

Muir College Council Minutes

I. Rollcall

- *Date: 2/2/2017*
- *Start: 6:01*
- *Attendance*
 - Present
 - *Advisors: Patty*
 - *Internal Members: Gus, Julia, Kyler, Brandon, Sunny, Tarun, Aditya, Ricky, Sima, Matthew, Amber, Natasha, Alberto, Saakib, Sophia, Anshul, Prabhleen, Braden*
 - *External Members: Astrea, Roy, Sashaank, Anshul, Patricia D, Ellie, Patricia V, Uma*
 - *Guests: Juan Gonzalez, Lesly*
 - Excused: Alex
 - Unexcused: Aishwarya, Dev

II. Moment of Silence:

- Compassion, Sima for going out to Karaoke event, In-Tea-vention, careers and student affairs, week 4, first round of midterms, aspiring leaders conference, Gus' speech

III. Review of Minutes:

- Move to approve last week's minutes (Patricia D., Sima) consensus

IV. Public Input:

- None

V. Allocation Requests:

- Whale Watching Lien -- Hosted by MEC
 - A one day event where a lot of people go watch whales
 - Move to release lien for whale watching (Tarun, Matthew) consensus

VI. Special Presentations:

- **Juan Gonzalez VCSA**
 - Are there any new developments regarding transfer students?
 - No notable new transfer programs
 - New requirement for transfers that requires them to have completed their major prep, has decreased the number of transfer applicants
 - Get them ready to take Junior year courses
 - Had issue of transfers having to retake courses
 - Since admissions have gone up, is the university concerned about graduation rates and class sizes?
 - Very focused on graduation rates despite number of students
 - Reviews retention and graduation rates of students

- Monitor factors that affect student success
- What is the VCSA office and the UC system doing to be sure that we are accommodating those affected by the Muslim ban?
 - We can still admit qualified students from the 7 countries
 - Regents and Legislatures are concerned about the number of international students that enroll at universities; considering capping international enrollment
 - Fought to maintain current nonresident enrollment percentage
 - Concerned that international students are being told to consider countries other than the US due to uncertainty about this country's future
 - Making sure that the international student programs are win touch with students at this time
 - Identifying and tending to special cases
 - Need to deal with these students on a case-case basis
 - Working to identify those who are most affected, e.g. those who are out of the country
 - Advising everyone to avoid travel
- Is the VCSA office doing anything to encourage faculty to be supportive of students at this stressful time?
 - Cannot force everyone to act with compassion
 - There's a team on campus lead by Dr. Krandle (sp?) who meets with the deans/faculty to help them more easily spot students in need
- What type of outreach is being done for historically underrepresented groups?
 - Helping students capture the vision of going to college anywhere, not just UCSD
 - Last year, 107,000 applications
 - 49-69% increase
 - Record number of applicants this year
- What is being done for students who do not have housing over breaks due to the ban?
 - The need has been identified but since it is still very close to the ban, no concrete steps have been taking
- How is the issue of controversial speakers being handled?
 - Personally believes that hate speech must be drowned out by a more positive message
- What do the futures of Summer Bridge and related programs hold?
 - VCSA wants to protect the program and see it succeed
 - Successful people give credit to the Trio programs

VII. Unfinished Business:

VIII. New Business:

- Move to make Amber our elections manager (15-0-2)
- Brandon will be the elections representative

- Discussion about whether Student at Large should be elected or appointed
 - Student at Large should be elected because they represent the large population of Muir students and should thus be picked by them
 - They should be appointed to streamline the process
 - Move to extend time by three minutes (Kyler, Alberto)
 - Not many people apply and this gives freshmen opportunities for a position in student government
 - Move to extend time by two minutes (Sophia, Kyler)
 - Move to extend time by three minutes (Sashaank, Matthew)
 - The purpose of this position is to have someone from any year to represent the student body
 - Spread awareness for elections to resolve issue of having a population of not that many people voting
 - It is up to council to advertise to vote for elections
 - Straw poll: I would support moving Student at Large to elected vs appointed (19-5)
- Getting rid of one of the Student Org Ambassadors
 - Purpose of having two student org ambassadors is because student orgs gets two votes and everyone else gets one vote
 - The job of the Student Org Ambassador can realistically be managed by one person
 - Having two individuals helps in case one person is not there
 - There are a lot of people that they have to communicate with – student org heads are also hard to get a hold of
 - *Alberto leaves*
 - *Roy leaves*
 - Straw poll: keep 2 internal vs keep 2 – 1 internal, 1 external vs Only 1 vs 3+ (7-12-9-3)

IX. Teambuilder:

X. Reports:

- Committees
 - **Visibility & Outreach**
 - Toilet notes are a little empty so message Sima if you have anything
 - Habitat for Humanity will be our service
 - Straw poll: Do service this quarter vs next quarter (12-9)
 - Straw poll: On a Saturday vs Sunday (11-10)
 - It might be on March 4th Saturday of week 7
 - It might be pushed back to next quarter
 - For the giveaway – not everyone on council has shared it
 - Please share it if you can
 - Only 3 people have done it
 - It will now be a Facebook event so that it is more likely for people to look at it
 - Goals for the next two quarters is having meetings in the Village

- Will advertise elections
 - Educate about slates and running
 - Campus Improvement
 - At last meeting, Justin and Patty visited
 - There is a construction problem with the whole backing area next to Roots
 - We might not be able to make Roots a study space because of this
 - Risks of making over-night area
 - Might make it an org hang out place or poster making area
 - For glacier point we have to figure out the signage
 - We will design something and vendors will look at it to make it better
- Advisors & A.S. Senators
 - Dean of Student Affairs – Patty Mahaffey
 - Immigration status
 - There are 300 students at our school that follow the Dream Act for DOCA
 - If they sunset it then the DOCA students will remain here
 - 150 students here that are being served by the academic attorney
 - There are 3 aspects of D1
 - Invite from the league
 - Student vote
 - Faculty vote
 - Once we get invite we should be able to play in 2019 and 2020 year
 - Tuition went up
 - Updates to the blue call stations
 - Trying to get locking mechanisms in some lecture halls if necessary
 - Enabling campus to have a shot spotter – geo location of shooter on campus
 - College bowl – we should make a team
 - New hydroflasks are out at your local MOM
 - Muir Senators – Ricky F & Sima Navid
 - Public Input
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 - Richard Thompson- discounts for museums
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 - Angie Aguilar- art initiative (2 approved so far), permanent item initiative (2 approved so far), available to orgs (\$6000 was allocated to this initiative)
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 - Reports of External News
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- VPE Chavez- one minute world news clip
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- Reports of Members
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- Jan- TFP set to open feb 12, pub project ahead of schedule, open mid may, retail committee coming up w/ plans for DLush space, off campus housing website plan like cal rentals
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- Alkhaja- met w/ international student center and their directors w/ feedback on the ban, revamping the webinar w/ little videos instead of modules, triton day more interactive for international students who cant come here
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- Kutubi-SFAC AEP get more money to expand the program to have less GE reqs and so that transfers can use it, Art power requesting 56000 to reduce ticket price fom 10 to 9 dollars, TFP double dipping w/ AS funds and SFAC funds, vetting process for ppl coming through the TFP, social innovation project use students funds to create NGOs on campus, geek life wanted money to keep workshops for new members, approve oasis initiative summer bridge program, creating more bridge programs for transfers and low income studets, assess rec facilities to understand why they have deficit, sport facility operations position?
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- FC Pennish- first time permanent item initiative has been done or art items so promote it until week 8!!!! Will be a while until it happens again, AVC student life committee rn (let them know if there's anything you'd like to see in candidates for the position)
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- AD Weng- Rubin's visit on the global food initiative (giving money to TFP), tackle issues of food insecurity, wants to meet w/ us,
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- Pres Juarez- exec vc toward end of May everything will be finalized, VPE committee met, interviews will be held next Tuesday , QandA session next Wed @ 5, mandatory for session, off campus physical, out of state, and biological sciences senator positions (need 3 senators for each of these committees, let Daniel know if interested), AVP Health and Wellness app still open, only 1 app so far, elections manager need applicants, last basic needs coordinator open forum this Friday (come though), feb 27-26 of March survey will be open for the transportation working group
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- Goble- SFAB want to host more events showing resources of the facilities etc,
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- EA Walker- Next Friday 3:30-4:30pm chancellor visit
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- VPE Chavez- tuition hike and prop 13 steps to be taken throughout UC's, silent tree action regarding Dakota Pipeline Access 2/2 12-2, share the facebook pages adan has emailed
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- Senator Projects
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- Jan- standing rule committee meeting Tuesday 7pm
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- Arrolado- CARE at SARC event at ridgewalk feb 13 12-2, affirmation grams, etc
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- Question Time
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- Rizvi- why are s spots becoming b spots, gains says b/c of construction
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- EA Walker- questions for Khosla, sanctuary cities, feasibility of lowering HDH fees or opt out of dining plan if living on campus, how much are donations and sponsorships going to back to students, explain how his office manages campus department reserve accounts, how will the university be using the money from the fee increase (can email w/ more ideas until tomorrow at 12am)
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- Maddula- update on stipend for fellowship director stipend (there is none)
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- Reports of committee
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- Finance committee
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- F1-3 have been tabled indefinitely
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- Open Forum
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- VPCA Ekdhal- teach for America (if juniors are interested let Sabrina know)
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- Rizvi- going to submit language w/in next week to divest from ppl doing the dakota access pipeline
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- Juarez- petition for SB54- concerning the "California value act" (Creates model policy for entities for how to take care of ppl's info so that they're not giving things away to ICE or Border Patrol)
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- Kutubi- starting special Olympics club at UCSD, let ppl know if theyre interested

- - Rizvi- terminate partnership w/ UBER in lieu of the recent Muslim Ban events
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 - Gaines supports it, Alkhaja as well, Lin (why did we switch from TR to uber, Pennish says we aren't affiliated w/ TR), Begur (what happened w/ UBER, they hiked prices and didn't support cause), Kutubi (what was the deal diff b/c lyft and uber, pennish says uber didn't want us to pay straight up), jan make sure to have all the facts, gaines comparing it to the wells fargo prison divestment (do it), Alkhaja students have raised concerns and since its their money we should spend it like so, ????
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 - Jones- spirit night, come through
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 - Gaines- BRC tailgate 3pm
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 - Thorres- weeks 6,7,8 12-1 ccc conf room will be diff workshop type things
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 - Jan- publicize housing survey
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 - EA Walker- student regent app still open
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 - Ekdhal- WE HAVE SPIRI SHITS OMG
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 - Juarez-let her know if you want to be in a search committee
 - Move to extend time by two minutes (Tarun, Matthew)
- President - Gus Guerrero
 - AS election filing will begin week 8
 - Know your council will be week 2 of spring
 - Trying to have us volunteer at bear garden, winter of week 8, march 3rd
 - Jan is going to set up a centralized calendar for events at AS.ucsd.edu page
 - Dodgeball will be coming soon against all the other colleges
 - Meet your counterpart sometime this quarter
 - We have to decide when we are going to do the MLU for the triton food pantry
 - We allocate \$1000 to the triton food pantry yearly and if you want to change it we will discuss with all of the colleges later in the quarter
 - Move to extend time by two minutes (Saakib, Tarun)
 - Planning a summit retreat
- External Members
 - ASCE Representative – Uma Mahto

- No report
- SFAC Representative – Astrea Villarroel-Sanchez
 - Waiting on AS Graphics to finalize "TritonSpark"
 - Proxy for next week
 - Different division heads will be speaking at the next important meetings
- UCAB Representative – Roy Velasquez
 - Pub Project Construction looking good for planned completion by May 28th.
 - Food pantry construction should be done sometime around the 16th.
 - Trying to implement a new system for students to find off campus housing.
 - It will take several weeks for window of PC to be fixed because it is custom glass.
 - Panda Express has renewed their lease for 10 years.
- SFAB Representative – Sashaank Pasumarthi
 - If you want presentation of what SFAB is, someone can come in to talk about it
 - Straw poll: wants SFAB to come in vs no (14-?)
- LSAC Representative – Devarat Bodas
 - No report
- HDH Representative – Anshul Chandan
 - Still can't go to meetings and minutes haven't been uploaded yet so going off the powerpoint presented :/
 - HDH will start evaluating costs for students for next year and years beyond. Talked about the Torrey Pines Living and Learning Community housing/dining project and how that will affect student fees for the next few years.
 - Currently reviewing with the committee what service they think should be better, what can we cut back on, etc. So let me know!
 - Building a new fire station on campus
 - Building a new engineering building
 - Making separate commuter dining program
- SCSG Representative – Patricia Du
 - No report; no meeting
- JMC / Muirstock Co-Chair – Ellie Saitoh and Patricia Vasquez
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- Internal Members
 - Vice President of External Affairs – Julia Li
 - I will be meeting with external members next week or the week after so be on the lookout for another doodle. (strawpoll: will week 5 or 6 work better?)
 - Vice President of Internal Affairs – Kyler Vaughn
 - We had council visits last Friday! Winter Summit will be February 18th. Please fill out the munchies list and the council recognition form!

- First 50th anniversary meeting
 - Next week is the 50th anniversary
 - Have potential speakers
 - If you have ideas for collaboration let Kyler know
 - Having a John Muir conference about John Muir and his life and perhaps another symposium on the environment
 - Maybe have a new time capsule committee
 - Still having hours to pick new student activities coordinator
- Vice President of Finance – Sunny Sun
 - No report
- Vice President of Administrative Affairs – Brandon Tran
 - No report
- Vice President of Public Relations – Alex Harbert
 - Pick up your polos. I'm (obviously) not there tonight but Sima ran v/o and did great. Also who wants to collaborate with me for a Know Your Council?
- Student Org Ambassadors – Tarun Pasumarthi & Aditya Mehta
 - Working on scheduling a student org head meeting for week 6-7
- Diversity Advocate – Sophia Elkihel
 - There was no cultural conversation this week but there will be next week. I am working on a new project. There is a Lgbtqia+ Disability Justice Awareness workshop at 2 in the LGBTRC tomorrow.
- Environment Advocate – Saakib Akbany
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- Spirit Advocate – Anshul Chandan
 - Spirit night is tomorrow
 - There will be free shirts
 - Given by MRC and the rec (you could get 2 shirts)
 - There will be free Vietnamese sandwiches
 - Muir is trying to win again
 - No fee
 - There will be a Muir tailgate before from 3 – 5PM
- Health and Wellness Advocate – Aishwarya Bhadada
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- International & Out-of-State Representative – Alberto Nencioni
 - - Thanks to everyone who has showed up at Muir Lunar New Year Celebration last Friday! A huge thank you to all the members of council who helped me at either the Calligraphy or the Dumpling stations! The Outreach and I are looking forward to making this event become a tradition... (I will fill out the Project Log form over the weekend).
 - - Leadership Part Two: Networking & Interviewing. (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1811486482437367/>) This Friday, 12-1PM at the Career Services Center.
 - - INTERNATIONAL LOVE! Coming up next Friday (hopefully it won't rain...). I will be having a meeting with the Outreach, Haley and

Justin (from the College Centers) this Friday to finalize all the details. I will post the link to a Google sheet for you all to sign-up for a shift: we definitely need many people during setup (6-7PM) and clean-up (11-12AM). During the actual event, you all can enjoy it and have fun... We just need three people each hour to take care of the popcorn and water stations. **SPREAD THE WORD ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLEASEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!!** Also... Good news: we ended up saving a lot more money than expected.

- Resident Student Representative – Matthew Lin
 - Spirit Night is Tomorrow
 - In contact with Marshall overflow representative
 - Thought of having event Friday of week 7 from 12-2PM, March 3rd
 - Event will be called Muir meets Marshall
 - We will be stationed in front of MOM
 - Has requested allocation for pizza
 - Purpose is to know what's going on between the colleges
 - Perhaps we should not “give out” free pizza because students are not learning anything
 - Argument that it will bring people out
- Commuter Student Representative – Amber Shreve
 - ACCB will be having three Social Power Events on February 2nd, February 16th, and March 16th.
 - ACCB vice chair and off-campus senator Azze, will be having a Commuter Budgeting and Finance Workshop that will be 3pm on February 14th.
- Transfer Student Representative – Natasha Bell
 - 1. Village Hangout: Feb 10th 3-5pm with Taco Villa, Pool Table, Possible Ping Pong Tournament.
 - 2. Find My Valentine Event (Speed Dating)- Feb 13th 7-9 PM @ Loft (2 rounds: Straight and LGBTQ Round)
 - 3. Valentine's Day Dance: Feb 17th 9-12am @ the Village
 - 4. Dinner and a Movie- March 6th- LOGAN. Website to reserve spots.
 - 5. Tabling Reservations for Library Walk -Feb 6-8th 11-2pm
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 - Meeting with TMT this week to discuss project.
 - Supposed to meet with Cathy academic advisor but she had an emergency so have to reschedule.
 - TMT Hiking event- Feb 4th 10am- 1 pm @ Torrey Pines Hiking Trail
 - RSVP by tomorrow at 12!
- 1st Year Representative – Prabhleen Kaur
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- Student at Large Representative – Braden Duran
 - Fill out the AS Housing Survey and the UCSD Student Satisfaction surveys if you haven't already!

XI. New Business:

XII. Open Forum:

- Find my transfer is on valentine's day is an event that is happening
- Trend is launching magazine next week – there will be a party at Dolores
- On an all campus committee and will be hosting three focus groups – share with anyone you know
- 2 weeks from now there will be a Muir leaders appreciation dinner
- Go to Vagina monologues
- Next week we will be having Beta Theta Pi's philanthropy All Star weekend
 1. Come and pie Matthew, Gus, and Brandon
- Camp Kesem 5k
- Open mic night on Valentine's Day
- Move to adjourn meeting (Matthew, Kyler)

XIII. 2nd Roll Call:

- *Date: 2/2/2017*
- *End: 8:21PM*
- *Attendance*
 - Present
 - *Advisors:*
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