

Muir College Council Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions

Icebreaker: If there's one thing on campus you wish there was more of, what would it be?

Date: 21 May 2015

Start: 6:03 PM

Attendance

- **Present**

- **Advisors:** Patty, Katy
- **Internal Members:** Moiz, Gus, Coleshia, Danny, Sarah, Miguel, Ismael, Kylie, Taylor, Simon, Maria, Ayesha, Brian
- **External Members:** Rachel, Lesly, Moiz, Taylor,
- **Guests:** Andrew (Managing Editor of MQ), Katherine (Graphics editor MQ), Provost John Moore, Abilene Valdez

- **Excused:** Andrea, Isabelle

- **Unexcused:** none

II. **Moment of Silence:** 3 UCSD Medical students, 3 day weekend, Gender-Inclusive Housing, Non-first years that have to live in res halls, Moiz living off campus, Mental health awareness week

III. **Approval of Minutes:** Move to approve the Minutes (Miguel, Ayesha)

IV. **Public Input, Council Announcements, and General Happenings**

- Provost John Moore
 - Q&A
 - What changes are there going to be in FYE?
 - Two versions of the class, one for freshman and one for transfer students
 - Will environmental lecture series continue?
 - 3 speakers, one each quarter
 - Kim Stanley Robinson on the life of John Muir
 - Councilmember David Alvarez about zoning
 - Steve Goldbeck talked about sea levels rising
 - Next year, getting ideas of people to bring
 - Hoping to do it at least once per quarter

- What do you think is Muir's biggest problem and how will you address it?
 - Room selection – we just don't have enough housing
 - One thing that will help is the end of the 4 year guarantee
 - Next year, there will probably be less crowding
 - Juniors and Seniors won't be able to live on campus
 - We need to build more housing – where? Which colleges will get it?
 - Talk about taking a parking lot and making Muir/Marshall housing
 - Curriculum – most flexible GEs, that's good!
 - Working on students needing 72 Upper Division units
 - 180 units to graduate
 - Proposal put in to change it to 60 UD units
 - If it passes, then Muir will be the same as everyone else
 - Will effect transfer students a lot
- Who would it affect?
 - It's retroactive and would include everyone
 - It could mean that you don't have to do the extra 72 units
 - UCSD has lowest percentage of freshman who graduate in 4yrs and transfers that graduate in 2yrs
- MOM
 - Some are proposing that MOM should not be run by the college
 - Patty and Provost worked together
 - Plan:
 - It's doing really well
 - College will pay down \$60k deficit with \$50k
 - Hopefully next year there will be no deficit
 - Could buy a projector and a screen to have movie nights
 - Could get artists to play
 - Can do a lot once it's out of debt
- Units?
 - If you take 12 each quarter you won't graduate in 4 years
 - Maybe having students take 12 units + Freshman seminar = 13 units
 - Need to lower the number of units in a way that doesn't impact students negatively yet still get students out in 4 years
- Do you think there are enough hydration stations ?
 - 2 in the college, one in Roots, and one in Pines

- More would be beneficial
- International Students
 - Aiming for 20% international students
 - More of a policy than a cap
- Lots of pressure coming from president Napolitano who's getting pressure from the state government
 - Various people talking about what changes can be made
 - Some GEs are decreasing in some colleges
 - There are more people eligible for UCs than there is space
 - If you keep people for an extra year, that's another person that can't attend a UC
- Vote coming up on basic writing program (ELWR / SDCC courses)
 - Used to: have to take course and pass the exit exam
 - Revamped the curriculum for SDCC – no need for exit exam
 - Proposing that exit exam gets taken away
 - Must be taken to faculty senate for approval

V. **Business of the Day: Allocation Requests/ Funding Requests**

- Rachel (ASCE Representative)
 - Senior send-off in RIMAC Fields
 - AS has cut ASCE's budget which is why they're asking for money
 - Asking for \$2000 from each college council (but it will benefit Muir most since Muir has most students attending)
 - About \$4.50 per Muir student
 - Last year, 15% of Muir Students attended Senior Send-Off
 - Muir gets privileges for sponsoring ASCE
 - banner space
 - brand recognition on Bear Garden website
 - brand recognition on campus wide student flyers
 - verification of all agreed components by a week after the date of the event
 - What would it look like if all councils didn't give \$2000?
 - If you don't get any money, then it for sure won't happen
 - Not sure what will be taken away and what will be kept
 - Possibly be moved back to Matthews Quad? But might not happen if not enough funding
 - Event open to the public but aimed toward graduating seniors
 - Not possible to have the event with only the \$8000 from ASCE
 - Could ASCE work with a smaller amount of money?
 - Probably, but cannot guarantee
 - **Move to suspend bylaw 8L (Ismael, Miguel) 10-0-2**

- **Move to allocate \$1000 from GU (General Unallocated) to ASCE for Senior Send Off.** (Simon, Maria) 12-0-2
- Katherine (MQ Graphics Editor) and Andrew (MQ Managing editor)
 - MQ Reunion
 - Asking for \$300 to fund it
 - Majority will go to catering from UCSD Catering
 - In print since '88 (on and off) and there's never been a reunion
 - Nice because it reaches a lot of generations
 - **Move to allocate \$300 from GU (General Unallocated) to MQ for MQ Reunion.** (Taylor, Maria) 15-0-2
- Ismael
 - Informal student org meeting May 22, from 3-4pm in Half Dome
 - Many orgs got the email but we don't know how many are coming
 - Asking for \$25 for Costco Muffins
 - Move to suspend bylaw 8H (Simon, Maria) 10-0-3
 - **Move to allocate \$25 from GU for Muir Org Head informal meeting** (Maria, Ayesha) 9-0-4
- Katy (On behalf of SOAR)
 - School of Arts Revolution at Muir
 - Performing arts group
 - Show on May 31
 - Larger scale show
 - Multipurpose room in Student SC
 - Requesting more money for ordererves from BJs and a few supplies
 - \$553.30
 - Show is called *Treasure Noir*
 - **Move to allocate \$553.30 from GU to SOAR** (Taylor, Ismael) 11-0-2

VI. **External Member Reports (Present)**

ASCE Representative – Rachel Adams

- Bear Gardens tomorrow (May 22, 2015) at 3pm in Matthew's Quad
- New AVP and hiring new staff
 - Applications are up
- Saturday, May 23 – Movie screening: Big Hero 6
 - On SunGod Lawn
 - 9pm
- Fierce dance tonight (May 21) at 8pm at the loft

HDH Representative – Jessie Gois

- No report

WCSAB – Lesly Figueroa

- No report

Spirit Chair – Moiz Ansari

- No report

UCAB Representative – Taylor Hunter

- Space allocation brought up and had to revote
 - Someone sent a proxy who was a member of CCAS
 - Space hasn't been allocated
- Appointments of members at large
- Shogun review is up
 - Everyone was in favor of Shogun staying
 - Lease was extended for 3 years
- Two new members at large are:
 - Gary – Marshall Student Rep
 - Other name not disclosed
- Last week, Dlush had secret shopping happening
 - Focus groups were this Thurs. (May 21) and Tues (May 19)
 - Had review earlier, but it wasn't concrete
 - Results of review will be there by next meeting or the week after that

J-Board Chair – Carlos Moreno

- No report

SCRRC Representative – none

- No report

Muirstock Chair – Allison Win

- No report

SFAB Representative – Mihiri Ukuwela

- No report

Move to go into executive session from external reports (Taylor, Ayesha) 12-0-1

VII. **Chairs Caucus**

- None

VIII. **New Council Business**

- Executive session: Interviews
 - Move to appoint Marisa Meza and Gabriela Haddad as our new Celebrating John Muir Week / Muirstock Co-chairs (Moiz, Ismael) 13-0-0

IX. **Old Council Business**

- Gus

- Tell everyone to apply to Sprit Chair, J-Board Chair, and VP External Position
- Sarah
 - May 22 between 12pm and 1pm
 - Going to MOM to make posters for the new positions to put up in the res halls
- Miguel
 - We should spam Facebook pages about positions and liking our page
- Simon
 - Bring up announcements in house meetings!
- Maria
 - Possibly advertise MCC Facebook page in Muir Words / make posters

X. **Reports of Committees**

- Glacier Point Committee
 - Has yet to meet with Justin
 - Was supposed to happen today, but didn't happen
 - Has a lot of ideas for the space
 - Will try to schedule a meeting time with him sometime soon
- Rules Committee
 - Didn't get the chance to officially meet
 - Have Google doc and they're making changes to the bylaws
 - Will either present week 10 or week 1 of fall quarter
 - Trying to make it VP Internals' job to be in charge of the committee

XI. **Internal Member Reports**

President – Moiz Ansari

- Will be working on planning retreat with Miguel and future VP External
- If you're a member of Muir FAB, stay after meeting
- Important dates:
 - October 7: Closing applications for fall external positions
 - October 10: When we will be accepting applicants for new positions
 - October 17: Will be MCC retreat

Vice President of External Affairs – None

- No report

Vice President of Administrative Affairs – Coleshia Webb

- No report

Vice President of Finance – Danny Lim

- Promoted trivia night last night (May 22)
- Will be hearing back from orgs next week

Vice President of Public Relations – Sarah Main

- We'll be taking photos on 11th floor of Tioga this Sunday at 3pm
 - Show up please!
- Poster making tomorrow (May 22)
- MCC web address will be muircollegecouncil.wordpress.com

Vice President of Internal Affairs – Miguel Vazquez

- Will post a link on Facebook for week 10 icebreaker
 - True colors quiz
- If you have any icebreakers, send them to Miguel
- Tag people on Facebook if you want your post to be seen

Student Org Ambassadors – Ismael Ramirez & Kylie Etter

- Informal Org Head meeting May 22 from 3pm-4pm
 - Will ask them to debrief Spring Leadership Retreat
 - Ask them why they didn't go (if they didn't go)
 - Maybe consider having a mini-leadership conference sometime during the year
- Will ask FOOSH for Org Head bear

Resident Student Representative – Taylor Hunter

- Athlete dinner is May 22
 - Want to encourage Muir Students interact with our athletes
 - 5-7pm in Mariposa Room
 - Food from Souplantation
- Say Cheese MRC event
 - Cultural event from 1-3pm
 - Professional photographer doing headshots
- Elections
 - Kylie new vice chair
 - Miguel is new social chair
 - Programming and publicity chair also got positions

First Year Representative – Andrea McDermott

- No report

International Representative – Simon Fielder

- Working on getting other councils to appoint International Reps
- Possibly get a committee of all international reps together

Commuter Student Representative – None

- MRC report must be done by fall of week 10
- Environmental advocate is appointed by MEC (by week 2)

Transfer Student Representative – None

- No report

Environment Advocate – Maria Winters

- Inner-Sustainability Council (ISC)
 - All-campus ones meet each week to figure out how to collaborate / figure out how to make the campus more green
 - Planning on having a table at Bear Gardens to promote ISC
 - Che Café has meatless Monday's (Vegan food!) and there's not a lot of people going
 - Trying to increase attendance
 - Surf Rider had an event Monday (May 17) about keeping the ocean clean
- Gift Committee met
 - Muir Notebook as new student gift
 - Possibly a travel mug – to go along with the Climate Action Plan (CAP)
 - Zero waste by 2020
 - Incentive with a reusable travel mug
 - More expensive and would require between \$900-\$1000 more
 - Possibly come from Green fund?
- Move to extend time by 5 minutes (move by consensus)
 - Straw poll: Travel Mug more popular

Diversity Advocate – Brian Yeo

- No report

Muir Senators – Ayesha Sayeed & Isabelle Pinard

- Resignation my AVP Travis Miller
- Made changes to new Financial Controller and new AVP College Affairs will term in
 - Angela Fronda for new AVP College Affairs
 - Tristin Bell for new Financial Controller
- Biodecathalon this weekend
 - \$700 prize
- Fierce dance tonight (May 21)
- Thrifty project next Tuesday, May 26
- Next week (Week 9) HDH rep is coming in

Coordinator of Student Activities (Adviser) – Katy Brecht

- SLR was successful
- Senior Send-Off was yesterday
 - Super fun
- MVP did an event with GenerateHope
 - Doing a drive all week to benefit them
 - SD is #8 highest when it comes to sex trafficking
- Money request for price difference for mugs will be brought in week 10
- Leadership banquet is next Thursday, May 28 at Rock Bottom
- For Andrea (First Year Representative)
 - Magic Mountain tickets still for sale
 - They're selling really well
 - Event is Saturday, May 23
 - MOB is planning Stressed is Desserts

- Thursday is Week 10
- Theme is fluffy
 - Will have Therapy Fluffies
 - Either cotton candy or popcorn

Dean of Student Affairs (Adviser) – Patty Mahaffey

- No MCC meeting on Thursday, May 28
- Leaves to go to China next Friday, May 29, so she won't be here for the meetings for the rest of the school year
- Senior Stoles have been selling really well
 - \$15, whereas the bookstore sells them for \$40
- Needs people from MCC to speak at Freshman orientation

XII. **Important Dates**

- None

XIII. **2nd Roll Call**

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XIV. **Adjournment**

9:07 PM (Coleshia, Taylor)