Geisel Student Government Meeting
Monday, January 6th, 2014
5:30-7:00pm

1. Welcome SNAP reps
   - Nikki Moraco and Katie Stephenson

2. Wellness Committee Proposal - Katie, Cait, Marietta
After their presentation on the breakdown of where money would go, an extensive discussion followed. Some students were concerned that these activities were not inclusive and that they were only targeted at certain types of wellness. Others voiced concern over how the money was to be spent and requested a better breakdown of exactly where the funds would go. Some expressed hesitation over the funding of only one or two major events, and also thought that some of the other proposals could be synched with existing activities (for instance the Theater Night proposal could be connected with the informal activities Dr. Johanssen already organizes). There was concern over the role of Student Government versus that of Student Affairs as well. In the end, a motion was made to approve the Wellness Committee for $200 (to complete the budget they had previously had from Student Affairs in past years) and to invite them to come back and ask for more funds once they had a better idea of what they wanted the money to go to. The vote was a majority vote but not unanimous. (3 dissent)

3. Social Committee
   - Work with social chair in planning and carrying out social events
   - Advertise to entire student body
Wenlu gave a brief update, she will send out an email about the winter semi-formal soon. She has said it is probably too late this year to put together a social committee but that this is something we should consider doing for next year.

4. Travel funding
   - OK to fund students second time after rollover period?
After some discussion, a motion was made to amend the bylaws so that they say that on February 15th, any remaining pooled conference funds will be opened up to students who wish to apply for a second conference. This date was set in the hopes that it will give everyone who wants to apply for a first conference the chance to do so, and was contingent upon Student Government sending out an email to all students to inform them of these deadlines. The vote was a majority vote with one dissenting.

5. Interest Group Applications
   - Geisel Plus (Ana-Maria)
Approved contingent upon the group leaders emailing the entire student body to advertise for the group. Unanimous vote.

6. Discussion of best way to track interest group activity to approve for renewal
- To best use funds, need to make sure funding is going to groups that are active and using money well.

A motion was made to set March 1st as the deadline by which any student interest group must have either spent their allotted $100 or else made plans to spend it in the remaining months of the year. After March 1st, any unused money will roll back into the discretionary fund, and groups that decide to do another event can apply directly to student government to request funds at that time. It was also suggested that it be the treasurer’s role to check in with the groups by March 1st and to keep tabs on the budget spreadsheet about spending activity for the groups. The vote was a majority vote with one dissenting.

- How can we monitor group activity and how many events they have?

7. Connections Task Force
   - What are ways to better facilitate inter-class interactions at heart rounds?
   - Google hangouts?

The Connect Four group was approved for $350 towards their next “Oh the Places You’ll Go” event contingent upon them advertising the event to the whole school. The vote was unanimous.