Meeting called to order at 7:32pm

I. Opening Procedures:
   Approval of the Agenda
   Kelly motions
   Sam seconds
   no objections, motion passes

   Approval of previous weeks minutes
   Yasamin motions
   Xiomara seconds
   no objections, motions passes

II. Funding Requests:
   Hmong Student Association:
   Presentation:
   Mai (Rep): We want to educate and inspire student about the Hmong cultural so we have an annual show that focuses on issues that affect the Hmong community. It’ll be our 6th year putting on the culture show, and it’s open the public and all the performance and food are free. So far we have been funded by several orgs around campus but we are asking for $460 out of $2000. Our event will be March 9th in the event center starting at 6pm.
   Kelly: How many Stevenson Student are there?
   Mai: Our org is relatively small, so only two.

   Discussion:
   Gandhi: I talked to the presenter when she left and asked her if she’d be down to have us sponsor them and try to waive the space fee instead of us giving them money directly and she said yes.
   Christine: In order to do that you all would have to be directly involved in the event and take an active role is planning it and such, so I don’t think that can happen.
   Lizzy: The total of the event isn’t that much so I feel like there’s not that much of a need to fund them.
   Gandhi: I feel like this is a small org it’ll be hard for them to outreach so we should fund them as much as we can.
   Edmond: I feel this is a good event and that we should help them out. Plus it brings a cultural event to Stevenson.

   Edmond motions to fund $100
   Anahi seconds
   11 yes, 3 no, 4 abstentions
   motions passes
**SASE:**
Presentation:
Emily (rep): Org wants to hold a conference to focus on STEM sciences with speakers and workshops. Currently there’s about $15 charge for every person who comes, currently we have people coming from Stanford and other places. Anyone is welcome to come however you have to pay the $15. The $1000 we are asking for will go to event costs and a brochure to put around campus.

Discussion:
Sam: I think they’re asking for a lot of money however they are representing Stevenson very well and they’re the org that I feel the most passionate to fund
Lizzy: I’m hesitant to fund them because I know other orgs will.
Michael: Given our budget I don’t want to fund them little if anything.
Lizzy: NSBE went to other places for funding so why hasn’t SASE?

Gandhi motions for $200
Jewel seconds
6 yes, 8 no, 7 abstentions
motions fails

Sam: I feel like it’s more reasonable to fund $150 now that I know it’s a conference

Jewel motions for $100
Lila seconds
Edmond:
14 yes, 6 absentions
motion passes

**NSBE:**
Presentations:
Desmond (rep): We’re a national society and there’s a huge conference where all chapters come together to share experiences, attend workshops, and career fairs. We’re asking for $400 to help send our members to this conference, we hope to send about 15 people to the conference. We have fundraised about $11,000 and now we’re just looking for more money. Although it’s a small amount of people who are going NSBE members are leaders in our community.

Discussion:
Sam: I think this is a great organization and I want to fund it because it promotes cultural diversity.
Kelly: Can we put a stipulation on it that the money only goes to fund the Stevenson students going? 
David: I’d be hesitant to do because they might already have the funds.

Anahi motions to approve $400 with a stipulation that they use the money for Stevenson Students first and with a stipulation that they come back and present to us.
Isabel seconds
13 yes, 1 no, 6 abstentions
motion passes.

**Vagnia Organization:**
**Presentations:**
Kevin Garcia (rep): Hey so the vagina organization puts on the Vagina Monologues which is a play to empower women. A lot things seem silly like if your vagina could talk what would it say? But it’s meant to get act deeper issues that affect women. We have a huge Stevenson presence in the org, two of our producers are Stevenson students as well as more the cast. We do charge at the event but the money we do raise goes towards two charities in Santa Cruz that help women in a variety of ways. Our event does cost $2,000 for costs of the space and tech.

**Discussion:**
David: This is a great event and I think we should fund them.
Lizzy: They’re asking for a lot of their budget though. So I feel like any amount will be good.
Jewel: I think this is a great event and we should fund them.

Jewel motions to fund $300
Michael seconds
Kelly: Friendly Amend to $150?
David: is that Friendly?
Jewel: No
1 yes, 13 no, 4 obsentions
motion fails

Edmond: I motion to fund $150
Kelly seconds
10 yes, 3 no, 5 abstentions
motions passes

**JSU:**
Presentation:
Edmond (rep): Hey we’re throwing a Persian Shabbat on March 14th. We want to do outreach and create more of a connection between the different communities at UCSC. This year we want to do a bigger event last year and as well celebrate the Persian New Year. At 7:30pm our prayer and services will start and then it’ll go into a traditional shabbat dinner. We’re also have a henna artist there. In my opinion this event will really benefit the Stevenson community, and our event will be held in the Event Center. It’s a free event and open to everyone.
Marianna: Is the event closed off to other groups you’re not outreaching to?
Edmond: No it’s open to everyone.
Michael: What’s the money going for?
Edmond: It’ll be going to a variety of aspects for the event.

Discussion:
Michael: Is this event going to be popular?
Neiloo: Last year it was poppin’.
Kelly: How do we feel about $150?
Lila: I’d be down to give them more.
Jewel: I feel like this will be a really popular event and I looked forward to it and there is a large Jewish community in Stevenson. I feel like we should give them half of what they’re asking.

Gandhi motions $250
Michael seconds
16 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions
motions passes

TOTAL IN GENERAL FUND: $450

III. Announcements:
Lila: SCOC Movie night Friday February 7th in the Merrill Cultural Center from 6:30-11pm. There’s going to be a lot of free food including Pacific Cookie Company, Pizza My Heart, and Costco snacks. Also there will be $1000 in giveaways.

Isabel: Core Council is extending its deadline to before February 7th. They have a lot of money so yeah apply if you’re an org that needs money.

Marianna: On the evening of Feb 12th in the Stevenson Fireside Lounge we’re having a valentine’s day grams and cookie decorating event with Cowell and those valentines can go to anyone in Stevenson/Cowell. And Feb 10th and 12th
Relay for Life is having Valentine’s Day gram Fundraiser in the Quarry in the afternoon and those will be going anywhere around campus.

David: Super Bowl Sunday BBQ in the Event center. We’ll be playing it on the big screen and doing a free BBQ in the courtyard and afterwards we’re trying to have a special discussion about domestic violence.

Gandhi: I’m trying to hold an event based off of a workshop I attended at SOCC about who Janet Napolitano is. So I got the powerpoint from that and I hope to be holding it in possibly the Cowell Apt Community room soon. So if you want to get involved, come talk to me.

Christine: Family Day is Feb 1st, this Saturday. You should come to the talent showcase at 8pm in the Event Center. Also we have a table at the information fair that starts at 1pm for set up and we need all the help we can get.

Anahi: the 30th annual MLK convocation is happening Thursday Feb. 6th at 7pm in the civic auditorium. I think there will be shuttles to get people there and back.

IV. Report backs:
Core Council:
Isabel: Yeah we met and got our proposals but we extended our deadline for proposals.

SCOC:
Diana: SCOC is starting their winter outreach events, so yeah as mentioned before Crown/Merrill is doing a movie night next Friday the 7th from 6:30-11pm in the Cultural Center. There’s showing Up and are having a lot of snacks. Other than that all the other colleges are planning events. Also we got our Swag order in today.

Lobby Core:
Lizzy: We’re outreaching to local government officials about legislations we was student support. I’m going to start doing outreach and we’re supposed to have a meeting with a member of Diane Feinstein's Staff soon.

SUA:
Sam: In the SUA meeting we discussed the timeline for elections. It was updated so that campaigning will only be two weeks long this year. Also we funded $10,000 to create a scholarship in memorial for Ivan Mercado the transfer
student who died tragically at Porter. And in conjunction with that Ivan the
Organizing Director is starting an ad hoc/special committee to work with Porter
on the details for the scholarship. We had a lengthy and heated discussion about
lowering the voter threshold to 25% of students with a 66% supermajority needed
to pass future referendums. Also we discussed a student internship tax credit
resolution and the need to eliminate unpaid student work.

David: We need a SOFA rep for this quarter’s meeting on Feb. Wednesday the
12th.
Lila: It has to be of the SUA rep or alternates
Sam: I'll be the SOFA rep again!
*Body agrees that Sam will be the Stevenson SOFA rep for Winter Quarter*

Stevenson Elections Commissioner:
David: We need to nominate an elections commissioner for Stevenson. I don’t
know much about the Position, does someone want to talk more about it?

Lila: So yeah the Elections Commissioner works with the head Elections
Commissioner and the Associate one and all of the other college elections
commissioners and makes sure that the elections run smoothly. They also are
responsible for promoting them and holding events to get people to vote. If there
are any complaints you are required to attend hearings and make a decision on
any complaints made. They do get paid $200 for about a month’s worth of work.
But the time commitment is super unpredictable. Basically if they need you, you
have to go.
David: but it’s a great learning opportunity!

Mariana nominated by Lila
Mariana accepts

Anahi nominated by Neiloo
Anahi accepts

Sam nominates herself

*confidential vote*
Mariana is elected as Stevenson Elections Commissioner

Council of Chairs Meeting:
David: We had a council of chairs meeting that was called by Justin McClendon
who just came into the position. Apparently the Merrill constitution doesn’t have a
lot of direction and he just asked us for guidance and how our government functions. But we want to do more inter-college outreach and hopefully have a big event to get members of all our colleges there.

**Oakes retreat:**
Lila: Yeah the retreat was successful we did icebreakers and interacted with the Oakes people in a more silly way and got to know them better. It was really good. And we talked about doing a Stevenson/Oakes event similar to the Family Dinners they do in Oakes. We wanted to have it in the 9/10 MPR and on the weekend when the DH's are closed. And we wanted to do more of a dessert thing with ice cream, and cookies, and cakes, and candy but still have a bounce house or a rock wall and some sort of an open mic. Also the mural project is going to be a lot of bureaucratic work but we did create a special combined Stevenson and Oakes committee for it.

**V. Adjournment:**
Jewel motions to adjourn
Michael seconds
No objections, motions passes
Meeting adjourned 8:53pm