

Kresge Parliament – 04/25/19

Start: 6:32 p.m. Quorum: 12 Ice Breaker: A bench in the forest, who to sit with and why?

Guest: Measure 73 – TAPS Referendum – request for Kresge endorsement

Currently, \$111.66/quarter per student since 2008. Asking for an increase for the next 11 years of \$80. front loaded and then slowing down. The final fee would be \$191. in 2029 with a sunset in 2030. Fee would only prevent further cuts - no additional services. 55.50% voters approved the measure last year but failed because only 21.78% turnout. Because of this, service was reduced in fall, mainly from on-campus shuttles, 20% overall reduction. There is a projected 3% per year increase in costs and they have to run within budget. A one time bail out removed the 3 million deficit but that was it. Student survey revealed total cost was too much, deficit was not current students debt, disability service should not be included. New referendum will add check & balance by SFAC.

Q. Will more service be added in future? A. Yes, looking at electric vehicles, vendor provided shopper shuttles and e-bikes.

Q. Sunset – what will stop another referendum? A. The goal is to get solvent, not kick the can...

Q. Service was reduced this year, is that the start point? A. Yes, with the deficit removal, annual budget will have to be followed – no more overruns. Will need to get creative with collaborations and Metro expenses.

Also looking for volunteers to help get out the vote. – free Yes on 73 tee!

Deliberations: Cost an issue, do we tell other to vote yes? Do we make a decision for future students? There will be an SFAC review each year. Student may have to pay for bus service? Where did the bail out money come from and why is there no more? Bus availability is an access issue. Alternative options include walking, bikes, carpools but not everyone is body able. Link/Uber are not sustainable. Bradley motions to not endorse, Ryan 2^{nds} 7 Hoots, 5 Abstain = Approved.

Measure 73 – Student Government Fee Amendment is also seeking endorsement. Parliament has taken the position of not endorsing referendum in the election. Jos motions to not endorse, Ryan 2^{nds} 10 Hoots, 2 Abstain = Approved.

SUA VP of Academic Affairs request to present about Student teacher evals. and textbook costs. Jos motions to invite for a ten-minute presentation in two weeks, Karlee 2^{nds}, 8 Hoots, 3 Screeches, 2 Abstain = Approved

Proposed quarterly SUA check in scheduled for Wed. 5/8 with SUA Pres., CPCs and Senate Chairs. Michelle not sure about attending, as is our CPC Pam? What is the agenda???

Budget Requests for next week: Kresge/Oakes 45 - class members request for \$100. to cover dining hall cost for non meal plan holders. Twenty students meet twice per week.

Discussion: Parliament does not fund academic projects or food unless it is necessary to event. The Porter/Kresge Budget Analyst added the class has it's own budget from Oakes & Kresge sponsorship. How this would contribute to the whole community is unclear. Nick motions to not invite, Quinn 2^{nds}, 11 Hoots, 1 Abstain = Approved

Parliament Updates:

Provost visit debrief II: General take away is interested students should gather and form a committee to lay groundwork for a college wide Kresge retreat. Other student groups should be included. Initial brain storming can start this spring for a fall retreat date. We have three meetings post-dinner. Jos suggests utilizing Ben's house for location, host a meal and invite professors. Zip

Line has broad support too. Members conducted a show of hands for in meeting discussion or outside committee meeting = vote split 50/50.

Parliament Mural Night is next week, May 2nd. Parliament hours 6:30 – 8 p.m. Setup starts 6pm, with cleanup afterwards. Refreshments: Capri Sun & 7up, Anna will finish the flyer and Pam will enlarge for posters.

Parliament Dinner – Thurs. May 16th. Olive Garden is not in the vendor system. Second choice is Pono's. Costumes? Nothing decided - wear what you will. 6:30pm meet at Lounge. Two drivers for a 7 p.m. reservation outside on the patio.

Approval of minutes: 4/18/19 Anna motions to approve, Jos 2^{nds}, 8 Hoots, 3 Abstain = Approved

Report Backs:

SUA: Anna only – TAPS did not present for Measure 73, Labor Commission next week, SOFA funding – see SUA minutes for details, by-law amendment/DRC Rep. to provide more accessibility options. Election Commissioner and Assist. getting acclimated for election – every college should have a student rep. by April 30th. \$100 stipend for a few meetings and election week outreach. Quinn Chalmers volunteers, Michelle will forward contact info to SUA.

SCOC: Karlee – Wasted meeting time - talked about SCOC dinner. The Kresge SCOC outreach event is Sunday, May 19th 12-3 p.m. on Lower St. There will be a bounce house and food. Looking for volunteers, shift schedule will be forwarded. (Porter SCOC Rep. stepped down.)

SFAC: Ian – N/A.

SUGB: Danny – N/A

AS/SAS: Nick – Campus currently planning to revamp curriculum around Middle East courses. Persian and Arabic language classes next year, more diversity.

Current Affairs: Jos – see attached.

Announcements:

Tonight 4/25 – Queeraoke hosted by KMEC in Town Hall 8-9:30 p.m.

Fri. 5/26 – Spider-verse Outdoor Movie 9pm Lower St - refreshments

Sat./Sun 27 & 28 – Alumni Weekend – various events – Provost brunch on Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Tues. 4/30 – The Art of Mexico College Night 5-7 p.m. P/K Dining Hall – tickets at Programs Office

Thurs. 5/2 – Parliament Mural Night “Leave Your Mark” 6:30 – 8 p.m. Upper St. with refreshments

Sat. May 18th- Service Day at the Farm w/ Jos 10am-1pm. Sadly overlaps Parliament Service Day.

Sat May 18th– St. Francis Soup Kitchen – cleaning day 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. lunch provided=Franklin

Meeting Adjourned: 7:56pm.

Current Affairs: Jos

State: Trump Administration Releases Plan to Open California to Oil Drilling

THE TRUMP administration on Thursday issued a draft plan that would open up more than 1 million acres in California to leasing for oil companies, angering environmental groups that want to see a broad shift away from fossil fuels. The Interior Department's plan would end a five-year moratorium on leasing federal lands in California to fossil fuel businesses. A federal judge in 2016 ruled that the Bureau of Land Management failed to take a "hard look" at the potential environmental impacts of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, in its environmental impact statement for the land around Bakersfield, a city in central California. In a 2017 settlement, the agency agreed to complete a new analysis of the environmental impacts of oil leases in its plan. According to the plan, which fulfills the judge's demand for further analysis, the agency did not find a "notable increase" in environmental impacts from fracking compared to its previous findings. Environmental groups slammed the plan, saying the Trump administration's push for fossil fuels in California does not match up with the state's clean energy future. "Trump's plan would unleash a fracking frenzy that puts California's people and wildlife in harm's way," said Clare Lakewood, a senior attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity, an Arizona-based nonprofit that focuses on protecting endangered species. "This administration is dead set on letting oil and gas companies dig up every last drop of dirty fuel. Putting these public lands back at the mercy of the fossil fuel industry would be a huge blow to our state's future." Fracking, the process of extracting oil through high-pressure water, chemicals and sand injections underground, exacerbates air quality issues in the San Joaquin Valley, according to the Central California Environmental Justice Network. The plan includes federal lands in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare and Ventura counties. "This proposal targets some of our region's most iconic landscapes, including state parks, nature reserves, recreation areas and national parks, forests and monuments," said Jeff Kuyper, the executive director for local nonprofit Los Padres Forest Watch. "Residents throughout the central coast who care about the fate of these lands should let their voices be heard during the comment period. "The draft plan will undergo a 45-day public comment period before the Interior Department reviews the comments and makes a final decision.

World: Parrot clams up after it was detained for warning owners of law enforcement presence in drug raid

Parrots are really smart: You can train them to speak multiple languages, and even sing opera. You can also apparently train your parrot to be a police lookout, which is exactly what some Brazilian drug dealers did. An unnamed parrot was taken into custody in northern Brazil following a police raid targeting crack dealers, according to a report by The Guardian. The bird reportedly was taught to alert the criminals of nearby police and apparently was found cawing "Mum, the police!" in Portuguese right around the time that cops were preparing to raid the home of two suspected crack dealers in Vila Irmã Dulce, a neighborhood in northeast Brazil. "He must have been trained for this," local police told Brazilian media after the raid, The Guardian reports. "As soon as the police got close he started shouting." Unfortunately for the criminals, the feathered lookout was unable to warn its owners in time for the raid. Police were able to capture the alleged drug dealers even while the parrot squawked a warning of their arrival. The parrot was seized and brought back to the station for questioning, but the bird has chosen to plead the fifth and police have been unable to retrieve any further information.

According to the report, local vet Alexandre Clark told a Brazilian journalist that the loyal parrot was not cooperating with the police. "Lots of police officers have come by and he's said nothing," said Clark. The bird allegedly got off easy. The "papagaio do tráfico" (drug trafficking parrot) was eventually sent to a local zoo to be trained to fly and eventually released, according to the Brazilian broadcaster Globo.