parents of the child victim." According to Meleyco, the parents were not given a choice. "The way it was presented to them was, 'This is what's going to happen,' and they gave the parents no option as to what to do," he said. The victim's mother condemned the deal while testifying at the sentencing hearing, saying Burgess was "getting off so easy." "I want other kids to be protected by possible future abuse by this man," she said. The child's father said in court, "I don't have too many prized possessions in this world other than my family. [My daughter] will remember this the rest of her life. She sleeps on the floor outside our room." Meleyco is representing the child's family in a civil suit against Burgess seeking unspecified damages for sexual abuse and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

BIZARRE NEWS: A Florida woman's name made for an interesting police report in St. Augustine, particularly since it happened to match the crime she's accused of committing. Forty-year-old Crystal Methvin was taken into custody after being charged with possession of crystal meth, according to the St. Augustine Police Department. Methvin was arrested on May 26 after officers got a tip that a woman was sitting in a car on the side of a local highway. When police arrived, Methvin only had a Florida ID card and didn't have her driver's license. As officers searched the car they reportedly discovered crystal meth in a plastic bag in Methvin's purse. More unused plastic bags were allegedly found in Methvin's purse, leading police to believe the suspect was selling the drugs, according to WJAX. The St. Augustine woman faces a third degree felony charge for possession of meth. She's being held in jail on \$5,000 bond. Crystal Methvin's alleged crystal meth was taken by officers as evidence.